



Sanford City Council

City Council Meeting Minutes – April 15, 2014

The Sanford City Council met at 7:00 p.m. in the Chambers of the Sanford City Hall Annex on Tuesday, April 15, 2014. Those present were: **MAYOR:** Thomas P. Cote **COUNCILORS:** Councilor Maura A. Herlihy, Councilor Joseph R. Hanslip, Councilor Alan R. Walsh, Councilor Richard L. Wilkins, Councilor Ken Burgess and Councilor Fred W. Smith. **CITY MANAGER:** Steven R. Buck **CITY STAFF:** Sherry Lord, Executive Assistant; Paula Simpson, City Treasurer/Tax Collector, Sue Cote, City Clerk/Voter Registrar; Peter Smith, Interim Public Works Director; Ronni Lynn Champlin Finance Director; Jeff Rowe, Fire Chief and Steve Benotti, Assistant Fire Chief.

Mayor Cote called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

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

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

Minutes

Regular Meeting: April 1, 2014; Councilor Smith moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. The City Council voted 5-0 to approve.

Mayor's Reports/City Council Sub-Committee Reports

Mayor Cote discussed the Sanford Film Festival to be held in Sanford on May 31st and June 1st. Mayor Cote presented Fire Chief Jeff Rowe with a plaque for 33 years of service to the City of Sanford. Chief Rowe's last day with the City will be on May 9, 2014.

City Manager's Report

See Attached

Communications/Presentations

Audit Presentation –Hank Farrar of RKO presented

Public Participation

None

Public Hearings

The City Council will take public comment on the following:

1. A public hearing to determine special local needs or interest in cable television programming and services per Chapter 96- Cable Television, Section 4-Procedural Requirements of the Sanford Town Code. Mayor Cote declared the public hearing open at 7:43pm. Paul Auger spoke of the need of a French Channel in Sanford. Richard Bergeron spoke and discussed the need of the French Channel in Sanford. Both Mr. Auger and Mr. Bergeron made it clear that neighboring Towns such as North Berwick, Wells and Kennebunk all have a French Channel. Lorraine Masure spoke in favor and the need of the French Channel. There was no one else to speak for or against. The public hearing was declared closed at 7:55pm.
2. A public hearing to receive comments on the proposed change to Chapter 245 Vehicles and Traffic, Article II Patrol Traffic and Administration, Sub-section 245-14.1 - Traffic Detail and Road Closures of the Town Code of the City of Sanford. Mayor Cote declared the public hearing open at 7:55pm. City Manager Buck explained that the Public Safety Sub-Committee met with the Water, Sewer and Public Works Departments. City Manager Buck discussed that amendments, discussion and concerns of the departments. City Manager Buck asked that the Council allow him to continue to work on this draft with the departments as well as the police union before approving tonight. Mayor Cote declared the public hearing closed at 8:01pm.
3. An application for liquor license renewal for Smitty's Cinema, 1364 Main Street, Sanford, ME. Mayor Cote declared the public hearing open at 8:01pm. There was no one to speak for or against. The public hearing was declared closed at 8:01pm.
4. An application for blanket letter for license to operate Games of Chance (Daily Pools for the Sanford VFW Post #9935, 1 Hutchinson Street, Sanford, ME. Mayor Cote declared the public hearing open at 8:01pm. There was no one to speak for or against. The public hearing was declared closed at 8:01pm.
5. An application to extend the alcohol consumption are for members only for the VFW Post #9935, 1 Hutchinson Street, Sanford, Maine for the following dates only: (please note all times will be from 12:00pm to 8:00pm and all dates are for the year 2014) Mayor Cote declared the public hearing open at 8:01pm. There was no one to speak for or against. The public hearing was declared closed at 8:01pm.

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June 20, 21, 22

May 16, 17, 18

June 6, 7, 8

June 27, 28, 29

Consent Agenda

Mayor Cote sought comment or opposition on the below listed items. There were none. The items for this consent agenda are approve.

14-49.01 Ordered, to approve the following license request:

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2. An application for blanket letter for license to operate Games of Chance (Daily Pools for the Sanford VFW Post #9935, 1 Hutchinson Street, Sanford, ME.
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Old Business

14-39.02 The City Council of the City of Sanford hereby ordains amendments to Chapter 245 Vehicles and Traffic, Article II Patrol Traffic and Administration, Sub-section 245-14.1 - Traffic Detail and Road Closures of the Town Code of the City of Sanford. (This item must be read on two separate days. This is the second reading). Councilor Walsh moved to table to the May 5th Council meeting, seconded by Councilor Smith. The City Council voted 5-0 to table.

New Business

14-50.02 Ordered, to accept the annual audit conducted by Runyon, Kersteen and Ouellette. Councilor Walsh moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. The City Council voted 5-0 to approve.

14-51.03 Ordered, to receive from the City Treasurer additional tax acquired property due to nonpayment of 2011/2012 real estate tax liens. City Treasurer Paula Simpson stated for the record that the property is listed as Tax Map R16A Lot 47. Councilor Walsh moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. The City Council voted 5-0 to approve.

14-52.04 Ordered, to receive and take action on the Budget Committee

recommendation for the FY14/15 Municipal and School Budget. Councilor Walsh moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. Don Jamison, Chairman of the Budget Committee presented the budget presentation to the City Council. Joseph Sousa voiced his concerns regarding tax increases and expressed his frustration with rising prices of oil, gas, food etc. Connie Garber, Transportation director of York County Community Action voiced her concerns regarding the flat funding of the Sanford transit. She stated that this impact will be great. She feels that public transportation is essential in a community and the level of proposed funding for FY 2014/2015. A rider of the Sanford Transit stated that the fee to ride from South Sanford to Springvale is \$2 and he chooses to pay \$3. He asked that the hours not be cut. The City Council voted on the following budget Items.

Expense

Deputy Mayor Herlihy moved to approve the Municipal Expense budget of \$21,601,039.00., seconded by Councilor Walsh. The City Council voted 5-0 to approve.

Deputy Mayor Herlihy moved to approve the School Expense budget of \$35,132,678.00, seconded by Councilor Walsh. The City Council voted 5-0 to approve.

Deputy Mayor Herlihy moved to approve the Capital Reserve budget pending the passage of the School Bond of \$1,690,118.00, seconded by Councilor Walsh. The City Council voted 5-0 to approve.

Revenue

Deputy Mayor Herlihy moved to approve the Municipal Revenue budget of \$8,589,469.00, seconded by Councilor Walsh. The City Council voted 5-0 to approve.

Deputy Mayor Herlihy moved to approve the School Revenue budget of \$21,275,408.00, seconded by Councilor Smith. The City Council voted 5-0 to approve.

Undesignated

Deputy Mayor Herlihy moved to approve use of \$850,000.00 in undesignated funds, seconded by Councilor Walsh. The City Council voted 4-1 to approve. (Councilor Smith opposed)

Council Member Comments

Councilor Smith: need to bring revenue and growth

Councilor Burgess: Absent w/notice

Councilor Wilkins: None

Councilor Walsh: Feels that the Mayor is striving to bring revenue and growth. Thanked Chief Rowe for his years of service

Councilor Hanslip: Absent w/notice

Deputy Mayor Herlihy: Congratulated Chief Rowe

Mayor Cote: Congratulated Chief Rowe and thanked the budget committee

Future Agenda Items

Adjournment

Mayor Herlihy moved to adjourn at 9:00pm

Respectfully submitted by

Sherry Lord, Executive Assistant