

CITY OPERATIONS

Tuesday, December 4, 2018 – 6:30 p.m.

Police Training Room – Olean Municipal Building

Present: Members: Vice Chair Witte, Alderman Dougherty, Alderman Crawford, and Alderman George. Others: Alderman Gonzalez; Alderman Andreano; Mayor William Aiello; Nicholas DiCerbo, Jr., City Attorney; Fred Saradin, City Auditor; Bob Ring, Director of Public Works, Jeff Rowley, Police Chief, and Tiffany Taylor, Managerial Confidential Administrative Secretary.

1. Roll Call

Alderman Witte called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and asked that the record show that all committee members were present except Alderman Smith, who was excused.

2. Approval of Minutes of the Previous Committee Meeting (Tuesday, November 20, 2018)

A motion to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2018 meeting was made by Alderman Crawford, seconded by Alderman George. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried.

3. Unfinished Business

- a. PL #112-18: (Dougherty) To authorize the use of the concrete subway located at 117 South 4th Street in the City of Olean for parking by the property owner.

Alderman Dougherty explained that he received a photo with markings from the business owner; however, he would like to confer with Mr. Ring and reintroduce this PL in January.

A motion to postpone PL #112-18 indefinitely was made by Alderman Dougherty, seconded by Alderman Crawford. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried.

4. New Referrals for Consideration

- a. PL #119-18: (Crawford) To amend the City of Olean Code of Ordinances Chapter 5, Section 5-3 to designate the procedure for felines running at large, and to include Chapter 5, Article III, Feral Cats.

Alderman Crawford explained that the Council has been discussing the feral cat issues in the City for quite some time. He presented proposed legislation for the Council, and asked if, in regards to part A, the Council would like to adopt requirements for those who are participating in the TNVR program. He discussed the possibility of requiring nonprofits and a list approved by the Council.

Alderman Witte explained that people do this now, and questioned why anyone should have to be approved to participate in TNVR. Alderman Crawford replied by asking what is stopping people from trapping cats now, that this law will allow them to down the road.

Mr. DiCerbo explained that guidelines establish what would occur if a cat is domesticated, and Alderman Dougherty added that the Code also states that it is the responsibility of an animal owner to keep their animal either on their property or securely leashed and under their control. Alderman Gonzalez compared this to dogs.

Alderman Crawford explained that he feels that this law is beneficial, and that the Council would not be having this discussion if the City did not have feral cats.

Alderman George asked if the committee is overthinking the logistics of the program, and Alderman Andreano added that the legislation can always be amended later.

Alderman Andreano mentioned that the City does not have animal control officers, and therefore, anything regarding animal control officers should be removed from the legislation.

Mayor Aiello asked what the anticipated cost is to the City, and Alderman Dougherty responded that right now it will be zero dollars. Alderman Crawford explained that he wants to discuss in the future possibly sponsoring a low cost clinic; however, as this policy reads, there is no cost to the City. Mayor Aiello responded that there was \$5,000 set aside to do a study for a TNVR program, and this could possibly be used for this purpose.

A motion to amend PL #112-18 to remove "animal control officer" was made by Alderman Crawford, seconded by Alderman Witte. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried.

A motion to approve PL #112-18 was made by Alderman Crawford, seconded by Alderman Witte. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Referred to City Attorney for Resolution.

5. Approval of Committee Reports

A motion to approve committee reports was made by Alderman Crawford, seconded by Alderman Witte. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried.

6. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Witte, seconded by Alderman Crawford. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:50 p.m.