

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

via Zoom – 6:30 p.m.

1. ROLL-CALL

2. INVOCATION

3. PLEDGE

4. READING, CORRECTING, AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS REGULAR MEETING:

“The Regular Meeting of the Olean Common Council was held on Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at 6:45 p.m.”

PRESENT: Aldermen Gonzalez, Witte, Panus, Dougherty, Crawford, Robinson, and Anastasia

ABSENT: None

OFFICIALS: Mayor William Aiello; Lens Martial, City Clerk; Nicholas DiCerbo, Jr., City Attorney; Fred Saradin, City Auditor; Bob Ring, Director of Public Works, and Tiffany Taylor, Managerial Confidential Administrative Secretary.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UNFINISHED COUNCIL BUSINESS

Report from Public Safety Committee on PL #78-20, to authorize the installation of “Deaf Child Area” signs in the vicinity of the intersection of Henley Street and North 14th Street. Committee recommends approval. Referred to City Attorney for Resolution.

6. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

7. MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

Application for a Liquor License – DBJ Services, Inc. (Century Manor) – 401 East State Street, Olean

8. CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS

9. PROPOSED LEGISLATION & REFERRALS

PL #79-20: (Dougherty) To amend the City of Olean Code of Ordinances Section 24-135 to prohibit parking at the intersection of South 6th Street and Henley Street for a distance of 20 feet from the corner. *Referred to Public Safety Committee by Council President.*

PL #80-20: (Aiello) To confirm the Mayoral appointment of John M. Hart as City Attorney effective January 1, 2021. *Referred to Regular Meeting Tuesday, December 8, 2020 for Resolution by Council President.*

PL #81-20: (Aiello) To confirm the Mayoral appointment of Ronald Richardson as Police Chief effective January 15, 2021. *Referred to Regular Meeting Tuesday, December 8, 2020 for Resolution by Council President.*

10. PUBLIC COMMENT/INPUT (5 MINUTE LIMIT PER SPEA-KER)

11. FINANCE-BILLS

12. RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #89-20

PL #71-20

By Alderman Crawford, Seconded by Alderman Robinson

TO AMEND THE CITY OF OLEAN CHARTER ARTICLE III, DIVISION 4, TO INCLUDE SECTION 3.090 CONTAINING QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE CITY AUDITOR

RESOLVED, that the City of Olean Charter Article III, Division 4 is hereby amended to include the following:

Sec. 3.090. Qualifications

The City Auditor shall be a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), admitted to practice in the state.

RESOLVED, that this Resolution is hereby effective immediately.

RESOLUTION #95-20

PL #78-20

By Alderman Robinson, Seconded by Alderman Dougherty

TO AUTHORIZE THE INSTALLATION OF FOUR “DEAF CHILD AREA” SIGNS NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF HENLEY STREET AND NORTH 14TH STREET

RESOLVED, that the Common Council hereby authorizes the installation of four “Deaf Child Area” signs on Henley Street and North 14th Street near their intersection.

RESOLVED, that this Resolution is effective immediately.

RESOLUTION #96-20

PL #80-20

By Alderman _____, Seconded by Alderman _____

TO CONFIRM THE MAYORAL APPOINTMENT OF JOHN M. HART AS CITY ATTORNEY EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Olean, New York, is authorized to appoint a City Attorney to act as counselor and advisor of the City and departments, as well as to prosecute and defend suits and prepare contracts, bonds and other instruments; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3.002 of the Charter of the City of Olean, New York, any appointment of a City Attorney by the Mayor must be confirmed by a majority vote of the Common Council; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council feels that the appointment has been made with the best interests of the City of Olean staff and residents in mind;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Olean Common Council hereby confirms the Mayor appointment of John M. Hart as City Attorney effective January 1, 2021.

RESOLUTION #97-20

PL #81-20

By Alderman _____, Seconded by Alderman _____

**TO CONFIRM THE MAYORAL APPOINTMENT OF RONALD J. RICHARDSON AS POLICE CHIEF
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 15, 2021**

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Olean, New York, is authorized to appoint a Police Chief to exercise authority over the City of Olean Police Department; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 4.001 of the Charter of the City of Olean, New York, any appointment of a Department Head by the Mayor must be confirmed by a two thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Common Council; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council feels that the appointment has been made with the best interests of the City of Olean staff and residents in mind;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Olean Common Council hereby confirms the Mayor appointment of Ronald J. Richardson as Police Chief effective January 15, 2021.

13. ADJOURNMENT