MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
THURSDAY, May 18, 2017
6:00 P.M.

There was an executive session of the City Council at 6:00 p.m. in Conference Room A. No Council actions are taken in executive session. This portion of the meeting is not open to the public.


Absent: Councilors Grant and Elliott.

17-083    City Manager
Executive Session: Application(s) for Abatement of Property Taxes; 1 M.R.S.A., §405(6)(F)

Motion to approve order 17-083 to enter executive session at 6:00 pm in accordance with 1 M.R.S.A., §405(6)(F), Application for abatement of property taxes.
By: Conti    Second by: O’Brien
Yeas: 4
Nays: 0

Councilor Alexander arrived at 6:10 pm

Motion to leave executive session at 6:16 pm.
By: O’Brien    Second by: Wilson
Yeas: 5
Nays: 0

Motion to recess until 7pm.
By: O’Brien    Second by: Wilson
Yeas: 5
Nays: 0

There will be a pre-meeting of the City Council at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room A. No Council actions are taken at pre-meetings. Pre-meetings are open to the public.

PRESENTATIONS:

Councilor O’Brien became mayor pro-tem while Mayor Rollins stepped down for the presentation of the REX award.

Mayor’s Recognition of Excellence Award: Outstanding Downtown Merchant - Tom Finn Shoe Repair.

Veterans’, Elks Club, and 92 Moose Earth Day Rail Trail Clean-Up Project.
PUBLIC HEARING: Malt and Vinous Liquor License Application for EEP Inc. d/b/a Antigoni’s Augusta, 23 Bangor Street.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEM LISTED ON THE AGENDA:

CONSENT AGENDA:
17-084 City Manager (Bureau of City Clerk)
ORDERED, that the minutes of the City Council Meeting held May 4, 2017, submitted by the City Clerk’s office be approved.

17-085 City Manager (Bureau of Audit Accounts)
ORDERED, that the Roll of Accounts for the month of March, 2017 in the amount of $7,323,070.80 be approved.

17-086 Mayor
ORDERED, that Bill McKenna be reappointed to the Planning Board, said term to expire June 20, 2020.

17-087 Mayor
ORDERED, that Alison K.B. Nichols be reappointed to the Planning Board, said term to expire June 20, 2020.

Motion for passage of the Consent Agenda order 17-084 to 17-087
By: Wilson Second by: O’Brien
Yeas: 5
Nays: 0

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS
SECOND READING (Ordinances)

17-081 Mayor and Council
WHEREAS, the City Council finds that overlapping regulations related to demolition is not necessary;

WHEREAS, the Augusta Historic District Review Board recommends eliminating unnecessary demolition delay regulations for designated local historic districts;

NOW THEREFORE be it ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Augusta, that the Code of Ordinances be amended as follows:

Chapter 134-5(B) be amended to add a new subsection 3 that states:

(3) This section shall not apply to applications for demolition that are regulated by Chapter 300-316.5 Historic District Ordinance.
Motion for passage of the order 17-081
By: Conti    Second by: O’Brien
Yeas: 5
Nays: 0

**NEW BUSINESS     ** PART 1

17-088    Manager (Bureau of City Clerk)
**ORDERED,** that the application for a Malt and Vinous liquor license by approved for EEP, Inc. d/b/a Antigoni’s Augusta, 23 Bangor Street.
Motion for passage of the order 17-088
By: O’Brien    Second by: Wilson
Yeas: 5
Nays: 0

17-089    Mayor and Council
**ORDERED,** that the City Council authorize a Beer Tent to be held on Saturday & Sunday, June 24 & 25, 2017 or alternative inclement weather date at the City’s Bond Brook Recreation Area during the Augusta Trails Sixth Annual Tread Fest.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDERED,** That the Beer Tent be managed and operated by a duly licensed vendor with all applicable licenses, permits and insurance in place prior to the event and that all servers will be properly TIPS trained and certified.

Motion for passage of the order 17-089
By: Conti    Second by: Blodgett
Yeas: 5
Nays: 0

17-090    Mayor and Council
**ORDERED,** that $240,000 be appropriated from the Hatch Hill Expense Fund to be used for electric generation project design services at Hatch Hill Landfill.

Motion for passage of the order 17-090
By: Wilson    Second by: Blodgett
Yeas: 5
Nays: 0

17-091    Mayor and Council
**ORDERED,** that the City Manager is authorized to contract with the City’s realtor, REMAX Realty, for the listing of one tax acquired property located at 117 Bridge Street.

Motion for passage of the order 17-091
By: Wilson    Second by: Conti
Yeas: 5
Nays: 0
NEW BUSINESS PART 2 – ORDINANCES - FIRST READING
NO VOTE REQUIRED

COMMUNICATIONS
Committee Reports
City Manager’s Report

Motion to adjourn at 7:44 pm.
By: Alexander Second by: Wilson
Yeas: 5
Nays: 0

Respectfully submitted,
Roberta L. Fogg, City Clerk
May 18, 2017