

Journal of Proceedings

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

April 10, 2019

*COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBERS
COUNTY OF CATTARAUGUS
STATE OF NEW YORK*

A Special Meeting of the Olean Common Council of the City of Olean was held on Tuesday, April 10, 2019 at 4:36 p.m.

PRESENT: Aldermen Crawford, Witte, Andreano, Gonzalez, Dougherty, Crawford, Smith, and George

ABSENT: None

OFFICIALS: Mayor William Aiello; Lens Martial, City Clerk; Nicholas DiCerbo, Jr., City Attorney; Fred Saradin, City Auditor, Jeff Rowley, Police Chief; and Michiko McElfresh, Mayor's Secretary.

DISCUSSION: Alderman Crawford welcomed everyone to the special meeting and said that he spoke to a member of the City's Audit and Finance Committee Ernie Kallenbach and also met with Mayor Aiello, and City Auditor Fred Saradin during a conference call with Dave DiTanna of BWB. Alderman Crawford stated that lines got crossed at the last meeting and it was determined that the cumulative effect of the yearly salary increases would be the \$370,000 to \$400,000, given the data on two spread sheets that were handed out: one that Alderman Crawford completed and one that was provided by BWB. He asked if the Mayor and the Council agreed with his assessment and they did.

Alderman Crawford said that given the information, the Council is good to go and thanked Mayor Aiello and Mr. Saradin for their help in resolving the question of about salary increases. He asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. Alderman Crawford stated that 1 percent was a compromise and would not hurt the City. He said it was a tough decision and if needs come up, the Mayor would have to go to the Council to release the funding.

Alderman Witte said the 1 percent increase is within the boundaries, and the it is important for the Council to be considerate of their constituents and we should live within our means and the 1 percent will force the City to do so.

Alderman George asked for clarification and accuracy of the final numbers.

Alderman Crawford confirmed with Mr. Saradin that the increase would be .15 per \$1,000, which would be an increase of the average house assessed at \$65,000 at \$9.75.

Mayor Aiello confirmed that the contingency fund would be increased by \$31,500 to \$231,500.

Alderman Smith agreed to the 1 percent.

Alderman Crawford said it is a testament to the Council, Mayor, and Department heads work hard to keep expenses down and said that the City does a phenomenal job.

RESOLUTIONS

A motion was made by Alderman Crawford, Seconded by Alderman Dougherty to amend the tentative 2019-2020 budget that was provided to the Common Council by

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the Mayor to make the recommendations of the Council to the Mayor which will be incorporated into the written budget with a 1 percent tax increase in the amount of \$25,137,944.

Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #29-19

PL #29-19

By Alderman Witte, Seconded by Alderman George

RESOLVED, that the 2019-2020 Budget as submitted be accepted and that the total amount of said budget be reduced in writing and entered on the minutes of the proceedings of this meeting, to wit: The total Budget for the fiscal year 2019-2020 shall be **\$25,137,944** inclusive of the **General, Water, Sewer, and Debt Service Funds**, subject to legal opinion.

RESOLVED, that this resolution will be effective immediately.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Crawford, seconded by Alderman Andreano. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:51 p.m.

Lens Martial, City Clerk

Mayor William J. Aiello

John Crawford, Council President

I hereby approve the foregoing minutes

Dated: ___ / ___ / _____

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I, LensMartial, 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.

Lens Martial, City Clerk