



Sanford City Council

City Council Meeting Minutes – April 5, 2016

The Sanford City Council met at 6:00 p.m. in the Chambers of the Sanford City Hall Annex on Tuesday, April 5, 2016. Those present were: **COUNCILORS:** Mayor Thomas P. Cote, Councilor Maura A. Herlihy, Councilor Fred W. Smith, Councilor Victor E. DiGregorio, Councilor Lucas J. Lanigan and Councilor John L. Tuttle, Jr. **CITY STAFF:** Sherry Lord, Executive Assistant; Allison Rogers, Airport Manager; Alex Hammerle, Facilities Director; Steven Benotti, fire Chief and Matthew Hill, Public Works Director.

Mayor Cote called the meeting to order at 6:06pm.

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: March 15, 2016, Councilor Tuttle moved to approve, seconded by Deputy Mayor Herlihy. The City Council voted 5-0-2 to approve.

Mayor's Reports/City Council Sub-Committee Reports

Mayor Cote spoke of the new Café at the Trafton Senior Center and encouraged citizens over the age of 50 to check it out. He also reported on the Eggs and Issues meeting that he attended with City Manager Buck and Jim Nimon of the Growth Council at YCCC. They each reported on what is going on in Sanford.

City Manager's Report

(Attached)

Communications/Presentations

Chief Steven Benotti – South Sanford Fire Station; Chief Benotti explained the reallocation of personnel throughout the fire department. South Station will remain open and will be used to store apparatus.

Alex Hammerle, Assistant EMA Director – Prepare-A-Thon. Alex explained what the Prepare A Thon is and also introduced Art Cleves, Director of the York County EMA. Information meeting will be held on Thursday, April 7th at 10:00am in the Council Chambers.

Public Participation

Public Hearings

Consent Agenda

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

16-39.01 Ordered, to approve the following license request:

1. An application for approval for correction of blanket letter to operate Games of Chance: (4) Sealed Tickets for the Wolves Social Club, 40 High Street, Sanford Maine.

Old Business

New Business

- 16-40.01 Ordered, to receive and take action on the Budget Committee recommendation for the FY16/17 Municipal and School Budget. The discussion was started with a presentation from Lance Hoenig, Chairman of the budget committee. There was much discussion about the Special Education budget. Hazen Carpenter spoke on behalf of the Trails Committee. Councilor Lanigan moved to reallocate \$10,000 of CIP funding for the use of Trails, seconded by Councilor Tuttle. The City Council voted 6-1 to approve. (Deputy Mayor opposed). Deputy Mayor Herlihy moved to support the budget committee's recommendation of a 2.44% increase for FY 2016/2017, seconded by Councilor Hanslip. Mayor Cote moved to amend and recommend a 2.27% tax increase, seconded by Councilor Tuttle. The City Council voted 2-5 motion failed. The City Council voted 5-2 to approve the original motion of 2.44% tax increase (Mayor Cote and Councilor DiGregorio opposed).
- 16-41.02 Ordered, to receive from the City Treasurer tax acquired property due to nonpayment of 2013/2014 real estate tax liens. Councilor Hanslip moved to approve, seconded by Deputy Mayor Herlihy. Paula Simpson explained there are three properties as listed: I28-74, L28-14 and R20-8-9. The City Council voted 6-0 to approve. (Councilor Lanigan was absent at time of the vote).
- 16-42.03 Ordered, to accept a bid for obsolete parts from the department of Public Works in the amount of \$750.00 from David A. Winchell, Jr. of 244 Sanborn Road, Acton, ME. Councilor Tuttle moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Hanslip. Matt Hill explained the bid process. The City Council voted 6-0 to approve. (Councilor Lanigan was absent at time of the vote).
- 16-43.04 Ordered, to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with GIS Mapping & Analysis of Portland, Maine for a drainage survey of Sanford and Springvale, ME. Deputy Mayor Herlihy moved to approve, seconded

by Councilor Tuttle. The City Council voted 7-0 to approve.

16-44.05 Ordered, to accept a bid in the amount of \$68,800.00 for renovations to City garage office and bathrooms from Doten's Construction of Freeport Maine. Councilor Tuttle moved to approve, seconded by Deputy Mayor Herlihy. Matt Hill explained the bid process. The City Council voted 7-0 to approve.

Council Member Comments

Councilor Tuttle: Spoke with Senator Woodsome regarding the solar bill. He feels confident about it. Also wanted more information about the Alzheimer's notification.

Thanked members of the budget committee

Councilor Lanigan: Thanked members of the budget committee

Councilor DiGregorio: stated that he is very uncomfortable about the budget decision the Council made tonight. He is going to campaign very hard against the proposed budget.

Councilor Smith: Apologized for not making the last budget meeting. He was taking care of his new grandson. He voiced his opinion about the future budget. He feels this year will be very positive for the City.

Councilor Hanslip: Thanked members of the Budget Committee, School Committee, City Manager and the Council for all their work on the budget.

Deputy Mayor Herlihy: Thanked everyone involved in the process of the budget. Bid openings for the New High School will happen tomorrow in the Council Chambers at 2:00pm. Shovel should be in the ground the first part of May 2016.

Mayor Cote: He is going to support the budget and will not vote against it. He thanked Hazen Carpenter and others that volunteer in the community.

Future Agenda Items

Budget process

Committee to addressing housing issues

Solid Waste sub-committee

Adjournment

Mayor Cote moved to adjourn regular meeting at 9:23 pm

Respectfully submitted by Sherry Lord, Executive Assistant