



Sanford City Council

City Council Meeting Minutes – October 20, 2015

The Sanford City Council met at 7:00 p.m. in the Chambers of the Sanford City Hall Annex on Tuesday, October 20, 2015. Those present were: **COUNCILORS:** Mayor Cote, Deputy Mayor Maura A. Herlihy, Councilor Alan R. Walsh, Councilor Richard L. Wilkins, Councilor Fred W. Smith and Councilor Victor E. DiGregorio. **CITY MANAGER:** Steven R. Buck **CITY STAFF:** Sherry Lord, Executive Assistant; Allison Rogers, Airport Manager; Randy White, General Assistance Director; James F. Nimon, Director of SREGC; Lee Burnett, Grant Writer; Peter Smith, Highway Foreman and Matt Hill, Public Works Director.

Mayor Cote called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

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

Roll Call: Mayor Cote performs the Council Roll Call: Councilor DiGregorio, present; Councilor Smith, present; Councilor Wilkins, present; Councilor Walsh, present; Councilor Hanslip, present, and Deputy Mayor Herlihy, present.

Minutes

Regular Meeting: October 6, 2015; Councilor Walsh moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Smith. The City Council voted 6-0-1 (Councilor Hanslip was absent).

Mayor's Reports/City Council Sub-Committee Reports

Councilor Smith reported from Zoning & Public Safety – The committee will be addressing 5 abandoned properties per month.

Deputy Mayor Herlihy explained that this committee also discussed and will be bringing the proposed elevator ordinance and proposed false fire alarm ordinance to the November 10th City Council Meeting.

City Manager's Report

See attached

Communications/Presentations

Sanford Regional Economic Growth Council Quarterly Report – James F. Nimon

Public Participation

Steve Bruno of Springvale voiced his concerns about how he feels the Council responds to people that come to speak at the podium and he feels that his questions have not been answered.

Jonathan Mapes of Springvale would like to see the Council spend some time reviewing an ordinance regarding paving and utilities

Public Hearings

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1. A public hearing to consider approval for a Mental Health & Abuse Clinic license renewal application from Sweetser, 863 Main Street, Sanford, Maine. (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.
2. A public hearing for liquor license renewal for Above and Beyond Catering, 4 Washington Street, Sanford, ME. 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.

Consent Agenda

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

15-126.01 Ordered, to approve the following license request:

1. An application for blanket letter for application to operate Game of Chance (Dice Game) for the American Legion Post #19, 656 Main Street, Sanford, ME.
2. An application for liquor license renewal for Above and Beyond Catering, 4 Washington Street, 4th floor, Sanford, ME.

Old Business

15-125.05 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 second reading). Deputy Mayor Herlihy moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Walsh. The City Council voted 7-0 to approve.

New Business

15-127.02 Ordered, to affirm the purchase of a 2007 GMC Bucket Truck from Colvins, Inc. of Waltham, MA in the amount of \$75,000.00. The CIP allocated for this purchase was \$85,000.00. Councilor Walsh moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. Councilor Walsh explained that the property sub-committee is recommending this purchase. Jonathan Mapes voiced his concern that it was too much of a truck for what is needed. The City Council voted 7-0 to approve.

- 15-128.03 Ordered, to authorize the Application to enter into the WEX Fleet Card Fueling Program for all City Departments as an Addendum to the Fuel Card Services Agreement between WEX Bank and the State of Maine as a subdivision of the State. Councilor Walsh moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. Councilor Walsh explained that the property sub-committee is recommending approval. Jonathan Mapes addressed the Council and voiced his concerns. Councilor Walsh moved to table this item and send it back to the Property sub-committee, seconded by Councilor Hanslip. The City Council voted 7-0 to table.
- 15-129.04 Ordered, to authorize the City Manager to execute the Option to Lease with Sanford Solar Airport, LLC for a term of 1 year with the goal of developing, negotiating, and entering into a lease agreement. Councilor Smith moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. Councilor Walsh moved to amend removing section 4 of the option agreement. The City Council voted 7-0 on the amendment. Allison Rogers, airport manager explained the project. Adam Cohen, president of Ranger Solar addressed the Council. The proposed solar array will service approximately 3,000 homes. The City Council voted 7-0 to authorize.
- 15-130.05 Ordered, to authorize the allocation and use of \$31,300 by the Sanford Trails Committee from the Sanford Trails Forestry Account for various work on the Sanford High School Trail Phase I (\$3,800), an RTP grant match of \$7,500 for the High School Trail Phase I, and an RTP grant match of up to \$20,000 for the Springvale Farm Connector Trail Project. Councilor Walsh moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. The City Council voted 7-0 to approve.
- 15-131.06 Ordered, to authorize the expenditure of \$240,000 Total Project Costs to perfect environmental remediation on City property Tax Map J29 Lots 17E and 17F, and to authorize an Agreement for Professional Services by and between the City of Sanford and Credere Associates, LLC to perfect said cleanup for the Lump sum of \$210,000, administrative costs of \$20,000, and contingency of \$10,000. Councilor Walsh moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. Councilor Walsh explained that this is the property on the corner of High Street and Heritage Crossing. The City Council voted 7-0 to approve.
- 15-132.07 Ordered, to approve a Mental Health & Abuse Clinic license renewal for Sweetser, 863 Main Street, Sanford, ME. (This item must be read on two separate days. This is the first reading).
- 15-133.08 Ordered, pursuant to Charter Section 619.2 Emergency Appropriations that an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$324,700 be made to the Sanford School Department to address special education programming and that the appropriation be taken from the revised unappropriated revenue from the Maine Department of Education Essential Programs and Services (EPS) for FY 15/16. Deputy Mayor Herlihy moved to approve, seconded by

Councilor Walsh. Gwen Bedell addressed the Council and gave a presentation. The City Council voted 7-0 to approve.

Deputy Mayor Herlihy moved to add the below agenda item, seconded by Councilor Smith. The City Council voted 7-0 to add.

15-134.09 VOTED by the City Council for the City of Sanford, Maine as follows:

- (1) That a Capital Acquisition Project (the "Project") consisting of the lease of a 2016 "Life Line" Brand Type 3 Ambulance, is hereby approved; and
- (2) That the financing for the Project in the principal amount of \$197,620 is awarded to Tax-Exempt Leasing Corp. at an interest rate of 2.54%; and
- (3) That the Treasurer and City Manager of the City are hereby authorized, acting jointly or individually, to execute the Lease Purchase Agreement and all other documents reasonably necessary to accomplish the purpose of this vote, as the documents may require; and
- (4) That said Lease is hereby designated a "bank qualified tax-exempt obligation" of the Town for the 2015 calendar year under the provisions of Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

Deputy Mayor Herlihy moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Walsh. The City Council voted 7-0 to approve.

Council Member Comments

Councilor DiGregorio: Announced that if he does win the State Representative Seat he will still remain on the City Council.

Councilor Smith: Attended the Opiate Forum last week. Feels that the best money spend is through education. School Booster cards are now for sale and supports local businesses as well as the school. Thursday night is candidate's night

Councilor Wilkins: None

Councilor Walsh: None

Councilor Hanslip: None

Deputy Mayor Herlihy: None

Mayor Cote: Commented on the waterfall and stated that the project was funded by the William Oscar Emery Fund and not by the tax payers.

Future Agenda Items

Councilor DiGregorio – Signs and enforcement

Councilor Walsh – Pavement Repair Ordinance & policy for non-profits.

Adjournment

Mayor Cote moved to adjourn regular meeting at 8:33 pm

Respectfully submitted by Sherry Lord, Executive Assistant