

**+ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
July 16, 2018**

Chairman Corradino called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Common Council Chambers of City Hall.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councilor Corradino, Councilor DeMassi, Councilor Hill, Councilor Tesoriero, and Councilor Wilmott.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Councilor McBrearty; Councilor Gosek; William Barlow, Mayor; Deborah Coad, City Chamberlain; and Randall Griffin, Fire Chief.

**MEDIA PRESENT:** Steve Yablonski, Oswego Daily News; Matthew Ritz, Palladium Times.

A motion to approve the minutes of July 2, 2018 was made by Councilor Tesoriero and seconded by Councilor DeMassi; minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

**I. OLD BUSINESS:** There was no old business.

**II. NEW BUSINESS:**

**Authorization:**

1. Randall Griffin, Fire Chief, is requesting permission to purchase a new 2018 Stonewell Quick Attack Rescue Unit. Specifications will be in the Mayor's Office for your review. Chief Griffin said a year ago he requested the purchase of a new light duty rescue. He said in the interim they were using the pickup truck so they were carrying a \$30,000 cardiac monitor in the back of a pickup truck so this will replace that. He said a few weeks ago they approved the chassis for this vehicle. He said this is the body and the outfitting of that vehicle. He said this is the lowest bid of four bids that they received. Councilor Corradino asked if this was budgeted. Chief Griffin said the proposal came in last year and it was in the budget.

**COMMITTEE DECISION:** Councilor Hill made a motion to forward a favorable recommendation to the Full Council granting permission to purchase a new 2018 Stonewell Quick Attack Rescue Unit. Councilor Tesoriero seconded the motion, unanimous approval.

***THE RESOLUTION THAT WAS PART OF THE MEETING WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE FULL COUNCIL.***

2. Mayor William J. Barlow Jr requests a budget amendment for \$25,000 to contract with Oswego County Opportunities to perform street canvassing throughout the City of

Oswego from August 1st, 2018 to December 31st, 2018 in an effort to combat homelessness in the Oswego community. Mayor Barlow said he thinks they have all noticed the growing problem in the number of homeless people they see throughout the city. He said Chairman Broadwell of the County Legislature called a meeting to get all the people in the room who could deal with homelessness and how to approach that problem. He said he learned there was a system in place where if someone notices someone that appears to be homeless they can call 211 to get resources. He said he has encouraged the DPW and OFD to contact OPD, because law enforcement should be the personnel to approach these people, and then OPD has been instructed to utilize 211. He said they learned there was a street canvassing program that existed some years ago and the funding ran out. He said it is much more productive for trained personnel to approach homeless people. He said some do not know the resources that are available. He said working with OCO may not be a bad proactive measure on the city's part because it'll give them a true grasp on the scope of the problem. He said they are going to have to do something probably sooner rather than later. He said they will conduct this canvassing with OCO. He said they will learn where the people are staying, why they are in the situation they are in, and it links them to the resources they need. He said seeing homeless in our parks is not the message they want to send as a community. He said they hope to cover the last few months of the summer and into the winter with a focus on evening hours and weekends. Councilor DeMassi asked why they didn't write another grant. A representative from OCO said it was a federal grant and geared to runaway homeless youth. She said they reapplied for the grant but didn't get it. She said homelessness looks different in our rural community than it does in a metropolitan area. She said sometimes their data isn't as strong as other communities. She said when you are in competition for a federal grant you are competing against everyone in the United States and they only issued 11 grants that year. Councilor McBrearty asked if a street canvassing program helps them compile the data to apply for funding. The representative from OCO said they are always documenting information and entering it. She said they use that for future grants. Mayor Barlow said it will be 28 hours per week with two staffers. He said it will be Thursday & Friday from 12:30 – 9:00 pm and Saturday and Sunday from 9:00-3:00 pm.

**COMMITTEE DECISION:** Councilor Hill made a motion to forward a favorable recommendation to the Full Council authorizing a budget amendment for \$25,000 to contract with Oswego County Opportunities to perform street canvassing throughout the City of Oswego from August 1st, 2018 to December 31st, 2018 in an effort to combat homelessness in the Oswego community. Councilor DeMassi seconded the motion, unanimous approval.

**THE MAYOR'S OFFICE WILL PREPARE THE RESOLUTION.**

3. Mayor William J. Barlow, Jr., is requesting approval for a Grant Funding Application Submission for "Breitbeck Park Community Playground & Pavilion Improvements" project through the 2018 NYS Consolidated Funding Application (CFA). Mayor Barlow said with this grant they would like to renovate and replace the Breitbeck Park playground, renovate pavilion bathrooms, and replace basketball courts. He said the total would be \$650,000 and it requires a 25% match. Steve Williams said he is in

support of the basketball court replacement. He said he is from NYC and the blacktop is the staple of the community. He said they don't have a good outdoor place to play basketball. He said they need to invest in this area. He said he knows he could find volunteers to help get this done.

**COMMITTEE DECISION:** Councilor DeMassi made a motion to forward a favorable recommendation to the Full Council granting approval for a Grant Funding Application Submission for "Breitbeck Park Community Playground & Pavilion Improvements" project through the 2018 NYS Consolidated Funding Application (CFA). Councilor Tesoriero seconded the motion, unanimous approval.

**THE MAYOR'S OFFICE WILL PREPARE THE RESOLUTION.**

4. Mayor William J. Barlow, Jr., is requesting approval for a Grant Funding Submission for "Reviving Wright's Landing Marina" project through the 2018 NYS Consolidated Funding Application (CFA). Mayor Barlow said he would like to continue their efforts to revitalize the waterfront. He said this application includes a new pavilion at the Wright's Landing Marina, renovating and redesigning the bathhouses, redesign and install new picnic area, and Marina walkway lighting. He said the total project will be \$1.1-1.4 million. He said it is a 75% grant and requires a 25% match.

**COMMITTEE DECISION:** Councilor DeMassi made a motion to forward a favorable recommendation to the Full Council granting approval for a Grant Funding Submission for "Reviving Wright's Landing Marina" project through the 2018 NYS Consolidated Funding Application (CFA). Councilor Wilmott seconded the motion, unanimous approval.

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5. Mayor William J. Barlow, Jr., is requesting approval for a Grant Funding Submission for "Oswego City's Canal Bright Lights" project through the 2018 NYS Consolidated Funding Application (CFA). Mayor Barlow said this is highly competitive and there are only 10 statewide. He said it is a \$150,000 maximum grant application with a 50/50 match requirement. He said they are looking at lighting up the railroad pedestrian bridge. He said the total cost would be \$219,000.

**COMMITTEE DECISION:** Councilor Hill made a motion to forward a favorable recommendation to the Full Council granting approval for a Grant Funding Submission for "Oswego City's Canal Bright Lights" project through the 2018 NYS Consolidated Funding Application (CFA). Councilor Tesoriero seconded the motion, unanimous approval.

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6. Thomas Kells, DPW Commissioner, requests a transfer of funds from the Snow Removal Account A.5142.0410 to A.5110.0410 Maintenance of Streets in the Amount of

\$80,000.00 to cover paving and cement materials. Mayor Barlow said they saved money last year by using the brine solution on the streets and salt rather than sand. He said that made less cleanup and it was easier on the sewer system. He said the way they have structured their shifts has also saved them considerable money. He said they have about \$80,000 left. He said he overshot the CHIPS allocation with the paving projects. He said the paving project they started today is more than the CHIPS allocation and part of the CHIPS allocation includes money they can use for cement for sidewalks. He said because he exhausted all the CHIPS money on paving projects he didn't leave any money for sidewalk replacement. He said this transfer will allow them to buy cement and do some shimming projects throughout the city. Councilor Corradino asked if they will have enough money left over for snow removal for the rest of this year. Mayor Barlow said they have a ton left over. Councilor Gosek asked if they will be able to get more sidewalks done. Mayor Barlow said his two predecessors decided that the sidewalk was going to be the homeowner's responsibility to fix. He said that created a 4-8 year backlog with sidewalk flag requests. He said he thinks that is wrong because the sidewalk is owned by the city. He said the \$80,000 should allow them to do as many as last year.

**COMMITTEE DECISION:** Councilor Tesoriero made a motion to forward a favorable recommendation to the Full Council authorizing a transfer of funds from the Snow Removal Account A.5142.0410 to A.5110.0410 Maintenance of Streets in the Amount of \$80,000.00 to cover paving and cement materials. Councilor Hill seconded the motion, unanimous approval.

***THE RESOLUTION THAT WAS PART OF THE MEETING WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE FULL COUNCIL.***

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:15 p.m. by Councilor Tesoriero. A second was made by Councilor DeMassi, and was unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary M. Annal  
Recording Secretary