

## STRATEGIC PLANNING

Tuesday, November 2, 2021 – 7:15 p.m.  
Council Chambers – Olean Municipal Building

Present: Members: Chairman Crawford, Vice Chairman Gonzalez, Alderman Witte, and Alderman Robinson Others: Alderman Panus; Alderman Anastasia; Mayor William Aiello; Fred Saradin, City Auditor; Bob Ring, Director of Public Works; Brad Camp, Water and Sewer Superintendent; Tim Richardson, Fire Chief, and Tiffany Taylor, Managerial Confidential Administrative Secretary.

### 1. Roll Call

Alderman Crawford called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. and asked that the record show that all committee members were present except Alderman Barnard, who was excused.

### 2. Approval of Minutes of the Previous Committee Meeting (Tuesday, October 19, 2021)

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous committee meeting was made by Alderman Crawford, seconded by Alderman Gonzalez. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried.

### 3. Unfinished Business

- a. PL #52-21: (Witte) To adopt the City of Olean Employee Social Media Policy.

Alderman Witte explained that this has been reviewed and approved by the City's Human Resources Specialist, so we are ready to move forward with a resolution.

A motion to approve PL #52-21 was made by Alderman Witte, seconded by Alderman Gonzalez. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Referred to City Attorney for Resolution.

### 4. New Referrals for Consideration

- a. Land Bank Activity Update

Alderman Witte explained that she wanted an update on any activity that is going on in the City of Olean. She explained that she has heard that other areas in the County are working with the Land Bank and she is curious if any properties in the City are being worked on.

Mayor Aiello explained that rehabilitation on 215 South Barry Street is complete and sale of the property should close by the middle of November. He explained that the rehabilitation of 138 North 17<sup>th</sup> Street is 90% complete, which has been done by a private individual. He explained that demolition has been completed on 139 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street, 121 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street, 808 North Union Street, and 115 South 13<sup>th</sup> Street.

Mayor Aiello explained that the Land Bank has shifted their plan from demolition to rehabilitation. He explained that we meet with them regularly and they ask for potential houses for their activities. He explained that they get a lot from the County sale. Alderman Gonzalez asked if this list could be emailed to the Council, and Mayor Aiello explained that it could be.

Alderman Witte asked if there have been any updates since the auction, and Mayor Aiello explained that there has not been. He explained that the auction is closed, but they are in the process of deciding what houses to rehabilitate. Alderman Crawford asked if the City owns any blighted homes still, and Mayor Aiello explained that we only have 301 West Oak Street. He explained that we have a lot of interest in this house, so he is working with Chief Richardson and Mr. Piechota to put together a list of properties that we own in the City. He explained that he will bring this forth to the Council to discuss RFP's for the properties.

Alderman Crawford explained that now is the time to look into this. He explained that he saw what the County brought in with their auction and he could not believe it. Houses were selling for a lot more than they were previously.

Chief Richardson explained that 422 South Union Street will be coming down later this week, and that the bank is taking it down. Alderman Crawford asked if the little structure by the school's tennis courts was ever taken down, and Mayor Aiello explained that it was not and it is privately owned.

#### b. 2021 Farmers' Market Season Update

Alderman Crawford explained that the Manager of the Lincoln Square Farmers' Market was unable to attend. He explained that they will be holding two holiday special sessions. Mayor Aiello explained that these will be held the Saturday before Thanksgiving and the Saturday before Christmas. Alderman Crawford explained that the holiday market has been discussed for some time and he is happy to see that it is finally happening.

#### 5. Approval of Committee Reports

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

#### 6. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Crawford, seconded by Alderman Robinson. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:25 p.m.