

# **Journal of Proceedings**

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

February 23, 2021

***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 23, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.*

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

***ABSENT:*** None

***OFFICIALS:*** Mayor William Aiello; Lens Martial, City Clerk; Fred Saradin, City Auditor, and Tiffany Taylor, Managerial Confidential Administrative Secretary.

*At this time a prayer was given by Lens 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 9, 2021 meeting was made by Alderman Crawford, seconded by Alderman Witte. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried.*

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

*None*

***COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR***

*Mayor Aiello explained that every year the City receives a request from Cattaraugus County regarding mosquito spraying. He explained that for the past couple of years the City opted to be on the list, but the amount is not budgeted for and it is anticipated that if spraying is done that the funds for the spraying costs would be taken from Contingency. He explained that spraying has not been done in about four years. He asked the Council for permission to get on the list again this year, and noted that the cost would again not be budgeted. He noted that the last cost was between \$6,000 and \$7,000. The general consensus of the Council was to authorize the Mayor to notify the County that the City would like to participate in mosquito spraying for this year, if it needs to be done.*

***MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS***

*None*

***CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS***

*Monthly Report of the City Auditor – month ended January 2021*

***PROPOSED LEGISLATION AND REFERRALS***

*None*

***PUBLIC COMMENT/INPUT***

*Alderman Robinson explained that as the weather gets a little warmer and the ice melts during the day and freezes again at night, we need to ensure that we take extra care of our sidewalks because they are becoming very icy. He explained that he noticed some in his ward that can use some extra attention.*

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*Alderman Crawford explained that he wanted to communicate that we are all on board with the Mayor putting together budget presentations for next Tuesday and Wednesday from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Mayor Aiello explained that he is working on setting these up now, and Alderman Crawford explained that the schedule will be broadcasted soon.*

## **FINANCE / BILLS**

*By Alderman Gonzalez, Seconded by Alderman Witte*

*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 \$1,367,537.17 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**

*None*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*Mayor Aiello explained that he wanted to reiterate what Alderman Robinson said, that we need to take extra care of our sidewalks. He encouraged merchants to get out and shovel as well, especially on North Union Street, East State Street and West State Street. Alderman Crawford asked who should be contacted if there is a resident who repeatedly does not take care of their sidewalk. Mayor Aiello explained that the Department of Public Works should be contacted as they handle the shoveling complaints. Alderman Gonzalez explained that he would encourage everyone to be a good neighbor. If you have an able body or a snow blower and the person next door doesn't, take the time to help them out.*

*Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Anastasia, seconded by Alderman Crawford. 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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*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*