



Sanford City Council

City Council Meeting Minutes – November 18, 2014

The Sanford City Council met at 7:00 p.m. in the Chambers of the Sanford City Hall Annex on Tuesday, November 18, 2014. Those present were: **MAYOR:** Thomas P. Cote. **COUNCILORS:** Deputy Mayor Maura A. Herlihy, Councilor Joseph R. Hanslip, Councilor Alan R. Walsh, Councilor Richard L. Wilkins, Councilor Fred W. Smith and Councilor Dianne R. Connolly. **CITY MANAGER:** Steven R. Buck **CITY STAFF:** Sherry Lord, Executive Assistant; Paula Simpson, Treasurer/ Tax Collector; Matthew Hill, Public Works Director, Bette Smith, Assistant to the Fire Chief; Steve Benotti, Fire Chief; Steve Cotter, Assistant Fire Chief; Randy White, General Assistance Director; Sue Cote, Town Clerk/Voter Registrar;

Mayor Cote called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

The session began with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

Roll Call: Mayor Cote preformed the Council Roll Call: Councilor Connolly, present; Councilor Smith, present; Councilor Wilkins, present; Councilor Walsh, present; Councilor Hanslip, absent w/notice; Deputy Mayor Herlihy, Present.

Minutes

Regular Meeting: October 21, 2014; Deputy Mayor Herlihy moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Smith. The City Council voted 6-0 to approve.

Mayor's Reports/City Council Sub-Committee Reports

Councilor Smith reported from the public safety & zoning sub-committee regarding problem properties

City Manager's Report

See attached

Communications/Presentations

Fire Department swearing in of new officers – Chief Steven Benotti Introduced Eric Beecher as the new lieutenant in the Sanford Fire Department. Chief Benotti introduced Brian Watkins as the new Captain in the Sanford Fire Department. Sue Cote swore both members into their new positions.

Recognition of Public Works Department employees – Director, Matthew Hill (This item

was tabled until further notice)

Public Participation

Public Hearings

The City Council will take public comment on the following:

1. A public hearing for the proposed changes to the City of Sanford General Assistance Ordinance. Mayor Cote declared the public hearing open at 7:23pm. Randy White, General Assistance Director explained the changes in the ordinance. There was no one to speak for or against. The public hearing was declared closed at 7:25pm.
2. An application for liquor license renewal the Wolves Social Club, 40 High Street, Sanford, ME. Mayor Cote declared the public hearing open at 7:26pm. There was no one to speak for or against. The public hearing was declared closed at 7:26pm.
3. An application for new liquor license for the Round Abouts Grill, LLC., 9 Renaissance Way, Sanford, ME. Mayor Cote declared the public hearing open at 7:26pm. Christopher Churchill owner spoke about his new restaurant. There was no one to speak for or against. The public hearing was declared closed at 7:27pm.
4. An application for a Mental Health & Abuse Clinic license for Sweetser, 863 Main Street, Sanford, ME. (This is the first of two public hearings). Mayor Cote declared the public hearing open at 7:27pm. There was no one to speak for or against. The public hearing was declared closed at 7:27pm.
5. An application for a Mental Health & Abuse Clinic license for Spectrum Health Systems, Inc., 69 Eagle Drive, Sanford, ME. (This is the first of two public hearings). Mayor Cote declared the public hearing open at 7:27pm. There was no one to speak for or against. The public hearing was declared closed at 7:27pm.
6. A public hearing to discuss the proposed bond issues as follows:

BOND ISSUE: BASE PROJECT FOR NEW HIGH SCHOOL AND TECH CENTER

Question 1: Shall the City of Sanford be authorized to acquire real estate and construct and equip a new high school and regional technical center on that property, as described below (the “Base Project”), at a cost not to exceed \$100,279,252; to issue general obligation bonds (which may be callable) for that purpose, including local only bonds in an amount not to exceed \$7,891,070 and bonds approved for purposes of calculating State subsidy in an amount not to exceed \$92,088,182; to fund the balance of

Base Project costs by accepting an in-kind credit allowance of \$300,000; and to accept other cash or in-kind gifts or grants to reduce the bonds issued at local only expense or to pay those bonds, in accordance with the Order of the City Council (Order #14-160.02), adopted on November 18, 2014?

Base Project Description: The Project shall include construction of a new facility for Sanford High School and Sanford Regional Technical Center including programs as approved by the State of Maine Department of Education. The Project will include site acquisition, building construction, and site improvements including athletic fields, vehicular and pedestrian areas. The Project will include areas funded by the State of Maine Department of Education as well as areas funded at local expense. The local expense items are anticipated to include a performing arts center, increased area in the second gymnasium, portions of student common and presentation areas, portions of the site costs, field lighting, irrigation, outdoor bleachers, a concessions stand, portions of an added softball field, a fourth tennis court, mechanical system improvements, portions of equipment, a community reserve, stadium utility preparations, and other Project costs as determined by the State of Maine and reviewed by the Building Committee.

Information on Fiscal Impacts: It is estimated that the Base Project will result in a net savings in operating costs of \$182,872 per year during each of the first two years that the facility is operational. The school administrative unit is responsible for the local share of annual principal and interest payments for this school construction project included in the total cost of education appropriated pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15690, subsection 1, if any, and for the annual principal and interest payments for the non-state-funded portion of this school construction project.

BOND ISSUE: SUPPLEMENTAL PROJECT FOR NEW HIGH SCHOOL AND TECH CENTER

Question 2: If the Base Project in Referendum Question 1 is approved, shall the City of Sanford be authorized to construct and equip supplemental improvements as part of that project, as described below (the “Supplemental Project”) at an additional cost not to exceed \$2,737,430; to issue additional general obligation bonds (which may be made callable) for that purpose in an amount not to exceed \$2,737,380; and to accept cash or in-kind gifts or grants to reduce the bonds issued or to pay those bonds, in accordance with the Order of the City Council (Order #14-160.02), adopted on November 18, 2014?

Supplemental Project Description: The Base Project and the Supplemental Project, if approved, shall be a single project. The Supplemental Project will include bleachers, lighting, and an upgrade to synthetic turf for the competition athletic field, additional parking, improvements to mechanical building systems including additional dehumidification, and portions of various project costs as determined by the State of Maine and reviewed by the Building Committee, to the extent these costs exceed available funding

provided in Question 1 for the Base Project.

Information on Fiscal Impacts: It is estimated that the Supplemental Project and Base Project, if both are approved, will result in a net savings in operating costs of \$2,230 per year in each of the first two years that the facility is operational. The school administrative unit is responsible for the annual principal and interest payments for the Supplemental Project Bonds without inclusion for state subsidy purposes.

Mayor Cote declared the public hearing open at 7:32pm. The following people spoke in favor of the above. -Emily Sheffield of Sanford spoke in favor of the new school and technical center. -Ed Cormier of Sanford spoke in favor of the new school and technical center. He encouraged people to go out and vote in January. - Jim Drummey of Springvale, questioned the dollar amount in question #2. There was no one to speak against. The public hearing was declared closed at 7:37pm.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Cote sought comments or concerns regarding the following items. There were no comments or concerns. Consent agenda items were approved.

14-159.01 Ordered, to approve the following license requests:

1. An application for liquor license renewal the Wolves Social Club, 40 High Street, Sanford, ME.
3. An application for four (4) blanket letters for games of chance (1-daily pool, 2- sealed tickets, 1- playing cards and 5-video poker) for the Wolves Social Club, 40 High Street, Sanford, ME.
2. An application for new liquor license for the Round Abouts Grill, 9 Renaissance Way, Sanford, ME.

Old Business

New Business

14-160.02 Ordered, to authorize capital projects (base project and supplemental project) for a new high school and regional technical center and the issuance of bonds to finance said capital projects. Deputy Mayor Herlihy moved that the Order #14-160.02 be adopted in form presented to this meeting and that an attested copy of said Order be filed with the minutes of this meeting, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. The City Council voted 6-0 approved.

14-161.03 Ordered, to call a referendum election and to sign the Warrant. Deputy Mayor Herlihy moved that Order #14-161.03 be adopted in form presented to this meeting and that an attested copy of said Order be filed with the

minutes of this meeting.

- 14-162.04 Ordered, to authorize the Tax Collector to offer "Tax Interest Amnesty" to forego the interest penalties on delinquent personal property taxes (business tax) if, within 30 days, the taxpayer pays the principal balance in full or establishes a payment plan with the Tax Collector. Councilor Walsh moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. The City Council voted 6-0 to approve.
- 14-163.05 Ordered, to discharge the Tax Collector from obligation to collect the following unpaid personal property taxes that are determined too small or too burdensome to collect economically from 1995 to 2006 and to authorize the Tax Collector to remove these taxes from the municipal books. Councilor Walsh moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. The City Council voted 6-0 to approve.
- 14-164.06 Ordered, to accept a bid from Starkey Ford, Inc. of York, ME for two (2) 2015 Ford Interceptors for a price not to exceed \$50,250.00. Councilor Walsh moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. The City Council voted 6-0 to approve.
- 14-165.07 Ordered, to accept a five (5) year bid from Charles A. Plante and Sons of Springvale, ME for the plowing of the Eastside of Sanford and Springvale, ME. Cost per year is as follows: 14/15 \$78,000.00; 15/16 \$80,000.00; 16/17 \$82,000.00; 17/18 \$82,000.00 and 18/19 \$82,000.00. Councilor Walsh moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. The City Council voted 6-0 to approve.
- 14-166.08 Ordered, to accept a bid for crushing and processing of inert reusable material from Superior Crushing of Scarborough, ME for an amount not to exceed \$5.95 per yard. Councilor Walsh moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. The City Council voted 6-0 to approve.
- 14-167.09 Ordered, to accept a bid from O'Connor GMC of Augusta, ME for a 2015 4x4 pickup truck with plow for an amount not to exceed \$39,070.25. Councilor Walsh moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. The City Council voted 6-0 to approve.
- 14-168.10 Ordered, to accept a bid from Northeast Emergency Apparatus LLC., for Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA's) in the amount not to exceed \$359,975.00. Councilor Walsh moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. The City Council voted 6-0 to approve.
- 14-169.11 Ordered, to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Municipal Lease Purchase with Gorham Leasing Group LLC for the purchase of Self Contained Breathing Apparatus for the Fire Department. Councilor Walsh moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. The City Council voted 6-0 to approve.

- 14-170.12 Ordered, to enter into a Disaster Mutual Aid Agreement for York County to participate in a cooperative program and plan for disaster preparedness and disaster response in conjunction with other York County municipalities. Councilor Walsh moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. The City Council voted 6-0 to approve.
- 14-171.13 Ordered, to authorize the Fire Chief to send communications to the Towns of Lebanon, Acton, and Shapleigh to create either a mutual aid or contracted services provision for ambulance services. Chief Benotti explained the need for this agreement. Councilor Wilkins and Smith explained that this was discussed at the Public Safety Sub-Committee meeting. City Manager Buck added to the need for the letter. Councilor Walsh moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. The City Council voted 6-0 to approve.
- 14-172.14 Ordered, to weigh the implementation of Contract Services for Ambulance Billing versus employed services as it pertains to continuity and overall service provisions. Deputy Mayor Herlihy moved to eliminate the position of Ambulance Billing Clerk and to lay off the affected employee according to the terms of the collective bargaining agreement, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. The City Council voted 6-0 to approve.
- Deputy Mayor Herlihy moved to authorize the City Manager to implement a Contract for Services with Comstar for Ambulance Billing and Collections for an interim period of 18 months pending meeting the requirements of the current Collective Bargaining Agreement covering the Ambulance Billing Clerk position, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. The City Council voted 6-0 to approve.
- 14-173.15 Ordered, to authorize the closure of Main Street from approximately Avon Street to St. Ignatius Street from 5:15 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. on Friday December 5, 2014. This will allow for the 'Holly Daze' Parade to take place along the Main Street corridor. Councilor Wilkins moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Walsh. The City Council voted 6-0 to approve. Deputy Mayor Herlily listed the events and activities planned.
- 14-174.16 The City Council hereby ordains amendments to the City of Sanford General Assistance Ordinance. (This item must be read on two separate days. This is the first reading). There was no action taken on this item.

Council Member Comments

Councilor Connolly: None

Councilor Smith: Thanked everyone that showed up for the Veterans ceremony. No talk of increase on PAYT Bags.

Councilor Wilkins: None

Councilor Walsh: None

Councilor Hanslip: Absent w/ notice

Deputy Mayor Herlihy: Wanted to clarify the motions that were made and the referendum election and signing of the warrant was approved by Council.

Mayor Cote: spoke of upcoming changes here in Sanford.

Future Agenda Items

Adjournment

Mayor Cote moved to adjourn at 8:10pm

Respectfully submitted by

Sherry Lord, Executive Assistance