

YOUTH AND RECREATION

Tuesday, June 23, 2026 – 7:15 p.m.

Council Chambers – Olean Municipal Building

Present: Members: Vice Chairman McCall, Alderman Crawford, Alderman Robinson, and Alderman Anastasia. Others: Alderman Bennion; Alderman Keary; Mayor Amy Sherburne; Michael Morgan, City Attorney; James Sprague, Director of Public Works; Keri Kerper, Community Development Program Coordinator, and Tiffany Taylor, Managerial Confidential Administrative Secretary.

1. Roll Call

Alderman McCall called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. and asked that the record show that all committee members were present except Alderman Forney, who was excused.

2. Approval of Minutes of the Previous Committee Meeting (Tuesday, June 9, 2026)

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2026 committee meeting was made by Alderman McCall, seconded by Alderman Robinson. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried.

3. Unfinished Business

a. War Vets Pool

Director Sprague explained an update came in this afternoon via email, but he has not had a chance to digest what was sent. He explained attached to that email is the recommendation letter to award the contract with a couple of options, although he has not had time to go through it and would like that opportunity before discussing this with the Council.

Alderman McCall explained one question that came up is what engineer did the evaluation to say the walls were not good. Director Sprague explained the conversation started when the Parks Department pumped down the pool and were able to get into the pool and observe the walls. He explained their concerns are based on the tile and marcasite on the walls and the possibility of hollow spaces behind it. He explained the conversation after that was that an engineer needed to look at it and make a judgment if repairs are needed or not. Alderman McCall asked if at this point we do not know if it needs to be repaired, and Director Sprague explained at this point we do not know the extent of the repairs that will be needed. Alderman Crawford explained he believes it was just a couple of Parks workers who were tapping on the walls and heard voids.

Alderman Crawford explained the two issues here are first, to award the base bid, which we already planned to do; the second, larger issue is exploration to see if the voids actually exist. He

explained correspondence from CPL provided some interesting information for the Council to review and make an informed decision based on. He explained they were asked to provide alternatives should the City opt not to move forward with the pool, and removing the pool but leaving the existing concrete will cost \$166,000. He explained removing the pool and demolishing the existing concrete would cost \$262,000, and removing the pool, demolishing the deck and then putting in a concrete pad would cost around \$490,000. He explained the Council wanted this information to have a full scope of which direction the Council wants to go in. He explained it is important to know we cannot use the grant funds if we fill in the pool.

Alderman McCall explained she does think we needed that cost analysis, but at minimum we would be out \$262,000 out of the City budget just to get rid of the pool and pool deck. She explained we need to look at everything to have a chance to digest it, and we do need to put this back on for discussion. She explained it has been said many times the Council wants to move forward but while we wait, costs go up. She explained she is interested to know the evaluation by an engineer of the wall and it might be a cost that is not as significant as what the Council was first told.

Alderman Bennion asked if the engineers did not do a full evaluation when they first came in, and Alderman McCall explained they inspected the piping. Alderman Crawford confirmed it was just an extensive look at all of the pipes, which are in very good shape. Alderman Anastasia explained we have been talking about this for a long time and at the next meeting in July we should be able to take the recommendation to award the contract to the low bidder for \$1,092,000. Ms. Kerper noted \$881,000 was the initial projected project cost, and the actual grant funding is \$755,000. Alderman Bennion asked if any of this funding has been expended and Ms. Kerper explained we have been expending funds to pay the engineering firm, and have been doing reimbursement requests to DASNY. Alderman McCall asked if we are responsible for these expenditures if we move forward, and Ms. Kerper advised that the City is. Ms. Taylor noted \$70,145 has been expended as of May 30, 2026. Ms. Kerper explained the consultant will also have additional bills for work done to date. Alderman Crawford explained he is in agreement with Alderman Anastasia and suggests that we give DPW until July 14th and then award the base bid.

4. New Referrals for Consideration

None

5. Committee Reports

None

6. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman McCall, seconded by Alderman Keary. Voice vote, ayes all. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:25 p.m.