MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
THURSDAY, July 20, 2017  
7:00 P.M.

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


Councilor Grant arrived at 7:43pm.

PRESENTATION: “World To Table/New Mainers Project”.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEM LISTED ON THE AGENDA:

CONSENT AGENDA:

17-112  City Manager (Bureau of City Clerk) 
BE IT ORDERED, that the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held June 15, 2017 submitted by the City Clerk’s office be approved.

17-113  City Manager (Bureau of City Clerk) 
BE IT ORDERED, that the minutes of the Special City Council Meeting held June 15, 2017 submitted by the City Clerk’s office be approved.

17-114  City Manager (Bureau of City Clerk) 
BE IT ORDERED, that the minutes of the Special City Council Meeting held July 13, 2017 submitted by the City Clerk’s office be approved.

17-115  City Manager (Bureau of Audit Accounts) 
BE IT ORDERED, that the Roll of Accounts for the month of June, 2017 in the amount of $6,203,985.10 be approved.

17-116  Mayor 
BE IT ORDERED, that John V. Finnegan be reappointed to the Lithgow Library Board of Trustees, said term to expire June 19, 2020.

17-117  Mayor 
BE IT ORDERED, that Carol A. Saunders be reappointed to the Lithgow Library Board of Trustees, said term to expire February 7, 2019.

17-118  Mayor 
BE IT ORDERED, that Robert W. Corey be reappointed to the Greater Augusta Utility District Board of Trustees, said term to expire July 31, 2020.

Councilor Conti asked to remove item 17-117 from the Consent Agenda.
Motion for passage of the Consent Agenda orders 17-112 through 17-116 and 17-118.
By: O’Brien Second by: Alexander
Yeas: 8
Nays: 0

Motion for passage of order 17-117.
By: O’Brien Second by: Wilson
Yeas: 6
Nays: 2 – Councilors Conti and Blodgett

NEW BUSINESS
PART 1
17-119 Councilor Darek Grant
BE IT ORDERED, that Council hereby approve the award of the 2017 Edwards Dam Scholarship in the amount of $500.00 to Molly Silsby.

Motion for passage of the order 17-119.
By: Conti Second by: Blodgett
Yeas: 8
Nays: 0

17-120 Mayor and Council
BE IT ORDERED, that the City Manager is authorized to accept grant funding in the amount not to exceed $6,000.00 from Inland Fisheries & Wildlife for the 2017 Fall ATV Enforcement Grant. Grant funding will be utilized to provide directed ATV Enforcement.

Motion for passage of the order 17-120.
By: Wilson Second by: Elliott
Yeas: 8
Nays: 0

17-121 City Manager
BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council accept a donation of Two Thousand Dollars ($2,000.00) from the Augusta Elks Lodge to help offset extra parent fees that cover the cost of admissions to weekly excursions and special entertainment for children attending the Childcare Bureau program.

Motion for passage of the order 17-121.
By: Wilson Second by: Blodgett
Yeas: 8
Nays: 0

17-122 Mayor and Council
BE IT ORDERED, That the Appropriation Resolve FY 2018 adopted by the City Council on May 25, 2017 and validated by the voters of Augusta by referendum held on June 13,2017 be amended as attached.
Motion for passage of the order 17-122.
By: Alexander Second by: Blodgett
Yeas: 8
Nays: 0

17-123 City Manager (Bureau of Assessing)
BE IT ORDERED, that the City of Augusta property taxes for the 2018 fiscal year shall be due and payable at the Office of the Tax Collector as follows:

- ONE HALF shall be due on September 14, 2017
- ONE HALF shall be due on March 15, 2018

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that interest is charged on any outstanding amount commencing one (1) day after the due date at the rate of 7% per annum.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that any tax payment received as payment for any property tax be applied against outstanding or delinquent taxes due on that property in chronological order beginning with the oldest unpaid tax bill. (36 M.R.S.A. §906).

Motion for passage of the order 17-123.
By: Alexander Second by: Elliott
Yeas: 8
Nays: 0

17-124 Mayor and Council
BE IT ORDERED, that the following question be submitted to the voters at the Municipal Election to be held November 7, 2017, which question shall read as follows:

“Shall a Charter Commission be established for the purpose of revising the Municipal Charter?”

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the election of members to the Charter Commission be held November 7, 2017, and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the Charter Commission members be elected as follows:

“One Charter Commission member shall be elected from each ward in the same manner as a municipal officer.”

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that nomination petitions for any one candidate shall be assembled and united into one petition and filed with the City Clerk no earlier than the first Tuesday in August (8/1/2017) nor later than 4:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday in August (8/15/2017).

The City Council shall appoint three additional members to the Charter Commission after the election has occurred.
Motion to table order 17-124.
By: Conti Second by: Wilson
Yea: 6
Nays: 2 – Councilors Grant and O’Brien

17-125 Mayor and Council
BE IT ORDERED, that $230,000 be and is here by appropriated for the reconstruction of the Leavitt Road,

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that $55,217 from Upper School Street, $95,464 from Upper Patterson Street, and $79,319 from Wade Road capital improvement projects be and is hereby reallocated to the Leavitt Road Capital Improvement Project.

Motion for passage of the order 17-125.
By: O’Brien Second by: Blodgett
Yeas: 8
Nays: 0

17-126 City Manager
BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council accept a donation of a Bicycle Rack from the Kennebec Savings Bank for the Segal Lot Mural Project location. Which has an estimated value of $500.00.

Motion for passage of the order 17-126.
By: Blodgett Second by: Elliott
Yeas: 8
Nays: 0

COMMUNICATIONS

Committee Reports
City Manager’s Report

Motion to adjourn at 8:31pm.
By: Alexander Second by: Day
Yeas: 8
Nays: 0

Respectfully submitted,
Roberta L. Fogg, City Clerk
July 20, 2017