

Journal of Proceedings

OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLEAN, N.Y.

September 12, 2017

**COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBERS
COUNTY OF CATTARAUGUS
STATE OF NEW YORK**

A Regular Meeting of the Olean Common Council of the City of Olean was held on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 6:46 p.m.

PRESENT: *Aldermen Gonzalez, Witte, Andreano, Dougherty, Crawford, Smith, and George*

ABSENT: *None*

OFFICIALS: *Mayor William Aiello; Al Utecht, City Clerk; Nicholas DiCerbo, Jr., City Attorney; Bob Bell, Fire Chief, Jeff Rowley, Police Chief; Fred Saradin, City Auditor, Ed Jennings, Code Enforcement Supervisor, and Michiko McElfresh, Mayor's Secretary.*

At this time a prayer was given by Reverend Suzanne Block from Christ United Methodist Church, followed by a salute to the flag.

**READING, CORRECTING & APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE
PREVIOUS REGULAR MEETING**

A motion to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2017 meeting was made by Alderman Gonzalez, seconded by Alderman Dougherty. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS & UNFINISHED COUNCIL BUSINESS

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

*Mayor Aiello wished Nate Smith a happy birthday.
Mayor Aiello announced that Mary George, Community Development Coordinator has announced her retirement on September 27, 2017. He read her letter and thanked Ms. George for her years of service.*

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

Renewal of a Liquor License – Beef N Barrel, Inc. – 142-164 North Union Street, Olean

CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS

Monthly Report of the City Auditor – month ended August 31, 2017

Quarterly Report of the City Auditor – three months ended August 31, 2017

PROPOSED LEGISLATION AND REFERRALS

PL #80-17: (Aiello) To authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with Chautauqua Opportunities, Inc. for HUD Certified Housing Counseling services in connection with the Olean Homeownership Assistance Program. Referred to Regular Meeting Tuesday, September 12, 2017 for Resolution by Council President.

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PUBLIC COMMENT/INPUT

Alderman Andreano said that she is happy that so many people turned up to voice their opinions at the Work Session. She said that the Aldermen are there to represent the residents and need their input.

Alderman Witte echoed Alderman Andreano's statement. She stated that it makes the Common Council better when residents come to meetings. She also wanted to congratulate Mary George on her retirement. She said that when she was previously Mayor she worked with Ms. George and Mr. Windus. She added that Ms George was very instrumental in so many of the grants that Olean has received such as the TIGER grant.

George Carlson of 112 North Nineteenth Street expressed concern and frustration with Code Enforcement for not taking care of a problem at a neighbor's house that is affecting him, he gave a time line of events since the last meeting. He also mentioned that he is concerned about the weeds growing by the former Tile Plant.

Kevin Bartholomew of 737 Bishop Street stated that it Mary George's retirement is a big loss for the City. He also stated that he is concerned about PL 72-17 Animals running at large. He stated that he has two cats. They are not feral. If he didn't have cats he would have mice. He thinks domestic cats should be allowed to run at large in the City. Alderman Andreano said that the PL 72-17 specifies large animals and does not include cats. He said that the wording is misleading and should be worded a little differently.

Sharon Diaz (no address given) stated that she thinks more people would come to Olean if it was more affordable.

Scott Paoletto of 318 North Eleventh Street stated that he had run for mayor a few years back. He has traveled to many destinations and he encourages young people to do the same because it cannot be taken away from them. He added that he has ideas such as Olean should be selling extra water, it is a hot commodity. There is no longer business in town. He also stated that maybe we should attract a medical supply business and start thinking outside the box.

Alderman Dougherty thanked Captain Jennings, Mayor Aiello and Alderman Dougherty for helping to get the electricity restored at a home on Fifth Street following the wind storm.

FINANCE / BILLS

None

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #72-17

PL #68-17

By Alderman Witte, Seconded by Alderman Andreano

**TO AMEND AND REPLACE THE CITY OF OLEAN CODE OF ORDINANCES
CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE I, SECTION 5-3, FOWL RUNNING AT LARGE
PROHIBITED, TO "ANIMALS RUNNING AT LARGE PROHIBITED"**

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RESOLVED, that the City of Olean Code of Ordinances Chapter 5, Article I, Section 5-3, is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 5-3 Animals Running at Large Prohibited

No person, owner or custodian shall permit any animal to be at large within the City. Any animal shall be deemed to be at large when it is off the premises owned or leased by its owner or custodian unless crated, penned, or under the control of a person able to control the animal by means of a leash of sufficient strength to control the action of the animal or such other personal attention as will reasonably control the conduct and actions of the animal.

No animal shall cause injury, minor or severe, or threat of injury, to any person, or domestic animal, or cause any property damage to a person other than the owner. It is a violation of this article for the owner of an animal to permit or allow the animal to violate this section.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution is effective immediately.

ROLL CALL, AYES ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #77-17

PL #79-17

By Alderman Crawford, Seconded by Alderman Dougherty

TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 24, ARTICLE IV, DIVISION 4, MUNICIPAL PARKING LOTS, TO AUTHORIZE TWO HOUR PARKING IN PARKING LOT #10

RESOLVED, that the City of Olean Code of Ordinances Chapter 24, Article IV, Division 4, Section 24-234 is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 24-234. Two hour parking

Within City Parking Lot #10 (located on the corner of Laurens Street and North First Street), it shall be unlawful for any person without a permit to park a vehicle for a period of time longer than two hours, when signs are in place giving notice thereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution will be effective immediately.

ROLL CALL, AYES ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #78-17

PL #80-17

By Alderman Witte, Seconded by Alderman George

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CHAUTAUQUA OPPORTUNITIES, INC. FOR HUD CERTIFIED HOUSING COUNSELING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE OLEAN HOMEOWNERSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Olean's Homeownership Assistance Program (OHAP), as funded, in part, through a grant from the New York State Homes and Community Renewal HOME Local Program, requires individuals and households to partake in a Housing Counseling Program prior to the purchase of a home with the aid of OHAP Funding; and

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WHEREAS, the City of Olean submitted a Request for Proposals on July 14, 2017, for HUD Certified Housing Counseling Agencies to aid in said counseling; and

WHEREAS, proposals were received on August 3, 2017 and reviewed by City Officials; and

WHEREAS, Chautauqua Opportunities, Inc. is desirous of assisting the City of Olean to provide HUD Certified Housing Counseling Services in connection with the Olean Homeownership Assistance Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with Chautauqua Opportunities, Inc. for HUD Certified Housing Counseling services in connection with the Olean Homeownership Assistance Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution is effective immediately.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Gonzalez, seconded by Alderman Andreano. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Alexander Utecht, City Clerk

Mayor William J. Aiello

Paul Gonzalez, Council President

I hereby approve the foregoing minutes

Dated: ____/____/____

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CITY OF OLEAN

I, Alexander Utecht, City Clerk of the City of Olean, do hereby certify that the foregoing minutes of the Common Council of the City of Olean is the true and correct copy of the whole thereof.

Alexander Utecht, City Clerk