



Sanford City Council

City Council Meeting Minutes – September 16, 2014

The Sanford City Council met at 7:00 p.m. in the Chambers of the Sanford City Hall Annex on Tuesday, September 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; Steven Benotti, Fire Chief; Stephen Cutter, Assistant Fire Chief; Matthew Hill, Director of Public Works; Michael Casserly, City Engineer; Thomas P. Connolly, Jr, Police Chief; James F. Nimon, SREGC Director; Sue Cote, City Clerk/Voter Registrar;

Mayor Cote called the meeting to order at 7:00 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, present; Deputy Mayor Herlihy, Present.

Minutes

Regular Meeting: September 2, 2014 Councilor Smith moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Hanslip. The City Council voted 7-0 to approve.

Mayor's Reports/City Council Sub-Committee Reports

Mayor Cote announced the next Synergize Sanford night will be held on October 23rd at 5:00pm at the Bradford Block Bistro in Springvale.

Councilor Hanslip moved to add the municipal warrant to the end of the agenda, seconded by Deputy Mayor Herlihy. The City Council voted 7-0 to add.

City Manager's Report

See attached

Communications/Presentations

Introduction and Swearing in of Fire Lieutenant Greg Jones –Fire Chief Steven Benotti presenting.

Trails Committee Construction on Haven Cove & Pleasant Street Trails – This

presentation has been postponed to the next Council Meeting.

Public Participation

Roland Cote of Springvale – He voiced his opinion regarding issues with high taxes and homes for sale. Mr. Cote stated that this City is hurting and he feels that the traffic detail ordinance is not what the City needs. Mr. Cote asked to have a cost analysis to see how much this will affect the bottom lines of the cost to the Sanford Water, Sewerage and Highway Departments.

Robert Diviggio Citizen of Sanford paid his property taxes today and he feels that the taxes in this City are out of control.

Public Hearings

The City Council will take public comment on the following:

1. A public hearing to discuss the proposed Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 226-33 Section 7 to allow independent assessment and determination by either the Public Works Director or the Chief of Police to require additional traffic control or a stop work order for construction projects within the municipal rights of way that are unsafely impeding traffic. 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.
2. A public hearing to discuss the proposed Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 226-30 Utility Companies setting standards and times for the disposition of excavation debris and removal of structures upon abandonment. 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.
3. A public hearing to seek comments to consider the suspension or amendments to Chapter 136, Impact Fees, Pursuant to Council directives and time table. Mayor Cote declared the public hearing open at 7:27pm. Jim Nimon, Executive Director of the SREGC spoke in favor of this suspension. Gary Samia, Realtor & Business owner in Sanford. He is concerned with what is going to happen to the projects that are in the process currently. Mr. Buck gave a history on the impact fees. There was no one else to speak for or against. The public hearing was declared closed at 7:39pm.

Consent Agenda

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

14-137.01 Ordered, to approve the following license requests:

1. A blanket letter for application for license to operate a Game of Chance for (Dice) for the American Legion Post #19, 656 Main Street,

Springvale, ME.

Old Business

None

New Business

- 14-138.02 Ordered, to authorize the road closure of the Sanford High School Boulevard On October 4th, 2014 from 3:00 pm to 10:00 pm for the Sanford High School Marching Band Competition. Councilor Smith moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. Dave Caron from the Sanford High School Music Boosters was present to answer questions. Mr. Caron explained that there are currently 12 bands that will be participating. The City Council voted 7-0 to approve.
- 14-139.03 Ordered, to appoint a member to the Dam Coalition that member is a Sanford resident and a camp owner on Mousam Lake. Deputy Mayor Herlihy moved to appoint Lori Hegarty to the Dam Coalition, Seconded by Councilor Smith. The City Council voted 7-0 to appoint.
- 14-140.04 Ordered, to authorize the Code Enforcement Department to pursue violations of Chapter 90-19 C International Property Maintenance Code for trash and debris, pursuant to 30-A M.R.S.A. §4452. Councilor Smith moved to discuss, seconded by Councilor Walsh. City Manager Buck explained the lengthy history on this property. Councilor Walsh moved to approve, seconded by Deputy Mayor. The City Council voted 7-0 to approve.
- 14-141.05 Ordered, to authorize the Sanford City Hall Hours of operation to be Monday thru Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm. Councilor Walsh moved to approve, seconded by Deputy Mayor Herlihy to begin on September 23rd. The City Council voted 7-0 to approve.
- 14-142.06 Ordered, to designate the City Manager as voting authority to determine and delegate the voting delegates for the Maine Municipal Associations Annual Business Meetings. Councilor Hanslip moved to approve, seconded by Deputy Mayor Herlihy. The City Council voted 7-0 to approve.
- 14-143.07 The City Council hereby ordains the amendment to Chapter 226-33 Section 7 to allow independent assessment and determination by either the Public Works Director or the Chief of Police to require additional traffic control or a stop work order for construction projects within the municipal rights of way that are unsafely impeding traffic. (This item must be read on two separate days. This is the first reading). City Manager Buck explained the amendment. Mayor Cote asked that the “designee” be stricken from the ordinance and add “Deputy Chief”. No action was taken on this item.
- 14-144.08 The City Council hereby ordains the amendment to Chapter 226-30 Utility

Companies setting standards and times for the disposition of excavation debris and removal of structures upon abandonment. (This item must be read on two separate days. This is the first reading). Councilor Smith explained the reason for this ordinance. Councilor Connolly asked if this would pertain to outside paving companies. City Manager Buck explained it will only pertain to companies doing excavation. No action was taken on this item.

14-145.09 Ordered, to amend Chapter 136-3 Sanford Road Impact Fee Ordinance Applicability to suspend Chapter 136 effective November 7th , 2014 for not more than 6 months, unless extended, pending review and possible amendment of portions of Chapter 136, and applications for development subject to Road Impact Fee consideration predating the effective date or during, shall not be affected by this Ordinance but shall be subject to consideration upon the final amendment and reapplication of Chapter 136 as acted upon by the City Council. (This item must be read on two separate days. This is the first reading) Deputy Mayor Herlihy does not feel that impact fees should be eliminated. There was discussion of impact fees for single family homes. Mayor Cote feels that the impact fee should be amended but not eliminated. Councilor Walsh moved to make an amendment that there be no retro-active fee for current development, seconded by Councilor Smith. The City Council voted 7-0 to approve.

14-146.10 Ordered, to sign the Warrant for the Municipal Election. Councilor Walsh moved to approve, seconded by Deputy Mayor Herlihy. The City Council voted 7-0 to approve.

Council Member Comments

Councilor Connolly: Traffic issues on Railroad Ave and Pleasant Street.

Councilor Smith: Issues with Metrocast not airing tonight

Councilor Wilkins: None

Councilor Walsh: None

Councilor Hanslip: None

Deputy Mayor Herlihy: None

Mayor Cote: Thanked dance instructor, Dianne from Dianne's School of Dance. Dancing with the Stars on November 1st. Thanked his daughters U13 Soccer team for letting him work out with them last night.

Future Agenda Items

Adjournment

Mayor Cote moved to adjourn at 8:20pm

Respectfully submitted by

Sherry Lord, Executive Assistance