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

February 25, 2020

***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, February 25, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Alderman Smith

OFFICIALS: Mayor William Aiello; Lens Martial, City Clerk; Nicholas DiCerbo, Jr., City Attorney; Jeff Rowley, Police Chief; Bob Bell, Fire Chief, and Tiffany Taylor, Managerial Confidential Administrative Secretary.

At this time a prayer was given by Mr. Martial, 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 February 11, 2020 meeting was made by Alderman Gonzalez, seconded by Alderman Crawford. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS & UNFINISHED COUNCIL BUSINESS

Report from Committee of the Whole on PL #10-20, to amend the City of Olean Code of Ordinances Section 24-135 to prohibit parking on the north side of Bishop Street for a distance of 141 feet easterly from its intersection with Queen Street. Committee recommends approval. Referred to City Attorney for Resolution.

Report from Committee of the Whole on PL #12-20, to authorize the Mayor to submit a grant application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) under its Assistance to Firefighters' Grant Program for funding associated with the purchase of a brush truck. Committee recommends approval. Referred to City Attorney for Resolution.

Report from Committee of the Whole on PL #13-20, to amend ambulance billing rates in accordance with the schedule provided by Professional Ambulance Billing, LLC. Committee recommends approval. Referred to City Attorney for Resolution.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Announcement of Retirement – Capt. Mike Connelly, Olean Fire Department, effective March 29, 2020

Condolences to Capt. Mike Connelly and his family, as Capt. Connelly's mother passed away recently

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

None

CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS

None

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PROPOSED LEGISLATION AND REFERRALS

PL #12-20: (Aiello) To authorize the Mayor to submit a grant application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) under its Assistance to Firefighters' Grant Program for funding associated with the purchase of a brush truck. Referred to Committee of the Whole Tuesday, February 25, 2020 by Council President.

PL #13-20: (Aiello) To amend ambulance billing rates in accordance with the schedule provided by Professional Ambulance Billing, LLC. Referred to Committee of the Whole Tuesday, February 25, 2020 by Council President.

PL #14-20: (Aiello) To authorize a one year leave of absence for employee number 105250. Referred to Regular Meeting Tuesday, February 25, 2020 for Resolution by Council President.

PUBLIC COMMENT/INPUT

Alderman Gonzalez read a letter from Representative Joseph Giglio thanking the Council for a copy of Resolution #07-20 requesting a repeal of bail reform procedures. He explained that he shares the Council's concerns regarding the issue and he will work to see changes made to the criminal justice system that do not put citizens of the State of New York in jeopardy.

FINANCE / BILLS

By Alderman Crawford, Seconded by Alderman Dougherty

The Auditor has processed bills and claims against the City of Olean as per list submitted to each Alderman and recommends payment thereof.

WHEREAS, the Auditor has presented to the Common Council, bills and claims against the City of Olean totaling \$1,436,777.31 for the budget and recommends payment thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the same be and are hereby audited and allowed, and the Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to draw warrants for the payment thereof at the amounts set opposite each respective claim.

ROLL CALL, AYES ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #14-20

PL #12-20

By Alderman Witte, Seconded by Alderman Anastasia

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) UNDER ITS ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS' GRANT PROGRAM FOR FUNDING ASSOCIATED WITH THE PURCHASE OF A BRUSH TRUCK

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has made available \$315,000,000 in funding to fire departments across the country through their Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the AFG is to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire-related hazards by providing direct financial assistance to eligible fire

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departments, nonaffiliated Emergency Medical Services organizations, and State Fire Training Academies; and

WHEREAS, this funding is for critically needed resources to equip and train emergency personnel to recognized standards, enhance operations efficiencies, foster interoperability, and support community resilience; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olean has defined a need for a brush truck to better aid the Fire Department in its operations; and

WHEREAS, the AFG funding provides an opportunity for 95% funding for the purchase of said brush truck; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olean has appropriated a local match not to exceed \$6,250 from line item 3410.447, "Miscellaneous Fees and Services";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council authorizes the Mayor of the City of Olean to sign and submit a grant application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) under its Assistance to Firefighters' Grant Program (AFG) for funding associated with the purchase of a brush truck.

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign any and all contracts, documents and agreements associated with said grant.

RESOLVED, that this Resolution is hereby effective immediately.

ROLL CALL, AYES ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #15-20

PL #13-20

By Alderman Dougherty, Seconded by Alderman Witte

TO AMEND AMBULANCE BILLING RATES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCHEDULE PROVIDED BY PROFESSIONAL AMBULANCE BILLING, LLC

RESOLVED, that the City of Olean Common Council hereby amends Resolution #13-13 and revises and established the fees for ambulance services by the City of Olean Fire Department as follows:

<i>Service Level</i>	<i>New Rate</i>
<i>ALS2</i>	<i>\$1350</i>
<i>ALS1</i>	<i>\$1150</i>
<i>BLS</i>	<i>\$850</i>
<i>PI</i>	<i>\$575</i>
<i>MLS</i>	<i>\$25</i>

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be effective immediately.

ROLL CALL, AYES ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #16-20

PL #14-20

By Alderman Gonzalez, Seconded by Alderman Crawford

TO AUTHORIZE A ONE YEAR LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR EMPLOYEE NUMBER 105250

RESOLVED, that upon review of the request received, the Common Council of the City of Olean authorizes a one year leave of absence for employee number 105250.

RESOLVED, that this Resolution is effective immediately.

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ROLL CALL, AYES ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Gonzalez, seconded by Alderman Dougherty. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:10 p.m.

Lens Martial, City Clerk

Mayor William J. Aiello

Paul Gonzalez, Council President

I hereby approve the foregoing minutes

Dated: ____ / ____ / _____

***STATE OF NEW YORK
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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.

Lens Martial, City Clerk