

# **Journal of Proceedings**

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

August 24, 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, August 24, 2021 at 6:35 p.m.*

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

ABSENT: *Alderman Witte*

OFFICIALS: *Lens Martial, City Clerk; Fred Saradin, City Auditor; Bob Ring, Director of Public Works; Ron Richardson, Police Chief, 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 August 10, 2021 meeting was made by Alderman Crawford, seconded by Alderman Panus. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried.*

**COMMITTEE REPORTS & UNFINISHED COUNCIL BUSINESS**

*Report from Committee of the Whole on PL #50-21, to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement between the Unified Court System and the City of Olean for Court Cleaning and Minor Repairs. Committee recommends approval. Referred to City Attorney for Resolution.*

*Report from Committee of the Whole on PL #51-21, to authorize the Mayor to execute a Special Patrol Officer Contract between the City of Olean and the Olean City School District. Committee recommends approval. Referred to City Attorney for Resolution.*

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

*None*

**MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS**

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

**CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS**

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

**PROPOSED LEGISLATION AND REFERRALS**

*PL #49-21: (Robinson) To amend the City of Olean Code of Ordinances Section 24-135 to prohibit parking on the south side of Reed Street for a distance of 40 feet west from its intersection with North 12<sup>th</sup> Street. Referred to Regular Meeting Tuesday, September 14, 2021 for Resolution by Council President.*

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*PL #51-21: (Aiello) To authorize the Mayor to execute a Special Patrol Officer Contract between the City of Olean and the Olean City School District. Referred to Committee of the Whole Tuesday, August 24, 2021 by Council President.*

*PL #52-21: (Witte) To adopt the City of Olean Employee Social Media Policy. Referred to Strategic Planning Committee by Council President.*

### **PUBLIC COMMENT/INPUT**

*Alderman Anastasia explained that there was an email relayed last week from the Greens on North Union Street regarding their water issue. He explained that they have been suffering for a year and a half now and in July money was approved to fix the issue. He explained that he would like the Council's approval to have Mr. Ring start to install the drain. Alderman Crawford explained that he believes that the consensus is to move forward with the plan that Mr. Ring laid out to install a catch basin on North Union Street in conjunction with working with 7-Eleven to clean out their catch basin. Mr. Ring explained that this is exactly right and that we can move forward and have a contractor come in and do our portion of the extension of the storm sewer before winter. He explained that we need to correct the issue at 7-Eleven. We will plane the road down and put the sewer in, and then repave, He explained that we will also put a drain in their yard at the low point of the property. He explained that this development is very low lying, and the garage and house is lower than the road and sidewalk so they will still have some water. He explained that this will correct some of the major issues that are potentially damaging to the property.*

*George Hendryx of 430 York Street explained that the population of Olean is diminishing. He explained that there used to be 11 aldermen and in several years the number could decrease again from 7. He explained that there are no jobs for our young people and no jobs for people to come in and stay in Olean. He explained that the lead industry of 100 years, Dresser Clark, is diminishing and he was told that of 1200 jobs only 400 are still there. He asked where children will go when they graduate from school because he doesn't believe that they can come back to Olean and get a job. He explained that he is shocked to see in information that he found online that Olean is not a good place to live. He explained that Olean is a good place for older individuals looking for a smaller town to retire in, not to raise a family in or come be employed in. He explained that he can't believe the amount of crime in Olean and he feels that with marijuana coming into Olean, we are going to be even worse. He provided for Chief Richardson information from Crime Grade off the internet.*

*Mickey George of Ward 3 explained that the recent discussion on the police reform efforts was a much needed discussion. He explained that he wants to join the Police Review Board to ensure higher standards. He explained that there is a very lax, comfortable lifestyle in Olean and most Oleanders don't take well to change. He explained that he thinks that the roundabouts and beautification in the City is wonderful. He expressed concern that Alderman Witte is the head of the Diversity Committee but had to ask what qualifies someone to be marginalized. He explained that the structure of the Police Review Board should be simple. He wishes that the City contracted for a social or mental health worker instead of school officers. He thanked Mayor Aiello for taking a professional approach and doing a great job to meet higher standards and thanked the Council for this as well.*

### **FINANCE / BILLS**

*By Alderman Anastasia, Seconded by Alderman Panus*

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*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 \$2,396,812.15 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 #58-21**

#### **PL #50-21**

*By Alderman Crawford, Seconded by Alderman Barnard*

#### **TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNIFIED COURT SYSTEM AND THE CITY OF OLEAN FOR COURT CLEANING AND MINOR REPAIRS**

*WHEREAS, the City of Olean pursuant to Section I of the existing contract between the City of Olean and the Unified Court System a renewal period may be established in the five-year term of the agreement; and*

*WHEREAS, a proposed renewal period shall commence retroactively to April 1, 2021 and shall terminate on March 31, 2022, during which all terms and conditions of the above-referenced contract shall continue to apply, except as specified below; and*

*WHEREAS, the proposed budget for services to be rendered pursuant to the contract in the 2021-2022 period shall be \$31,304, the maximum payment of which is 100% of that amount; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Olean desires to continue providing court cleaning and minor repair services to the New York State Unified Court System in exchange for payment;*

*BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Olean hereby authorizes the Mayor to enter into an agreement between the Unified Court System and the City of Olean for Court Cleaning and Minor Repairs.*

*RESOLVED, that this Resolution is effective immediately.*

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

### **RESOLUTION #59-21**

#### **PL #51-21**

*By Alderman Barnard, Seconded by Alderman Anastasia*

#### **TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A SPECIAL PATROL OFFICER CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF OLEAN AND THE OLEAN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

*WHEREAS, the City of Olean is desirous of contracting with the Olean City School District for services on an on premises law enforcement official, known as a Special Patrol Officer ("SPO") for the purpose of providing security and related services to the public schools of Olean, New York; and*

*WHEREAS, a Contract has been proposed for the term September 1, 2021 through the end of the school year June 2023 for a SPO to be assigned to a school while regular school is in session for classroom instruction;*

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**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Common Council of the City of Olean hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute a Special Patrol Officer Contract between the City of Olean and the Olean City School District.

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

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

## ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Crawford, seconded by Alderman Gonzalez. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:00 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: \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_*

**STATE OF NEW YORK**  
**COUNTY OF CATTARAUGUS**  
**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*