



Sanford City Council

City Council Meeting Minutes – April 1, 2014

The Sanford City Council met at 7:00 p.m. in the Chambers of the Sanford City Hall Annex on Tuesday, April 1, 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, Thomas P Connolly Jr., Police Chief; Sue Cote, City Clerk/Voter Registrar; Michael Casserly, City Engineer and Peter Smith, Interim Public Works Director.

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 in memory of Retired Police Sergeant Roger Laprise.

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, present; Deputy Mayor Herlihy, present.

Minutes

Regular Meeting: March 18, 2014; Councilor Walsh moved to approve, seconded by Deputy Mayor Herlihy. The City Council voted 6-0 to approve.

Mayor's Reports/City Council Sub-Committee Reports

Mayor Cote announced that the Synergize Sanford kickoff held on March 21st at Mill 67 was a success. The next meeting will be held on April 10th at the School Library.

City Manager's Report

See Attached

Communications/Presentations

Mayor's day of National Recognition Day – April 1, 2014

Public Participation

Steve Bruno of Springvale voiced his concerns regarding Selectman vs. Council. He feels that there are a lot of unhappy people in the City of Sanford and wants the Council to meet with Citizens of Sanford to allow them to talk about their feelings.

Public Hearings

The City Council will hold public hearings on the following:

1. 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 7:27pm. Police Chief Connolly spoke in favor of this ordinance and explained the ordinance and reasons for it. David Parent Superintendent of the Sanford Water District voiced his concerns regarding this ordinance and the cost of this new ordinance. As written this ordinance will cost the Water and Sewerage District \$71.00/hr for a police officer compared to \$20/hr for a State DOT Certified Flagger. This increase is not in the Water or Sewer Budget and would cost upwards of \$35,000.00 with the upcoming projects scheduled for this year. Dianne Connolly voiced her concerns regarding flaggers vs. police officers having been a flagger herself she understands how complex it can be. Mayor Cote continued this public hearing until the April 15th Council Meeting.
2. A public hearing for an application for liquor license renewal and mobile auxiliary cart license for the Bauneg Beg Country Club Inc., DBA Sanford Country Club, 588 Country Club Road, Sanford, ME. Mayor Cote declared the public hearing open at 7:52pm. There was no one to speak for or against. The public hearing was declared closed at 7:52pm.

Consent Agenda

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

14-38.01 Ordered, to approve the following license request:

1. An application for liquor license renewal and mobile auxiliary cart license for the Bauneg Beg Country Club Inc., DBA Sanford Country Club, 588 Country Club Road, Sanford, ME.

Old Business

New 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 first reading). There will be a public safety sub-committee meeting to discuss concerns regarding this ordinance before the second reading of this ordinance.

- 14-40.03 Ordered, to authorize and issue a Construction Overlimit Permit to the Maine Department of Transportation for Pavement Milling & Hot Mix Asphalt Overlay Project #'s STP-2020(200) & STP-2028(000) for the City of Sanford. Councilor Walsh moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. The City Council voted 6-0 to approve.
- 14-41.04 Ordered, to appoint Ballot/Election Clerks per memo from Registrar of Voters for a two year period. Councilor Walsh moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. The City Council voted 6-0 to approve.
- 14-42.05 Ordered, to approve and authorize the City Manager to sign the Mousam Watershed Dam Coalition Inter-Local Agreement for the Management of the Emery Mills and Square Pond Dams between the City of Sanford and the Towns of Shapleigh and Acton. Councilor Walsh moved to approve pending non substantive change to the agreement to be voted by Acton in June of 2014, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. The City Council voted 6-0 to approve.
- 14-43.06 Ordered, to receive from the City Treasurer tax acquired property due to nonpayment of 2011/2012 real estate tax liens. Councilor Walsh approved the following tax acquired properties: Map I25 Lot 4, Map J17 Lot 23, Map R16A Lot 5C, Map R16A Lot 48, Map R16A Lot 94, Map M30 Lot 42 and Map M30 Lot 41, Seconded by Councilor Wilkins. The City Council voted 6-0 to approve.
- 14-44.07 Ordered, to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Land Purchase Installment Contract with the immediate prior owner of Tax Map J17 Lot 23 for the repurchase of tax acquired property. Councilor Walsh moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. The City Council voted 6-0 to approve.
- 14-45.08 Ordered, to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Land Purchase Installment Contract with the immediate prior owner of Tax Map I25 Lot 4 for the repurchase of tax acquired property. Councilor Walsh moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. The City Council voted 6-0 to approve.
- 14-46.09 Ordered, to authorize the City Manager to sign a Quitclaim Deed for property located at 138 Tall Pines Road as the immediate prior owner paid all outstanding real estate taxes pursuant to the City's Tax Acquired Property Policy. Councilor Walsh moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. The City Council voted 6-0 to approve.
- 14-47.10 Ordered, to authorize the City Manager to sign a Quitclaim Deed for property located at 350 Twombly Road as the immediate prior owner paid all outstanding real estate taxes pursuant to the City's Tax Acquired Property Policy. Councilor Walsh moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. The City Council voted 6-0 to approve.

14-48.11 Ordered, to nominate, if necessary a member of the City Council or the City Manager for the Maine Municipal Association Executive Committee. Councilor Walsh moved to table, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. The City Council voted 6-0 to table.

Council Member Comments

Councilor Smith: asked the Council to consider a steady increase in taxes instead of large increases. Property Maintenance Issues. Bond for neighborhood streets and roads.

Councilor Burgess: Absent w/notice

Councilor Wilkins: None

Councilor Walsh: Budget committee has agreed to meet through the summer. Voiced his concerns regarding Mr. Bruno's comments earlier in the meeting.

Councilor Hanslip: Glad to hear the budget committee is thinking about bonding. This past Saturday the Vietnam veterans had a welcome home presentation. Last week the City of Boston lost two firefighters in a fire. Councilor Hanslip asked that everyone be mindful of the loss over the next few days as these men are put to rest.

Deputy Mayor Herlihy: Demolition Ordinance for the Zoning Sub-Committee

Mayor Cote: Thanked the Volunteers that are on the Budget Committee. The budget is not entirely an expense issue but a revenue issue as well. Mayor Cote also spoke of Roger Laprise as he was his little league baseball coach. He was a great coach.

Future Agenda Items

Adjournment

Mayor Herlihy moved to adjourn at 8:11pm

Respectfully submitted by

Sherry Lord, Executive Assistant