

## STRATEGIC PLANNING

Tuesday, May 7, 2019 – 5:35 p.m.

Police Training Room – Olean Municipal Building

Present: Members: Chairman Gonzalez, Vice Chairman Andreano, Alderman Witte, Alderman Crawford, and Alderman Smith. Others: Alderman Dougherty; Mayor William Aiello; Nicholas DiCerbo, Jr., City Attorney; Fred Saradin, City Auditor; Bob Ring, Director of Public Works; Jeff Rowley, Police Chief; Bob Bell, Fire Chief; Tiffany Taylor, Managerial Confidential Administrative Secretary; Jeff Belt, Sunny Olean LLC; Minnie Ringland, SolEpoxy, and Jim Snyder, Snyder Manufacturing, Inc.

### 1. Roll Call

Alderman Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. and asked that the record show that all committee members were present except Alderman George, who was excused.

### 2. Approval of Minutes of the Previous Committee Meetings (Tuesday, April 16, 2019)

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2019 meeting was made by Alderman Gonzalez, seconded by Alderman Andreano. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried.

### 3. Unfinished Business

- a. PL #34-19: (Dougherty) To grant Sunny Olean, LLC permission (pursuant to Olean City Code of Ordinances Section 27-7) to install an open loop geothermal water well at the premises located at 106-116 West State Street, Olean.

Alderman Dougherty explained that this was discussed at length during the last committee meeting, and that the committee had requested that the Director of Public Works look into the proposed well system.

Mr. Ring explained that he has been working through a report that he received from Ms. Ringland this morning. He explained that the one suggestion that he has is for the City to reserve the right to inspect the system. He explained that the Chief Operator at the Water Plant had no comments, and the impact to the aquifer will be minimal.

Alderman Witte explained that she feels that some sort of policy should be put in place moving forward, and Mr. DiCerbo agreed. Alderman Dougherty explained that he feels that these types of wells should still require Council approval, and Mr. DiCerbo replied that he doesn't believe that anyone has any intentions otherwise.

Alderman Crawford asked if there are any metrics to ensure the same amount of water that is taken out of the aquifer is put back in, and Mr. Snyder explained that there is an annual inspection and certification currently at the Salamanca location using this type of well to ensure that the amounts coming in and going out are the same.

Alderman Smith asked if Salamanca's DPW tests the system or if a third party does. Mr. Snyder explained that while Salamanca's DPW will test the system, it is at a higher cost than a third party, so a third party is hired to do the testing.

Alderman Crawford asked if the restriction to allow for testing is alright, and Mr. Snyder replied that it is.

Alderman Andreano asked if the well digging will potentially damage the historic buildings, and Mr. Snyder explained that there are setback requirements so that a footer will not be damaged during the construction process. Mr. Belt explained that there will probably be drilling done on either end of the property, and that the requirements for these types of wells in the Codes of other municipalities was considered. He explained that he intends for this to be a model project for the City, and he will allow for the consistent inspection and sharing of data.

Alderman Smith asked if these wells will require Council approval moving forward, and Mr. DiCerbo replied that they will, as there is no room for any other administrative body in the City besides the Council to approve them. Alderman Smith asked if Mr. Ring is okay with the installation, and Mr. Ring responded that he is.

A motion to refer PL #34-19 to the next regular Council meeting for Resolution was made by Alderman Dougherty, seconded by Alderman Witte. Voice vote, ayes all except Alderman Smith, who abstained. Motion carried.

#### 4. New Referrals for Consideration

##### a. Discussion – Mosquito Spraying Contract

Mayor Aiello explained that the \$17,500 in the proposed 2019-2020 budget was taken out of the final budget. Therefore, if mosquito spraying needs to be done, the Council will need to transfer funds from Contingency. He explained that the annual contract has arrived and that the price for spraying, if it is done, is \$14,563.40.

Alderman Crawford asked who makes the decision to spray, and Mayor Aiello explained that the County has people who monitor the situation and set traps in order to determine if spraying is necessary.

Mayor Aiello explained that a resolution will be on the next regular meeting agenda to authorize him to sign the contract received from the County.

b. Discussion – Extension Request, Rural Revitalization Corporation –306 North 11<sup>th</sup> Street

Mayor Aiello explained that he has been contacted by Rural Revitalization Corporation, and he has learned that there has been a shake up within the organization. He explained that the Executive Director has left, and that there are also new board members. They have asked for a three to six month extension. They have also determined that they will not be able to rehabilitate the property, as the foundation is more damaged than they had originally thought, and so they now wish to demolish the property and turn it into a community garden or flower garden.

Mr. Crawford explained that he has spoken with a board member, and he feels they still want to improve the neighborhood, in addition to not losing face with the City. They will try to remove what improvements they can, such as a new furnace that has never been used, then demolish the property.

Alderman Gonzalez explained that the other option is to let the house come back to the City, so he feels that the Council should let them demolish the structure.

Alderman Crawford explained that the neighborhood is thrilled to hear that the house will be demolished. He explained that the property looks a lot worse now than when the project was started.

Alderman Dougherty explained that he is on board to grant the extension for the demolition; however, he is not happy with the issues that have occurred with RRC and how they got to this point.

Alderman Witte asked if they are still working on the community garden on Reed Street, and Alderman Crawford explained that they have materials coming in to work on it, and will be getting together with the neighborhood on Community Garden Day to work on it.

Mayor Aiello explained that a resolution will be on the next regular meeting agenda to grant a six month extension for the demolition of the property.

5. Approval of Committee Reports

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

6. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Gonzalez, seconded by Alderman Crawford. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:50 p.m.