



Sanford City Council

City Council Meeting Minutes – October 4, 2016

The Sanford City Council met at 6:00 p.m. in the Chambers of the Sanford City Hall Annex on Tuesday, October 4, 2016. Those present were: **COUNCILORS:** Mayor Thomas P. Cote, Councilor Maura A. Herlihy, Councilor Joseph Hanslip, Councilor Fred W. Smith, Councilor Victor E. DiGregorio, Councilor Lucas J. Lanigan and Councilor John L. Tuttle, Jr. **CITY STAFF:** City Manager, Steven Buck; Randy White, General Assistance Director; Thomas Connolly, Police Chief; Steven Benotti, Fire Chief; Beth Della Valle, Planning Director; Matthew Hill, Public Works Director; Mike Casserly, Asst. Engineer; Lee Burnett, Grant Writer; Dave Parent, Sanford Water District Superintendent; Lenny Horr, Chairman of Planning Board; Dianne Connolly & John McAdam, Planning Board members.

Mayor Cote called the meeting to order at 6:03 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 Tuttle, present; Councilor Lanigan, present; Councilor DiGregorio, present; Councilor Smith, present; Councilor Hanslip, present, and Deputy Mayor Herlihy, present.

Minutes

Regular Meeting: September 20, 2016; Councilor Smith moved to approve seconded by Councilor Tuttle. The City Council voted 6-0-1 to approve. Councilor Hanslip abstained.

Mayor's Report/City Council Sub-Committee Reports

Councilor Smith reported the Zoning Sub-Committee is continuing to work on blighted properties in Sanford/Springvale and seeking on obtaining Municipal Warrants to enter properties which owners are not co-operating with City officials. An RFP will be coming soon to demolish one of the blighted properties in Sanford.

City Manager's Report

(see attached)

Communications/Presentations

Mayor Cote presented recently retired EMA Director Raymond Parent with a plaque in recognition of his years of service to Sanford both as EMA Director 2011 thru 2016.

Public Participation

Dianne Connolly asked if committee minutes could be more current on the City website.

She stated the trails committee last posted from February. Heather Stanley expressed her concerns of the increase in dogs roaming at large, cat drop-offs and feels one animal control officer is not enough. Fire Chief Steve Benotti invited all to attend a re-dedication ceremony for the new Fallen Firefighters Memorial at Central Station Sunday at 1:00 PM.

Addition to Agenda

Councilor Herlihy makes a motion requesting an item be added to the agenda. Seconded by Councilor Hanslip. The item requested is a road closure for the Sanford High School Marching Band competition taking place Saturday October 15th at Cobb Stadium and asks for Sanford High School Boulevard to be closed to traffic from 4:00pm to 9:00pm in the interest of safety for the participants. Motion to this item to the agenda carried 7-0.

Public Hearings

The City Council will take public comment on the following:

1. A public hearing for application for one blanket letter (1-Dice Game) for the American Legion Post #19: 656 Main Street, Springvale, ME. Mayor Cote declared the public hearing open at 6:26pm. There was no one present to speak for or against. Mayor Cote declared the public hearing closed at 6:26pm.
2. A public hearing for the proposed changes to the City of Sanford General Assistance Ordinance. Mayor Cote declared the public hearing open at 6:26pm. General Assistance Director Randy White gave a brief overview of the changes. No one else was there to speak in favor or against this item. Mayor Cote declared the public hearing closed at 6:28pm.
3. A public hearing on the proposed amendments to Section 280-16-6.7.2.4.8 of the City of Sanford Zoning Ordinance. Mayor Cote declared the public hearing open at 6:28pm. Ted Johnson from Fayette who works with Natural Resource Industries on bar mineral compliance. Mr. Johnson spoke about the proposed change and stated it was appropriate but reactive, not proactive. He offered a revised version the City could look at. City Planner, Beth Della Valle explained the purpose of the change and introduced several members of the Planning Board in attendance should there be any questions.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Cote sought comments or concerns regarding the following item. There were None. The consent agenda item was approved.

16-125.01 Ordered, to approve the following license requests:

1. An application for one blanket letter (1-dice game) for the American Legion Post #19: 656 Main Street, Springvale, ME.

Old Business

None

New Business

- 16-126.02 Ordered, to authorize the City Manager to enter into a one year collective bargaining agreement with the Sanford Local 1624 International Association of Firefighters/Paramedics. Motion to approve made by Councilor Lanigan, seconded by Councilor Smith. City Manager Steve Buck reviewed several points of the agreement. The City Council voted 7-0 to approve.
- 16-127.03 Ordered, to authorize the City Manager to sign a two year contract with Milton CAT of Scarborough, ME for preventative maintenance of heavy equipment for the Highway Department. Motion to approve made by Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Herlihy to approve. Councilor Herlihy spoke of some details from the property sub-committee. City Manager Buck asked for this authorization to still be given, but after the completion of the department review that is required as part of their collective bargaining agreement. Councilor Herlihy made the motion to amend 16-127.03 to include authorization following completion of the department review that is required in the collective bargaining agreement; seconded by Councilor Tuttle. Public Works Director Hill made a correction to the monetary amount in the agreement. The City Council voted 7-0 in favor of the amendment, and voted 7-0 in favor of the order as amended.
- 16-128.04 Ordered, to authorize the City Manager or his designee to sign the Agreement between Municipal Law Enforcement Agencies in York County and the York County Sheriff's Office. Councilor Hanslip made the motion to approve seconded by Councilor Herlihy. Police Chief Connolly requested this item be tabled and discussed the reasons why the need to sign the agreement was no longer needed. Councilor Tuttle made the motion to table seconded by Councilor Herlihy. The City Council voted 7-0 to table.
- 16-129.05 Ordered, Motion to redirect \$20,000 from the Sanford Trails Forestry Account previously allocated to the Springvale Farm Connect to now be directed to the Mousam River Bike Trail Phase II, \$10,000 for Grant Match and \$10,000 for Engineering and advance work. Motion to approve made by Councilor Tuttle, seconded by Councilor Herlihy. The City Council voted 7-0 to approve the redirect of funds.
- 16-130.06 Ordered, to authorize the City Manager to re-allocate departmental funds to convert the Airport Manger position from part time to full time. Motion to approve made by Councilor Tuttle, seconded by Councilor Lanigan. The City Council voted 7-0 to approve.
- 16-131.07 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 Herlihy made the motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Tuttle. The City Council voted 7-0 to approve.

- 16-132.08 Ordered, to abate FY 2015 (\$419.43) and FY 2016 (\$420.96) taxes on a parcel of land designated as Tax Map K29 Lot 62-1 in the amount of \$840.39 pursuant to Title 36 M.R.S.A 841-1 due to an assessment error. Councilor Smith moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Tuttle. The City Council voted 7-0 to approve the abatement.
- 16-133.09 The City Council of the City of Sanford hereby ordains amendments to Section 280-16-6.7.2.4.8 of the Zoning Ordinance to specify submission requirements for renewal of a five (5)-year permit for mineral extraction operations. (This item must be read on two separate days. This is the first reading). No action taken, this is the first reading.
- 16-134.10 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). No action taken, this is the first reading.
- 16-135.11 Ordered, to authorize the road closure of Sanford High School Boulevard from 4:00pm to 9:00pm on Saturday, October 15, 2016 for the Sanford High School Marching Band Competition. Motion to approve made by Councilor Herlihy, seconded by Councilor Tuttle. The City Council voted 7-0 to authorize the road closure.

Council Member Comments

Councilor Tuttle: Congratulated Mayor Cote and Councilor Lanigan for making front page of Journal Tribune in the pumpkin decorating contest. Relayed concerns of citizens for hazards to property on Kirk Street. Attended 60th Birthday celebration for Linden Goodrich, who has Downs Syndrome.

Councilor Lanigan: Thanked all who supported and attended the Pumpkin Festival.

Councilor DiGregorio: Thanked City Manager for his hard work in the Fire Dept. Agreement.

Councilor Smith: Mentioned pamphlet with City project information to hand out to voters on November 8th. Spoke about lawsuit in the judicial system involving

Councilor Hanslip: none

Deputy Mayor Herlihy:

Mayor Cote: Commended Luke Lanigan for his tireless efforts in the First Annual Pumpkin Festival. Echoed compliments of Councilor DeGregorio to City Manager Buck and how fortunate Sanford is to have several large, positive projects going on at the same time, thanked Mr. Buck for his great management of them all.

Future Agenda Items

Public Safety Sub-Committee: look at ways to start discussions and educate the youth of the community dangers of heroin.

Adjournment

Mayor Cote moved to adjourn regular meeting at 7:52 pm

Respectfully submitted by Sue Cote, City Clerk