

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2019 – 6:30 p.m.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS – OLEAN MUNICIPAL BUILDING

IN ATTENDANCE WERE: ALDERMEN CRAWFORD, WITTE, ANDREANO, GONZALEZ, DOUGHERTY, SMITH, AND GEORGE. OTHERS: MAYOR WILLIAM AIELLO; LENS MARTIAL, CITY CLERK; NICHOLAS DICERBO, JR., CITY ATTORNEY; BOB RING, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS; KERI STEPHEN, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM COORDINATOR; JEFF ROWLEY, POLICE CHIEF., BOB BELL, FIRE CHIEF, AND TIFFANY TAYLOR, MANAGERIAL CONFIDENTIAL ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY.

Alderman Crawford called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and asked that the record show that all Aldermen were present.

1. PL #83-19: (Aiello) To authorize the Mayor to sign and submit an application to the Cattaraugus County Department of Public Works for funding associated with the City of Olean ADA Canoe and Kayak Launch on East River Road Project.

Mr. Ring presented a handout to the Council, and explained that this Project has been in the works for several years. Two years ago, the City applied for an ESD Grant which was awarded to the City, and then returned because the match was greater than what the City could do at the time. Mr. Ring explained that a cheaper opportunity has come up for funding from Cattaraugus County, and that the Project will be covered except for \$4,500, which will come from the DPW budget.

Mr. Ring explained that the proposed site is on East River Road across from the City wells, and is a good distance about halfway between the Portville and Allegany launches. He explained that this site will be fully ADA accessible and all grades will be less than 5%.

Alderman Gonzalez asked if the South Union Street site is not ADA accessible because of the grade, and Mr. Ring responded that it is. He explained that a switch back could be installed in this area, but that there are issues with the location of the launch there. He explained that a switch back would also potentially block the Fire and Police Departments from entering the river, as well as other services.

Alderman Witte asked if the proposed site is in the Town of Olean, and Mr. Ring responded that it is in the Town, on City-owned property. Alderman Witte asked if the sites in Allegany and Portville could be used for emergency responders, due to their ADA accessible launches, and Mr. Ring responded that he is not that familiar with their sites.

Alderman Witte asked if the \$4,500 is coming from the DPW budget, and Mr. Ring responded that most likely it will. Alderman Crawford asked if funding will be used in the DPW Personnel Service line item as well, and Mr. Ring responded that the County requested on the application how much work would be included from City employees. Alderman Crawford asked if this is included in the City's contribution, and Mr. Ring responded that it is. Alderman Witte noted that this will take staff away from other projects, so it does cost us more. Mr. Ring responded that it will cost the City time, but that this is a good summer to do projects because CHIPS funding will be going towards the Main and Front Street Project.

Alderman George asked about the timeline for the project, and Mr. Ring explained that the Grant Application reflects a project start in spring or summer.

Alderman Crawford asked if this is a done deal and if the County has appropriated these funds to the City, and Mr. Ring responded that he is only asking for the authorization to apply for the funds at this time.

Alderman Witte asked who would maintain the site if this Project is done, and Mr. Ring responded that the City employees in the DPW would take care of the site. Alderman Gonzalez explained that he feels that this is a worthy cost however, as Portville and Allegany have this type of site, and this is much better from the South Union Street entrance, especially since it will be ADA accessible. Mayor Aiello added that the City has been moving towards more inclusion, and the ADA ramp would assist in this.

Alderman Crawford asked if the Allegany and Portville ramps are ADA accessible, and Mr. Ring responded that they are.

Alderman Smith explained that he has used all three launches many times, and that the one currently in Olean is very steep and could be challenging for anybody. He noted that this section of the river is also very shallow, and that it is long overdue that Olean has a ramp like Portville or Allegany's. He explained that the South Union Street parking is also very tight, and that he is very excited for the project.

Alderman Gonzalez asked if the South Union Street ramp would be closed, and Mr. Ring responded that he does not see any reason why it would be, and that it could continue to be used for public and emergency access.

A motion to approve PL #83-19 was made by Alderman Gonzalez, seconded by Alderman Smith. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Referred to City Attorney for Resolution.

2. PL #84-19: (Aiello) To authorize the transfer of \$15,000 from line item 7110.445 and \$5,515.09 from line item 7110.447 to Capital Fund #187, Parks Reserve, for costs associated with the DPW contribution to the King Street Park Project.

Mr. Ring explained that he is requesting that funds be transferred for the King Street Park Project that was funded by the City and KaBoom! from the DPW line items into the Parks Capital Fund, as it has not been done yet. Mayor Aiello noted that any time a fund transfer from a line item to a Capital Fund occurs, Council approval is required.

A motion to approve PL #84-19 was made by Alderman Andreano, seconded by Alderman Gonzalez. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Referred to City Attorney for Resolution.

3. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Crawford, seconded by Alderman Dougherty. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:40 p.m.