

PUBLIC SAFETY

Tuesday, July 8, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.

Council Chambers – Olean Municipal Building

Present: Members: Chairman Robinson, Vice Chairman Anastasia, Alderman Bennion, Alderman McCall, and Alderman Crawford (Ward 2 vacant). Others: Mayor William Aiello; Frank Caputo, City Clerk; Lens Martial, City Auditor; Bridget Marshall, City Attorney; James Sprague, Director of Public Works; Capt. Dave Bauer, Code Enforcement Supervisor, and Tiffany Taylor, Managerial Confidential Administrative Secretary.

1. Roll Call

Alderman Robinson called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. and asked that the record show that all committee members were present except Alderman Forney, who was excused, and explained Ward 2 is vacant.

2. Approval of Minutes of the Previous Committee Meetings (Tuesday, June 24, 2025)

A motion to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2025 meeting was made by Alderman Robinson, seconded by Alderman Bennion. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried.

3. Unfinished Business

a. Blighted Homes - 316 Laurel Avenue / 330 North 10th Street

Alderman Robinson asked if we have an update to help us get these buildings down and improve the safety of the area. Capt. Bauer explained the property at 330 North 10th Street has been fenced off and since it is up against the sidewalk, R.E. Kelley put fencing around the building and blocked off the sidewalk. He explained that is safer than it was for the time being. He explained they are still looking at getting around the issues with the County, and explained the County is working with the City so hopefully we will get something moving forward. He explained they did find out the County now owns 316 Laurel and we will work with them to come to a resolution quickly. He explained they did receive a response from one of the three contractors who previously bid on the demolition and their bid to demo both for \$127,000 is still good. Alderman Robinson asked if the County owning 316 Laurel Avenue removes the City's liability if something happens, and Ms. Marshall explained it does if it is in their name, and a deed has not been recorded yet.

Alderman McCall asked if we have a timetable of when we will have a resolution for the Laurel Avenue property and Ms. Marshall explained Mr. Keller has indicated he is working with Mr. Reed in Codes. Capt. Bauer explained there are two houses the Land Bank are tearing down, and although we were told by March they would be gone they are both still standing waiting for

utilities to get disconnected. Alderman Robinson explained he is not opposed to having an update in a month about what has changed and what the update is. Ms. Marshall explained she will miss that meeting, but she can have an update from the County perspective in 2 weeks.

b. Railroad Property Mowing

Alderman Robinson asked if this still needs to be rectified. Capt. Bauer explained VanCampen has been mowed, and was done early last week or late the week before. Alderman Anastasia explained Connell Street is getting close to encroaching on the road. Mayor Aiello explained we will follow up on this in two weeks.

4. New Referrals for Consideration

a. Remove Deaf Child Signs – South 14th Street / West Henley Street; North 21st Street / Washington Street

Alderman Robinson explained the sign at South 14th and West Henley is no longer needed, and he does not believe the one at North 21st and Washington is needed, either. He explained he will be putting in a PL and Resolution to remove these signs.

5. Approval of Committee Reports

None

6. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Robinson, seconded by Alderman Anastasia. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:35 p.m.