

**COMMON COUNCIL
Regular Session
January 3, 2017**

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

Absent: Alderman Atutis

Comments from the floor:

No comments

**Resolution #1
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**RESOLUTION No. 1 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LITTLE FALLS**

WHEREAS, the Alderman Peter DeLuca has relocated and now resides outside of the City of Little Falls, leaving the office of Third Ward Alderman vacant; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has appointed Nick Regan to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term pursuant to the City of Little Falls Charter, Article 2, Section 212;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Little Falls, consents to the appointment of Nick Regan as Third Ward Alderman; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Alderman Nick Regan shall immediately have full voting authority.

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

Dated: January 3, 2017

Motion Alderman Ruffing

Second Alderman Gressler

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

Absent: Atutis

Minutes:

The minutes of the December 6, 2016 Regular Session were approved as printed and placed on file in the City Clerk's office on motion of Alderwoman Jodway and seconded by Alderman Welyczko.

All in favor: Gressler, Shaffer, Welyczko, Ruffing, Regan Carter, Jodway

Absent: Atutis

Bills:

Bills for the period of December 6, 2016 through January 3, 2017 in the amount of \$ **90,725.13 Current Check numbers 61112-61129, prepaid \$84,284.12 Check numbers 61024, 61025, 61026, 61027, 61028, 61029, 61030, 61101** were approved as audited on motion of Alderman Carter and seconded by Alderman Welyczko.

Roll Call: Gressler, Shaffer, Jodway, Welyczko, Ruffing, Regan, Carter, Jodway

Absent: Atutis

Monthly Report:

The report of the City Clerk and Court Clerk for the month of December 2016 was accepted and placed on file on motion by Alderwoman Jodway and seconded by Alderman DeLuca.

All in favor: Gressler, Shaffer, Jodway, Welyczko, Ruffing, Regan, Carter, Jodway

Absent: Atutis

City Treasurer:

January 4, 2017

HONORABLE MAYOR BLASK & COMMON COUNCIL MEMBERS

Effective January 31, 2017, I am retiring from the New York State Retirement System. I am however, not retiring as the City Treasurer of Little Falls. I plan on finishing my term and probably run in this year's election for another term.

The Retirement System requires that I submit this resignation effective January 31, 2017. It is my hope that you will accept this resignation and promptly reappoint me effective February 1, 2017. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

**Resolution #2
January 3, 2017**

RESOLUTION No. 2 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LITTLE FALLS

WHEREAS, the City of Little Falls Treasurer has submitted his notice of resignation and retirement effective January 31, 2017;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Little Falls, accepts the resignation and retirement of David Petkovsek as City of Little Falls Treasurer.

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

Dated: January 3, 2017

Motion: Alderman Welyczko
Seconded: Alderwoman Jodway

Roll Call: Gressler, Shaffer, Jodway, Welyczko, Ruffing, Regan, Carter
Absent: Atutis

**Resolution #3
January 3, 2017**

RESOLUTION No. 3 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LITTLE FALLS

WHEREAS, the City of Little Falls Treasurer has submitted his notice of resignation and retirement;

WHEREAS, the Treasurer's retirement shall be effective January 31, 2017, leaving the office of Treasurer vacant; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor shall reappoint David Petkovsek to the Office of the City of Little Falls Treasurer pursuant to the Charter, Article 2, Section 212 effective as of January 31, 2017;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Little Falls, consents to the appointment of David Petkovsek as City of Little Falls Treasurer.

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

Dated: January 3, 2017

Motion Alderwoman Jodway
Seconded Alderman Shaffer
Roll Call: Gressler, Shaffer, Jodway, Welyczko, Ruffing, Regan, Carter
Absent: Atutis

Resolution #4
January 3, 2017
2017 Common Council President

WHEREAS, Alderman Welyczko motioned to have Alderman Ruffing be the 2017 Common Council President. The motion was seconded by Alderman Carter.

All in favor.

Resolution #5
January 3, 2017
Official Bank

RESOLVED, that the City Treasurer shall duly deposit all City funds of every name and nature whether currency, checks, drafts, or other evidences of indebtedness to the credit of such City in the following banking institutions which are hereby made the depositories of such City funds namely by Berkshire and Adirondack Bank and M&T Bank of Little Falls, NY for the year 2017; and

RESOVLED FUTHER, that Times Telegram be designated as the "Official Newspaper" for the year 2017, and hereby designated to publish the places of registry, voting and ward boundaries in accordance with the Election Law and,

RESOLVED FURTHER, that Station WKTV, shall be known as the official news station for the year 2017.

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

Dated: January 3, 2017

Kira Andrilla
City Clerk of the City of Little Falls

Motioned by Alderman Ruffing
Seconded by Alderman Gressler

All in favor.

Resolution #6
January 3, 2017

Payment Schedule

WHEREAS, section 210 of the Charter of the City of Little Falls provides that “of the City Officers shall be payable in such installments and at such times as the Common Council shall determine.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Treasurer be and is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to pay bi-weekly all fixed salaries on the Common Council payroll with the exception of the Mayor and Aldermen, whose salaries shall be paid in equal monthly installments for the year 2017.

This resolution shall take effect upon hereof by the Common Council

Dated: January 3, 2017

Kira Andrilla
City Clerk of the City of Little Falls

Motion by Alderman Shaffer
Seconded by Alderwoman Jodway

All in favor

Resolution #7 January 3, 2017 Special Prosecutor

WHEREAS, the City of Little Falls has a need for a Special Prosecutor to prosecute Traffic violations which occur within the City, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Little Falls has by letter appointed G. Gerald Fiesinger Jr. to serve as said Special Prosecutor for one year, said term to expire on December 31, 2017;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Little Falls, New York, that the salary for said position of City Prosecutor be fixed and approved at \$4,000 for year 2017.

This resolution shall take effect upon hereof by the Common Council

Dated: January 3, 2017

Kira Andrilla
City Clerk of the City of Little Falls

Motion by Alderman Shaffer
Seconded by Alderman Ruffing

All in favor

Resolution #8
January 5, 2016
Polling Place

RESOLVED, effective immediately, the following place is and hereby is designated and fixed as the polling place for Election Districts in the City of Little Falls for the year 2017 Council 01-03-17

HOLY FAMILY PARISH GYMANSIUM JOHN STREET

First Ward: First District and Second District
Second Ward: First District and Second District
Third Ward: First District and Second District
Fourth Ward: First District and Second District and Third District

This resolution shall take effect upon hereof by the Common Council

Dated: January 3, 2017

Kira Andrilla
City Clerk of the City of Little Falls

Motion by Alderwoman Jodway
Seconded by Alderman Shaffer

All in favor

Resolution #9
January 3, 2017
Dog Control Officer

WHEREAS, the agreement between the Dog Control Officer and the City of Little Falls has expired on December 31, 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the appointment of Larry Ortlieb of 87 Church Street, Little Falls be hereby approved for a period of one year for a term of January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017 and the Mayor be and hereby is authorized empowered and directed to enter into said agreement with the Dog Control Officer for the year 2017 at the following salary:

1) Compensation for 2016 \$3,000

This resolution shall take effect upon hereof by the Common Council

Dated: January 3, 2017

Kira Andrilla
City Clerk of the City of Little Falls

Motion by Alderman Carter
Seconded by Alderman Shaffer

All in favor

Resolution #10
January 3, 2017
Authorization for Mayor

RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Clerk are and hereby authorized and directed to draw warrants on the City Treasurer for bonds and notes, as and when they become due to payable for the year 2017.

This resolution shall take effect upon hereof by the Common Council

Dated: January 3, 2017

Kira Andrilla
City Clerk of the City of Little Falls

Motioned by Alderman Carter
Seconded by Alderman Shaffer

All in favor

Resolution #11
January 3, 2017
City Attorney

WHEREAS, the City of Little Falls has a need for a City Attorney within the City, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Little Falls has appointed Jennifer L. Chrisman, Esq. to serve as said City Attorney for a term of one year, with said term to expire on December 31, 2017, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Little Falls, that the salary for said position of City Attorney shall be fixed and approved at \$26,000 for the year 2017.

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

Dated: January 3, 2017

Kira Andrilla
City Clerk of the City of Little Falls

Motion by Alderman Shaffer
Seconded: Alderman Gressler

All in favor

Resolution #12
January 3, 2017

Commissioner of Deeds

WHEREAS, vacancies have occurred during the term of a Commissioner of Deeds,

WHEREAS, Section 139 of the Executive Law states that such vacancy shall be filled by the Common Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Deborah Ackerman, Mary Ellen Krisch, Andrew Kenyon, Christopher Moser are hereby appointed Commissioner of Deeds with a term to expire December 31, 2018.

Motioned by Alderman Ruffing
Seconded by Alderman Shaffer

All in favor.

Resolution #13
Tax Anticipation Note Resolution Dated January 3, 2017

A Resolution delegating to the City Treasurer of the City of Little Falls, Herkimer County, New York, The Power to authorize the issuance of and to sell not exceeding \$1,300,000 Tax Anticipation notes of said city in anticipation of the collection of taxes levied for the fiscal year 2017 of city commencing January 1, 2017.

By Alderperson

Now, Therefore Be it resolved, by the Common Council of the City of Little Falls, Herkimer County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. Subject to the provision of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell not exceeding \$1,300,000 tax anticipation notes of the City of Little Falls, Herkimer County, New York, including renewals thereof, in anticipation of the collection of taxes levied or to be levied for the fiscal year of said City Commencing January 1, 2017 is hereby delegated to the City Treasurer of said City, the Chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be issued on or about February 1, 2017 and shall have maturity date on or before June 1, 2017. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by City Treasurer, consistent with the provision of the Local Finance Law.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion by Alderman Shaffer
Seconded by Alderwoman Jodway

All in favor: Gressler, Shaffer, Jodway, Welyczko, Ruffing, Regan, Carter
Absent: Atutis

New Business:

Alderman Gressler spoke on the Real Property Tax rebate.

Alderwoman Jodway asked Mayor Blask about the Payment for the County Tax bill. Mayor Blask explained that the payment will be part of the budget process.

Alderman Regan thanked everyone for allowing him to fill out the term for the third ward.

Mayor:

Mayor Blask informed all that the new assessor started. The hours of the office will be Tuesday and Thursday 8:30 am – 12:30 pm. Office hours may increase in February or March.

Also, the City was rewarded a housing grant for \$435,000. Any questions people can contact Mark Feane in the Urban Renewal Office.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m. with the motion made by Alderman Welyczko and seconded by Alderwoman Ruffing with all in favor.

Next meeting will be February 2, 2016. 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