

Public Hearing
Council Chambers – Olean Municipal Building
Tuesday, February 27, 2018 – 6:15 p.m.

Present: Aldermen Crawford, Witte, Andreano, Gonzalez, Dougherty, Smith, and George.
Others: Mayor William Aiello; Nicholas DiCerbo, Jr., City Attorney; Fred Saradin, City Auditor;
Bob Ring, Director of Public Works; Michiko McElfresh, Mayor's Secretary, and Tiffany
Taylor, Managerial Confidential Administrative Secretary.

Alderman Crawford opened the meeting at 6:15 p.m. and began by reciting the Legal Notice of
Public Hearing:

The Common Council of the City of Olean, New York has scheduled a Public Hearing for
Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at 6:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Olean Municipal
Building. The purpose of this hearing is to receive public input on proposed Local Law No. 01-
2018, to grant a partial exemption from City real property taxes for Cold War Veterans. For more
information or for a copy of the proposed legislation, please contact the Common Council Office
at 716-376-5635 or visit www.cityofolean.com.

Alderman Crawford explained that the purpose of this Law is to eliminate a previous ten year
limit on the Cold War Veterans Exemption. This is a tax credit for those who served anytime
between post World War II to the 1990's. The ten year exemption is passing and the Council
would like to continue the exemption indefinitely.

Gordon Baldwin of 414 Prospect Avenue stated that he is a Vietnam Veteran and asked if his
exemption will continue. Alderman Crawford stated that although his exemption is not
considered a Cold War Veteran Exemption, it will continue, as there is a separate indefinite
exemption for Vietnam Veterans.

Absent additional comment, the hearing closed at approximately 6:20 p.m.