

Journal of Proceedings

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

December 10, 2019

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

A Regular Meeting of the Olean Common Council of the City of Olean was held on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

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

ABSENT: *None*

OFFICIALS: *Mayor William Aiello; Lens Martial, City Clerk; Nicholas DiCerbo, Jr., City Attorney, and Tiffany Taylor, Managerial Confidential Administrative Secretary.*

At this time a prayer was given by Alderman Andreano, followed by a salute to the flag.

***READING, CORRECTING & APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE
PREVIOUS REGULAR MEETING***

A motion to approve the minutes of the November 26, 2019 meeting was made by Alderman Crawford, seconded by Alderman Witte. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS & UNFINISHED COUNCIL BUSINESS

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

None

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

None

CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS

Monthly Report of the City Auditor – month ended November 2019

Quarterly Report of the City Auditor – six months ended November 30, 2019

PROPOSED LEGISLATION AND REFERRALS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT/INPUT

Alderman Witte thanked everyone in the community who has donated to the soup kitchen, Toys for Tots, and to other organizations during this holiday season.

John Balacki of 310 King Street explained that some of the plants in the gardens on North Union Street have become invasive and overgrown. He explained that the street is the first impression that people see when they come to the City, and this is not the impression Olean wants to create. He explained that the Beautification Committee

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formed deserves our thanks, and so do the many volunteer “adopters” of the gardens who keep them weeded. He recommended that students be hired during the summer to work on the gardens, and for business owners to take more pride in the gardens in front of their businesses. He urged people to continue to adopt gardens. He also expressed concern regarding the danger of the cigarette butts being thrown in the gardens, and expressed that the mulch is critical for the gardens maintenance so it should not be gotten rid of. He recommended possibly limiting smoking downtown or placing disposal receptacles through the downtown to prevent butts from being thrown in the gardens, creating a fire hazard.

FINANCE / BILLS

None

RESOLUTIONS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters was made by Alderman Crawford, seconded by Alderman Witte. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Executive session began at approximately 6:45 p.m.

A motion to adjourn from executive session was made by Alderman Crawford, seconded by Alderman Andreano. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Executive session adjourned at approximately 6:50 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Crawford, seconded by Alderman Gonzalez. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:55 p.m.

Lens Martial, City Clerk

Mayor William J. Aiello

John Crawford, Council President

I hereby approve the foregoing minutes

Dated: ____ / ____ / ____

**STATE OF NEW YORK
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CITY OF OLEAN**

I, Lens Martial, 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