

# **Journal of Proceedings**

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

January 8, 2019

***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, January 8, 2019 at 6:35 p.m.*

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

*ABSENT:* *None*

*OFFICIALS:* *Mayor William Aiello; Lens Martial, City Clerk; Nicholas DiCerbo, Jr., City Attorney; Bob Ring, Director of Public Works; Keri Kerper, Community Development Program Coordinator; Bob Bell, Fire Chief; Jeff Rowley, Police Chief, and Tiffany Taylor, Managerial Confidential Administrative Secretary*

*At this time a prayer was given by Alderman Andreano, followed by a salute to the flag.*

## ***COMMITTEE REPORTS & UNFINISHED COUNCIL BUSINESS***

*None*

## ***COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR***

*Notice of Retirement - Jason Buckles, Olean Police Department, effective 1/4/2019 after 19 years with the department*

## ***MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS***

*None*

## ***CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS***

*Monthly Report of the City Auditor – month ended November 2018*

*Monthly Report of the City Auditor – month ended December 2018*

*Quarterly Report of the City Auditor – six months ended November 30, 2018*

## ***PROPOSED LEGISLATION AND REFERRALS***

*PL #01-19: (Aiello) To authorize the Mayor to execute a Grant Agreement with the New York State Department of State for funding associated with the City of Olean's Award from the Downtown Revitalization Initiative. Referred to Committee of the Whole Tuesday, January 8, 2019 by Council President.*

*PL #02-19: (Crawford) To amend the City of Olean Code of Ordinances Chapter 2, Article VI, Division 3, Audit and Compliance Committee Reporting Policy. Referred to Finance Committee by Council President.*

*PL #03-19: (Crawford) To amend the City of Olean Code of Ordinances Section 24-134 to include Winters Avenue, East, between Washington Street and Sullivan Street, and to authorize the installation of "No Parking" signs on the east side of Winters Avenue. Referred to Public Safety Committee by Council President.*

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*PL #04-19: (Aiello) To authorize the subdivision of a parcel located at 1404 Buffalo Street in accordance with Chapter 22, Article III of the City of Olean Code of Ordinances. Referred to Strategic Planning Committee by Council President.*

*PL #05-19: (Aiello) To authorize the Mayor to sign and submit an application for funding to National Grid under the Urban/Commercial District Revitalization Program in connection with electric costs for the Walkable Olean Phase II Project. Referred to Committee of the Whole Tuesday, January 22, 2019 by Council President.*

*PL #06-19: (Aiello) To authorize the Mayor to sign and submit a Community Development Block Grant application to the New York State Office of Community Renewal under the Economic Development Program in connection with the development of a new hotel currently addressed as 1404 Buffalo Street. Referred to Committee of the Whole Tuesday, January 22, 2019 by Council President.*

## **PUBLIC COMMENT/INPUT**

*Kevin Bartholomew of 737 Bishop Street explained that the City has a lot of upcoming projects, and he hopes to see them done sooner, rather than later. He also wonders if it would be a feasible option for the City to hire a third party contractor to fix potholes in the City.*

*Alderman Crawford explained that the City and Council could address, in the future, what is coming down the pipeline and tentative timelines during a committee meeting.*

## **FINANCE / BILLS**

*None*

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **RESOLUTION #01-19**

#### **PL #01-19**

*By Alderman Crawford, Seconded by Alderman Gonzalez*

### ***TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOR FUNDING ASSOCIATED WITH THE CITY OF OLEAN'S AWARD FROM THE DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION INITIATIVE***

***WHEREAS***, the 2017 Executive and Enacted New York State budget included a \$100 million round of the Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI), to invest \$10 million each into ten communities Statewide to develop downtown strategic investment plans and implement key catalytic projects that advance each community's vision for revitalization, promote sustainable economic development, and create places where the next generation of New Yorkers can raise their families, work, and enjoy the diversity of recreational activities all within their downtowns; and

***WHEREAS***, the City of Olean, Cattaraugus County, Olean Business Development Corporation, the Olean CEO Executive Alliance, Urban Renewal Agency and other community organizations formed a collaborative relationship and were actively engaged in planning activities to support the revitalization and renewal of the City of Olean's downtown; and

***WHEREAS***, on September 29, 2017, the City of Olean was awarded \$10 million from the 2017 Downtown Revitalization Initiative; and

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*WHEREAS, on July 16, 2018, Governor Andrew Cuomo announced the twelve transformational projects for downtown Olean as a part of the \$10 million award highlighting historic properties, improving the streetscape and inviting new economic growth; and*

*WHEREAS, of the twelve projects chosen for funding with DRI grant funds, five public domain projects proposed by the City of Olean were awarded funding, including:*

- 1. Improving the streetscape of North Union Street and State Street through beautification, appropriate lighting, seasonal banners, sidewalk replacement, and seating in front of restaurants;*
- 2. Redesigning and improving West State Street to make it inviting and safer for pedestrians and cyclists, while accommodating traffic on the busy road, and improving pedestrian crossings, landscaping, sidewalks, lighting, and street furniture, with space for on-street parking, bump outs, and road striping to calm traffic;*
- 3. Improving the downtown gateway corridor of South Union Street between Henley Street and South Street by eliminating a traffic signal and replacing it with roundabouts, including bump outs, medians, a bike lane, crossing enhancements, and sidewalk replacement;*
- 4. A combination of traffic calming, streetscape and crossing improvements on East State Street including medians, landscaping, bump outs, parking improvements, and a shared use path; and*
- 5. Improvements to Oak Hill Park designed to complement the needs of the neighborhood and downtown; and*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Common Council authorizes the Mayor of the City of Olean to execute a Grant Agreement for project reimbursement in the amount of \$5,450,000 with the New York State Department of State for funding associated with the Downtown Revitalization Initiative's awards for the above-referenced projects.*

***RESOLVED,** that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign all contracts, agreements, and associated documents in relation to this funding award upon review and approval by the City Attorney.*

***RESOLVED,** that this Resolution is hereby effective immediately.*

***ROLL CALL, AYES ALL. MOTION CARRIED.***

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Andreano, seconded by Alderman Dougherty. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:45 p.m.*

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*Lens Martial, City Clerk*

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*Mayor William J. Aiello*

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*John Crawford, Council President*

*I hereby approve the foregoing minutes*

*Dated: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_*

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CITY OF OLEAN**

*I, Lens Martial, 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.*

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*Lens Martial, City Clerk*