

PUBLIC SAFETY

Tuesday, December 15, 2020 – 7:05 p.m.

via Zoom

Present: Members: Chairman Witte, Vice Chairman Dougherty, Alderman Panus, Alderman Gonzalez, Alderman Crawford, Alderman Robinson, and Alderman Anastasia. Others: Mayor William Aiello; Nicholas DiCerbo, Jr., City Attorney; Bob Ring, Director of Public Works; Jeff Rowley, Police Chief; Tim Richardson, Fire Chief, and Tiffany Taylor, Managerial Confidential Administrative Secretary.

1. Roll Call

Alderman Witte called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and asked that the record show that all Aldermen were present.

2. Approval of Minutes of the Previous Committee Meetings (Tuesday, December 1, 2020)

A motion to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2020 meeting was made by Alderman Witte, seconded by Alderman Anastasia. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried.

3. Unfinished Business

None

4. New Referrals for Consideration

- a. PL #79-20: (Dougherty) To amend the City of Olean Code of Ordinances Section 24-135 to prohibit parking at the intersection of South 6th Street and Henley Street for a distance of 20 feet from the corner.

Alderman Dougherty explained that he has had several constituents complain about residents parking too close to the corner. He explained that the residents had just moved there and were not familiar with parking restrictions, and the Police Department did a great job of letting the residents know what was going on. He explained that the problem went away and then came back a few times in the past year, so he thought he would bring this to the Council to see if a sign is necessary.

Alderman Witte asked if this had been sent to the Chiefs and DPW for review, and Alderman Dougherty replied that it was. He explained that he will reintroduce this at the beginning of next year. He was not thinking he'd get this on the meeting before he got a response.

- b. Discussion – No Parking sign relocation, Laurel Avenue

Alderman Dougherty explained that a resident called on Laurel, where there is a “No Parking” sign directly across the street from his driveway. He explained that Laurel is a dead end and when people get halfway down the block they turn around, usually in his driveway. The sign has been hit multiple times so he wanted to know if it could be moved a few feet in one direction or the other. He explained that he hasn’t heard back regarding this either, so he will move this into the new year.

Mayor Aiello asked if a “No Thru Traffic” sign would help out on dead end streets like that. Alderman Dougherty explained that a lot of people park on the first half of the block because they live there or to visit, but then need to turn around. He explained that he has not gone to see the sign itself to see if moving it over a little would solve the issue.

c. Position Creation – Electrician’s Assistant

Mayor Aiello explained that there will be a resolution on the agenda next week. The Council budgeted two budgets ago for a second Electrician’s Assistant so the employee has been in the position for well over a year. He explained that the paperwork went to Civil Service and they just came back a week or so ago letting us know that the City only has one position so a second position will need to be created. He explained that this is housekeeping so that they will have it on their books.

5. Approval of Committee Reports

None

6. Executive Session

A motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel issues and the proposed acquisition or sale of real property was made by Alderman Witte, seconded by Alderman Dougherty. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Executive session began at approximately 7:15 p.m.

A motion to adjourn from executive session was made by Alderman Witte, seconded by Alderman Crawford. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Executive session adjourned at approximately 7:50 p.m.

7. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Witte, seconded by Alderman Gonzalez. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:50 p.m.