

COMMON COUNCIL
Regular Session
December 6, 2016

Present: Alderman Gressler, Alderman Shaffer, Alderwoman Jodway, Alderman Welyczko, Alderman Ruffing, Alderman DeLuca, Alderman Carter, Alderman Atutis, City Treasurer David Petkovsek, City Attorney Jennifer Chrisman, Mayor Mark Blask, City Clerk Kira Andrilla

Comment from the floor:

William Bennett asked about the County tax refund from the City. Mayor updated everyone regarding the payback of money.

Chris Van Meter informed all of the event that's will be happening for the Christmas in Little Falls.

Proclamation:

Mayor Blask gave a proclamation for the Community Chest campaign 2017 for recognition of their service.

Minutes:

The minutes of the November 1, 2016 Regular Session were approved as printed and placed on file in the City Clerk's office on motion of Alderman Shaffer and seconded by Alderman DeLuca

Roll Call: Gressler, Shaffer, Welyczko, Ruffing, Carter, Atutis, DeLuca, Jodway

Bills:

Bills for the period of November 1, 2016 through December 6, 2016 in the amount of \$171,056.89 check numbers 60968-60988 Prepaid \$31,415.85 Check numbers 60818, 60837, 60838, 60840, 60841, 60842, 60843, 60845, 60882, 60883, 60884, 60962, 60963 were approved as audited on motion of Alderman Carter and seconded by Alderman Gressler.

Roll Call: Gressler, Shaffer, Welyczko, Ruffing, Carter, Atutis, DeLuca, Jodway

Monthly Report:

The report of the City Clerk, City Treasurer and Court Clerk for the month of November, 2016 was accepted and placed on file on motion by Alderwoman Jodway and seconded by Alderman Atutis.

Roll Call: Gressler, Shaffer, Welyczko, Ruffing, Carter, Atutis, Jodway, DeLuca

Resolution #57

December 6, 2016

**RESOLUTION No. 57 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LITTLE FALLS**

WHEREAS, the municipal cooperation agreement for assessment services between the City and the County of Herkimer, State of New York pursuant to General Municipal Law Article 5-G has been terminated by the County of Herkimer pursuant to paragraph 5 of said agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Assessor in the City will be vacant as of January 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, pursuant to his authority set forth in RPTL § 310, has appointed Dan Maxwell, an Assessor who meets the requirements set forth by the County of Herkimer Personnel Office and the applicable laws, rules and regulations of the State of New York;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Little Falls, that the Mayor is authorized to execute an agreement with Dan Maxwell for tax assessment services for the remainder of the current term (January 1, 2017-September 30, 2019). The

This resolution shall take effect upon passing hereof by the Common Council.

Dated: December 6, 2016

Motion Alderman Shaffer

Second Alderman DeLuca

Roll Call: Gressler, Shaffer, Jodway, Welyczko, Ruffing, DeLuca, Carter, Atutis

Mayor Blask answered any questions. The pay is still \$24,000 a year.

Kira Andrilla

City Clerk of the City of Little Falls

Resolution #58

December 6, 2016

**RESOLUTION No. 58 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LITTLE FALLS**

WHEREAS, the New York State Land Bank Act of the New York State Nonprofit Law, § 1610(c) states the following: *“Upon the adoption of a local law, ordinance, or resolution by municipality, school district or any taxing district, fifty percent of the real property taxes collected on any specific parcel of real property identified by such municipality, school district or any taxing jurisdiction may be remitted to the land bank, in accordance with procedures established by regulations promulgated by the department of taxation and finance. Such allocation of real property tax revenues shall commence with the first taxable year following the date of conveyance and shall continue for a period of five years”*; and

WHEREAS, The City of Little Falls is committed to the Greater Mohawk Valley Land Bank’s efforts to reduce blighted properties in the City of Little Falls and throughout the GMVLB region;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Little Falls that fifty percent of the real property taxes on properties within the City of Little Falls purchased from the Greater Mohawk Valley Land Bank be remitted to the Greater Mohawk Valley Land Bank. Such allocation of real property revenues shall commence with the first taxable year following the date of conveyance and shall continue for a period of five years.

This resolution shall take effect upon passing hereof by the Common Council.

Dated: December 6, 2016

Motion to amend resolution #58 (change wording by to from) was made by Alderman Ruffing and seconded by Alderman Shaffer with all in favor.

Mayor Blask gave a little history on the Land Bank.

Motion Alderman Welyczko

Second Alderman Shaffer

Roll Call: Gressler, Shaffer, Jodway, Welyczko, Ruffing, DeLuca, Carter, Atutis

Kira Andrilla

City Clerk of the City of Little Falls

Local Law # 5

**LOCAL LAW # 5 OF 2016
DECEMBER 6, 2016**

**A LOCAL LAW ADOPTING THE 2015 INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE AND
REPEALING**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LITTLE FALLS AS
FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Legislative Intent

The City of Little Falls shall adopt the 2015 International Building Code which provides updated regulations for governing the conditions and maintenance of all properties, buildings and structures. The International Building Code further provides standards for supplied utilities, facilities and other physical things and conditions essential to ensure that structures are safe, sanitary and fit for occupation and use, the condemnation of buildings and structures unfit for human occupancy and use and the demolition of such structures. The International Building Code shall also provide for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefore; repealing and all other ordinances, resolutions or parts of laws in conflict therewith.

A public hearing was held on December 6, 2016 at 6:15 p.m. having been duly noticed in the Little Falls Evening Times.

A copy of the complete 2015 International Building Code is on file in the Code Enforcement Office.

Section 2. Authority

This local law is adopted pursuant to New York State Municipal Home Rule Law.

Section 3.

The City of Little Falls Common Council, County of Herkimer, hereby repeals and all other ordinances, local laws and resolutions in conflict therewith and adopts 2015

International Building Code in its entirety, including its Appendix as the City of Little Falls Building Code:

1. for regulating and governing the conditions and maintenance of all property, buildings and structures;
2. by providing the standards for supplied utilities and facilities and other physical things and conditions essential to ensure that structures are safe, sanitary and fit for occupation and use;
3. the condemnation of buildings and structures unfit for human occupancy and use;
4. the demolition of such structures as herein provided; and
5. providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefor.

Each and every regulation, provision, penalty, condition and term of said Building Code on file in the Office of the Codes Enforcer in the City of Little Falls are fully referred to and adopted and made a part hereof, as if fully set out in this legislation, with the additions, insertions and changes prescribed in Section 4 of this Local Law.

Section 4. Revisions.

The following sections are hereby revised as follows:

Section 101.1 shall be revised to insert the City of Little Falls as the jurisdiction.

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Section 5. Severability

If a court determines that any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, the court's order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this local law, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 6. Effect on Existing Rights and Litigation

Nothing in this legislation or the 2015 International Building Code, as adopted, shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding pending in any Court, or any rights acquired or liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any act, ordinance or local law hereby repealed in Section 3 of this law; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this legislation.

Section 7. Effective date

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Motioned by Alderman Ruffing

Seconded by Alderman DeLuca

Roll Call: Gressler, Shaffer, Jodway, Welyczko, Ruffing, DeLuca, Carter, Atutis

New Business:

Alderman DeLuca read his resignation letter to the Council. As of December 31st Alderman DeLuca will be resigning from Third Ward Alderman.

Mayor Blask thanked Alderman DeLuca for all his work on the Council.

Mayor Comments:

Mayor Blask talked about the sales tax with the County. The payback is \$62,000 and the City is looking into paying this back within 10 years. Nothing is decided at this point. Starting in January this will be discussed during the budget process.

Mayor also informed the Council that the City will be finding out about the CFA grant Thursday. The City applied for a \$72,000 grant through tourism.

Mayor wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 7:28p.m. With the motion made by Alderman Ruffing and seconded by Alderman Welyczko with all in favor.

Next meeting will be January 3, 2017. Bills will be at 6:30 pm with a regular session of the Common Council at 7:00 pm. **Any questions please contact City Clerk.**

Thank you