

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.