

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

August 28, 2018 – 6:30 p.m.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS – OLEAN MUNICIPAL BUILDING

IN ATTENDANCE WERE: ALDERMEN CRAWFORD, WITTE, ANDREANO, GONZALEZ, DOUGHERTY, SMITH, AND GEORGE. OTHERS: LENS MARTIAL, CITY CLERK; FRED SARADIN, CITY AUDITOR; KERI KERPER, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM COORDINATOR; ED JENNINGS, CODE ENFORCEMENT SUPERVISOR; JEFF ROWLEY, POLICE CHIEF, AND TIFFANY TAYLOR, MANAGERIAL CONFIDENTIAL ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY.

Alderman Crawford called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and asked that the record show that all Aldermen were present.

1. Christopher Napoleon, Olean Airport Support Group

Mr. Napoleon extended a personal invitation to the Common Council, the Mayor, and the City of Olean for the September 9, 2018 Olean Airport 9th annual Fly In / Drive In breakfast, being held from 8:00 a.m. until noon. He added that there will be helicopter rides, weather permitting, for \$40, as well as tours of the new Mercy Flight helicopter. He explained that usually 30 to 50 airplanes from the region take off and land during the breakfast.

2. PL #65-18: (Smith) To amend the City of Olean Code of Ordinances Chapter 21, Article III, and Chapter 22, Article VI, Section 22-141, to amend requirements for the tree board and tree planting rules and regulations.

Alderman Crawford explained that this has been discussed extensively in committee. He believes that, at this point, the verbiage has been amended to spell out rules and regulations for the planting and removal of trees in the public right of way, as well as to kick start the tree board again.

Alderman Smith thanked the Council for their patience while working through this amended legislation. He is hoping that this passes, as it gives the City much needed rules regarding trees moving forward. He hopes that this helps settle some of the issues that the City and citizens have experiences moving forward.

A motion to approve PL #65-18 was made by Alderman Smith, seconded by Alderman George. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Referred to City Attorney for Resolution.

3. PL #93-18: (Aiello) To authorize the implementation and funding in the first instance 100% of the federal aid and State “Marchiselli” Program-aid eligible costs of the Olean Pedestrian Crossing Enhancements Project.

Mr. Ring explained that this will allow for the design portion of the project to move forward. He reminded the Council that this is a no match grant that was awarded to the City.

A motion to approve PL #93-18 was made by Alderman Wutte, seconded by Alderman Dougherty. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried.

4. PL #94-18: (Crawford) To authorize the Mayor to submit an application for grant funding under the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation's Water Infrastructure Improvement Act Program on behalf of the City of Olean.

Mr. Ring explained that the City previously applied for funding for the Washington Street Project under the Community Development Block Grant Program, but was denied eligibility. He explained that he would like to apply for a WIIA Grant for the same project. Alderman Crawford asked for the deadline of the application, and Mr. Ring replied that September 7, 2018 is the deadline for the application. He explained that if the Council wants to move forward, that the Resolution needs to be approved at tonight's meeting. The award will be announced in November or December.

Alderman Crawford explained that we are committed to fixing the water line on Washington Street, and it is probably the most urgent water project in Olean. If we cannot get funding through the CDBG, then it is worthwhile to shift focus and look for funding through other grant programs.

Alderman Witte asked what the City's match is, and Mr. Ring replied that it is a 40% match.

Alderman Gonzalez explained that it is important to point out that the project is a public safety issue, not just for public convenience. This is a very legitimate need.

Alderman Crawford clarified that the Council went into the last budget planning to commit one hundred percent to this project, and even though we will not have any CDBG funding, we still have this opportunity to leverage the City's funding for additional money to complete the necessary repairs.

A motion to approve PL #94-18 was made by Alderman Crawford, seconded by Alderman Gonzalez. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Referred to Regular Meeting for Resolution.

5. Discussion – Southern Tier Anesthesiologists

Alderman Crawford explained that this is something that he is bringing forward after a lot of thought, although there is not much that the Council can do. He explained that the services of surgeons, doctors, nurses, and the STA have touched a lot of lives. Too often the politicians sit back to decisions made in the business industry, and the lack of a coming out of voices has caused too many businesses to be lost to the area. He explained that revitalization is more than just roundabouts and facades; it is also about people, jobs, and businesses.

Alderman Crawford continued that he is asking the Council to support the Resolution he has

proposed tonight. It might only be a breeze on the cheek of Kaleida Health, but he wants them, as well as the public, to know that the Council has taken notice.

Alderman Witte explained that most people know that she had worked for Olean General Hospital for many years, and she is sad that this group of individuals is being replaced. She exclaimed that many people have shown up tonight in their support, as we know the STA group, and have known them for many years. She is in total support of trying to keep these people in our community. This is about more than just dollars and cents; it is about a sense of community/ It is sad to lose talented, professional people from our area. These are not people who come to Olean, do their job, and leave.

Alderman Crawford read the proposed Resolution #97-18:

“Whereas, Olean General Hospital has declared that they will terminate their contract with Southern Tier Anesthesiologists effective December 31, 2018 after a 24 year relationship with the group; and

Whereas, the Common Council supports Southern Tier Anesthesiologists and seeks to support local businesses, which are necessary for5 the continued revitalization of the City;

Resolved, that the Olean Common Council respectfully requests that Olean General Hospital and Kaleida Health reconsider the contract termination with Southern Tier Anesthesiologists and consider the impact of the termination on the local community.”

Alderman Dougherty agreed with Alderman Crawford and Alderman Witte, and added that although there is not much that the Council can do in the hand of private business, they can be a voice.

6. Adjournment

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