



# Sanford City Council

City Council Meeting Minutes – December 16, 2014

The Sanford City Council met at 7:00 p.m. in the Chambers of the Sanford City Hall Annex on Tuesday, December 16, 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; Fire Chief Steven Benotti, Assistant Fire Chief Steven Cutter, Code Enforcement Officer Shirley Sheesley, Director of Sanford Regional Economic Growth Council Jim F. Nimon, Director of Planning Jim Gulnac, Voter Registrar Sue Cote, Assistant to the Fire Chief Bette Smith and many members of the Sanford Fire Department.

Mayor Cote called the meeting to order at 7:05 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, absent; Councilor Hanslip, present; Deputy Mayor Herlihy, Present.

## Minutes

Executive Session: December 2, 2014: Councilor Smith moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. The City Council voted 6-0 to approve.

Regular Meeting: December 2, 2014: Councilor Smith moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. The City Council voted 6-0 to approve.

## Mayor's Reports/City Council Sub-Committee Reports

Mayor Cote spoke of the upcoming 2015 Sanford Film Festival planning in the works. The Film festival will be the last weekend in May. If you would like to volunteer please e-mail the mayor at [tcote@sanfordmaine.org](mailto:tcote@sanfordmaine.org)

## City Manager's Report

See attached

## Communications/Presentations

Acknowledgement of Fire Department Personnel – Fire Chief Steven Benotti

- Robert April served 26 years on the Sanford Fire Department
- Richard Bond served 40 years on the Sanford Fire Department
- Harold Smith served 30 years on the Sanford Fire Department

Swearing in of Lieutenant Scott Chase to the Sanford Fire Department. Chief Benotti introduced and gave an outline of Lt. Chase's work history at the Sanford Fire Department. City Clerk Sue Cote swore Lt. Chase in.

York Pines Presentation – James Nimon, Director of Sanford Regional Economic Growth Council. Bill Underwood, Co-Founder explained the process and how they got to where they are today. H. Alan Mapes, Co-Founder and President of York Pines addressed the Council with a brief history of the birth of York Pines.

Goodall Brook Watershed Report – Jim Gulnac introduced Wendy Garland of the MDEP and Theresa Galvin, project manager of the York County Soil and Water Conservation District.

### **Public Participation**

Arline Caroll- New resident of Springvale. Mrs. Caroll spoke of the energy needs such as fuel oil. She started a Fuel for February in Alfred, ME. She would like to now start a program in Sanford. She is looking for help from the City.

Charlie Plante, Springvale – voiced his concerns about how the microphone is handled at the School public hearings.

### **Public Hearings**

The City Council will take public comment on the following:

1. The Council of the City of Sanford will hold a public hearing and receive comments on the January 13, 2015 Referendum for School Construction. Mayor Cote declared the public hearing open at 8:17pm. City Manager Buck gave a brief presentation to the Council. Charlie Plante voiced his concerns about the clarity of the presentation. Mark Cormier spoke in favor of this school and encouraged citizens to get out and vote. Carl McMilen resident of Sanford voiced his opinion of the voting date being in January. He stated that he is not opposed to this school. He encourages citizens to vote for this project. City Manager Buck explained the timeline that lead the City to the January 13<sup>th</sup> election. Steve Cabana resident of Sanford spoke in favor of this project. Mr. Cabana spoke of the consequences that may happen if we do not vote in this new school. Mayor Cote declared the public hearing closed at 9:05pm.
2. A public hearing for the proposed amendments to the fee structure for the Sanford Fire Marshal's Office. Mayor Cote declared the public hearing open at 9:05pm. Lionel Sevigny is not in favor of these additional fees. Mayor Cote declared the public hearing closed at 9:07pm.

3. A public hearing for the proposed amendments to the “Life Safety” Section of the Sanford City Code (Elevators). Mayor Cote declared the public hearing open at 9:08pm. Lionel Sevigny of Springvale spoke against this ordinance amendment. There was no one else to speak for or against. The public hearing was declared closed at 9:08pm.
4. A public hearing for the proposed amendments to the “Sprinkler Code” of the City of Sanford. Mayor Cote declared the public hearing open at 9:08pm. There was no one to speak for or against. The public hearing was declared closed at 9:08pm.
5. A public hearing on the proposed amendment revisions to the City’s Land Use ordinances:
  - i. Replace Section 280-84 SIGNS of the City Zoning Ordinance with a revised ordinance;
  - ii. Delete Section 272-2-41 Signs from the City Land Stewardship Site Plan Ordinance.
 Mayor Cote declared the public hearing open at 9:08pm. There was no one to speak for or against. The public hearing was declared closed at 9:08pm.
6. A public hearing for an application for liquor license renewal for the Third Alarm Diner, 47 Washington Street, Sanford, Maine. Mayor Cote declared the public hearing open at 9:09pm. There was no one to speak for or against. The public hearing was declared closed at 9:09pm.
7. A public hearing for an application for liquor license renewal for Capital Pizza Huts, Inc., D/B/A: Pizza Hut, 1364 Main Street, Sanford, ME. Mayor Cote declared the public hearing open at 9:09pm. There was no one to speak for or against. The public hearing was declared closed at 9:09pm.

### **Consent Agenda**

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

14-187.01 Ordered, to approve the following license requests:

1. An application for liquor license renewal for the Third Alarm Diner, 47Washington Street, Sanford, Maine.
2. A public hearing for an application for liquor license renewal for Capital Pizza Huts, Inc., D/B/A: Pizza Hut, 1364 Main Street, Sanford, ME.
3. A public hearing for applications for blanket letters for Games of Chance (Beano, 3- Sealed Tickets, Queen of Hearts and Daily Pool) for the Sanford Lodge of Elks, B.P.O # 1470, 13 Elm Street, Sanford, ME.

## **Old Business**

- 14-183.09 The City Council of the City of Sanford hereby ordains amendments to the City's Land Use Ordinances, chapters 272 & 280 – (Signs). (This item must be read on two separate days. This is the second reading). City Manager Buck reviewed the changes to this ordinance. Councilor Hanslip moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. The City Council voted 6-0 to approve.
- 14-184.10 The City Council of the City of Sanford hereby ordains amendments to the City of Sanford Code Chapter 280, zoning – attachment 2 (Fire Marshal, Fee Structure). (This item must be read on two separate days. This is the second reading). Councilor Hanslip moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. The City Council voted 4-2 to approve. Mayor Cote and Councilor Connolly opposed
- 14-185.11 The City Council of the City of Sanford hereby ordains amendments to the Life Safety section of the City of Sanford Code- (Elevators). (This item must be read on two separate days. This is the second reading). Councilor Smith moved to table, seconded by Councilor Hanslip. The City Council voted 6-0 to table.
- 14-186.12 The City Council of the City of Sanford hereby ordains amendments to the City of Sanford Fire Code, chapter 128-12 – (Fire protection water supply for subdivisions). (This item must be read on two separate days. This is the second reading). Councilor Hanslip moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. Deputy Mayor Herlihy explained the need for this ordinance revision. The City Council voted 5-1 to approve. Mayor Cote opposed.

## **New Business**

- 14-188.02 Ordered, to accept a bid for a new fuel oil furnace from Eastern Mechanical of Biddeford Maine for the public works highway maintenance garage in the amount of \$10,600.67. Councilor Wilkins moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Smith. The City Council voted 6-0 to approve.
- 14-189.03 Order, to act upon a proposed realignment of the Departments of Planning, Codes, Fire Marshal, and Engineering and consider acting pursuant to Charter Section 205.3 to create a new position and to amend Chapter 274-1-5 site review, both by a future act of ordinance. Deputy Mayor Herlihy moved to approve amending the chapter to 272-1-5, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. The City Council voted 5-1 to approve. Councilor Connolly Opposed.
- 14-190.04 Ordered, to approve amendments to the employment agreement between the City of Sanford and Steven R. Buck dated November 18, 2014.

Councilor Hanslip moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. The City Council voted 6-0 to approve.

### **Council Member Comments**

Councilor Connolly: Thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve. Spoke in favor of the New High School but does not feel that supplemental package is necessary.

Councilor Smith: Thanked Councilor Connolly for her involvement in the community.

Councilor Wilkins: Thanked Councilor Connolly for her service

Councilor Walsh: absent

Councilor Hanslip: Thanked Councilor Connolly for her service on the Council

Deputy Mayor Herlihy: Thanked Councilor Connolly and also spoke in favor of the school

Mayor Cote: Thanked Councilor Connolly for her services on the City Council.

### **Future Agenda Items**

Mayor Cote – List of problem properties monthly update

### **Adjournment**

Mayor Cote moved to adjourn at 10:00pm

Respectfully submitted by

Sherry Lord, Executive Assistance