



Sanford City Council

City Council Meeting Minutes – June 18, 2013

The Sanford City Council met at 7:00 p.m. in the Chambers of the Sanford City Hall Annex on Tuesday, June 18, 2013. Those present were: **COUNCILORS:** Councilor Alan Walsh, Councilor Bradford J. Littlefield, Councilor Joseph Hanslip, Councilor Richard Wilkins, Councilor Maura Herlihy and Councilor Fred W. Smith. **CITY MANAGER:** Steven R. Buck **CITY STAFF:** Sherry Lord, Executive Assistant, Ronni Champlin, Finance Director and Jim Gulnac, Director of Planning.

Mayor Herlihy 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 Herlihy performs the Council Roll Call: Councilor Smith, present; Councilor Burgess, absent w/notice; Councilor Wilkins, present; Councilor Walsh, present; Councilor Littlefield, present; Deputy Mayor Hanslip, present; Mayor Herlihy, present.

Minutes

Regular Meeting: June 4, 2013; Councilor Littlefield moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. The City Council voted 6-0 to approve.

Mayor's Reports/City Council Sub-Committee Reports

Met yesterday with Mario Frati owner of the International Woolen Mill. He is excited to work with the City regarding his mill. Mayor Herlihy reported from the School Building Committee. There are two site locations remaining out of four. The economic development sub-committee will be meeting to discuss the location.

City Manager's Report

Spoke of the next meeting where he will present a report with pictures. City Manager Buck reported on the following: Gateway Park, Maine Municipal Employee Health Trust, State Budget issues, School Site Selection last public hearing will be on June 27th at 6:00pm at the Sanford High School. Drifters Concert at Goodall Park on July 1st at 7:00pm.

Communications/Presentations

York County Community Action Corporation – Steven Buck, City Manager

Public Participation

Diane Connolly of Springvale – Concerns regarding bamboo growing on the side of Railroad Ave. Feels that the Bamboo is a hazard. Also concerned with speeding vehicles on her road.

Alicia Rowe – Asking to host a car wash in the Mid-Town Mall.

Jennifer Miller from Love Birds spoke in support of Car Wash.

Michael Gagne spoke in favor of car wash

Councilor Littlefield moved to place the car wash item on the agenda, Seconded by Deputy Mayor. The City Council voted 6-0 to add to the agenda

Public Hearings

The City Council will hold public hearings on the following:

1. A public hearing to discuss accepting a \$74,000 Workforce Development grant from the State of Maine CDBG program. The purpose of the grant is to provide scholarship aid for entry-level health care professional training at Sanford Community Adult Education. Mayor Herlihy declared the public hearing open at 7:51pm. Lee Burnett spoke in favor and explained the public hearing. There was no one else to speak for or against. The public hearing was declared closed at 7:55pm.

2. A public hearing to discuss a State of Maine Public Service Grant and closeout for \$50,000 plus local match to Waban Projects, Inc. The purpose of this grant was to help with the expansion of the document shredding business and to hire five to eight new employees. Mayor Herlihy declared the public hearing open at 7:55pm. Jim Gulnac explained the grant and spoke in favor. Neil Meltzer of Waban and John Devold, employee of Secure RMS spoke about his job. Mayor Herlihy declared the public hearing closed.

3. An application for new liquor license for NATTHAI Restaurant, 1491 Main Street, Sanford, ME. Mayor Herlihy declared the public hearing open at 8:00pm. There was no one to speak for or against. The public hearing was declared closed.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Herlihy sought comments or opposition on the following item. There was neither. The following item was approved.

13-97.01 Ordered, to approve the following license requests:

1. An application for new liquor license for NATTHAI Restaurant, 1491 Main Street, Sanford, ME.
2. An application for license to operate Games of Chance (Daily Pool,

Weekly Pool) for the American Legion Post #19, 656 Main Street, Sanford, ME.

3. An application to allow outside liquor consumption for member functions for the VFW Post #9935, 1 Hutchinson Street, Sanford, ME. Dates are as follows: July 4, 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 27-28; August 3-4, 10-11, 17-18, 25-26 & September 1-2, all dates are specific to 2013 from 10:00am to 8:00pm.

Old Business

New Business

13-98.02 To act on an order, to review appointments, reappointments and resignations:

1. To re-appoint Jamie Cole as the City of Sanford Code Enforcement Officer and Alternate Plumbing Inspector for the period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. Councilor Walsh moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. The City Council voted 6-0 to approve.

2. To re-appoint Shirley Sheesley as the City of Sanford Code Enforcement Officer and Local Plumbing Inspector for the period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. Deputy Mayor Herlihy moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Walsh. The City Council voted 6-0 to approve.

13-99.03 Ordered, to accept a bid from Sanford Institution for Savings for a five year loan for interim financing in the amount of \$630,000 for the costs associated with the construction of a new high school/career technical education center with a rate of 1.93%. Councilor Walsh moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. Paula Simpson, Treasurer explained the bid process. City Manager Buck explained the financing process. The City Council voted 6-0.

13-100.04 Ordered, to authorize the City Treasurer to sell back tax acquired property to the immediate prior owner of Tax Map J33 Lot 40 and to the immediate prior owner of Tax Map R18 Lot 6 and to authorize the City Manager to execute quitclaim deeds upon the receipt of all outstanding real estate taxes. Councilor Walsh moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. Paula Simpson, Treasurer explained. The City Council voted 6-0 to approve.

13-101.05 Ordered, to receive, from the City Treasurer, additional tax acquired property due to maturity of 2010/2011 real estate tax liens. The properties are as follows:

Tax Map H29 Lot 42	Owner occupied house \$1,794.48
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Councilor Walsh moved to approve, Seconded by Councilor Wilkins. Councilor Walsh voiced his concerns regarding the City taking owner

occupied properties and feels that the City should start the eviction process immediately. Deputy Mayor Hanslip voiced his concerns with tenant occupied properties. The City Council voted 6-0 to approve.

- 13-102.06 Ordered, to act upon the sale of Tax Acquired Properties. Councilor Walsh moved to approve the sale of 6 Lebanon Street to Coleman McDonough of NH, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. The City Council voted 6-0 to approve.
- 13-103.07 Ordered, to approve a resolution accepting a \$74,000 Workforce Development grant from the State of Maine CDBG program. The purpose of the grant is to provide scholarship aid for entry-level health care professional training at Sanford Community Adult Education. Councilor Littlefield moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. The City Council voted 6-0 to approve.
- 13-104.08 Ordered, to accept a bid from O'Connor Motor Co for a ten wheel dump truck with wing, plow and sander in the amount of \$189,950.00. Councilor Walsh moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. Charlie Andreson, Director of Public Works explained the need of this truck. It will be replacing a 1995 truck that is at the end of its life. Diane Connolly asked if there was a way to get government surplus truck for use instead of buying new. City Manager Buck explained why that is not feasible. The City Council voted 6-0 to approve.
- 13-105.09 Ordered, to authorize the City Manager to implement a three year contract with Admiral Fire & Safety for (511 Tactical) for station wear uniform and footwear not to exceed \$26,257.00 for the 1st year. Councilor Wilkins moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Littlefield. Chief Jeff Rowe explained the uniforms and the company. The City Council voted 6-0 to approve.
- 13-106.10 Ordered, to authorize the City Manager to send a letter to Metrocast requesting a one year extension to the franchise agreement. Councilor Littlefield moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. The City Council will ask Metrocast to keep Channel 12 running during this extension. The City Council voted 6-0 to approve.
- 13-107.11 Ordered, to approve a sign design for the Sanford City Hall. Mayor Herlihy moved to table, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. The City Council voted 6-0 to table.
- 13-108.12 Ordered, to approve summer hours for the City Hall. Hours of operation will be Monday thru Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm from July 1, 2013 to September 1, 2013. Councilor Walsh moved to approve a one year trial basis, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. The City Council voted 6-0 to approve.
- 13-109.13 Ordered, to authorize a car wash put on by Snip & Tone in the Mid-Town Mall on Saturday June 22nd and Sunday June 23rd from 11am to 6pm. Mayor Herlihy voiced her concern about the length of the car wash. Councilor

Walsh asked the questions that Deputy Chief Strout asked in an e-mail. Councilor Walsh explained that he needs to be concerned about the citizens and the tax payers. Councilor Wilkins asked if the car wash can be postponed a couple weeks. Councilor Littlefield is concerned that it is on public property. There was much discussion regarding this item. Councilor Walsh moved to not deny permission of the use of the Mid-Town Mall for the time requested above, seconded by Councilor Littlefield. The Council voted 6-0 to deny.

Council Member Comments

Councilor Smith: Thanked all who came out to vote this week.

Councilor Burgess: Absent

Councilor Wilkins: When will we start PAYT? City Manager Buck announced the 1st Monday in September.

Councilor Walsh: visited the Sullivan walkway on Sunday. Was very upset with the appearance of the area and the trash that was thrown on the ground.

Councilor Littlefield: When will the Bland block at 37 River Street be removed? City Manager Buck explained the RFP will be going out soon.

Deputy Mayor Hanslip: None

Mayor Herlihy: None

Future Agenda Items

City Manager Evaluation – Schedule for August/September

Goals & Objectives

Adjournment

Mayor Herlihy moved to adjourn at 9:23pm

Respectfully submitted by

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