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.

**Present:** Mayor Rollins, Councilors Conti, Grant, Elliott, Blodgett, O’Brien, Day and Alexander.

**Absent:** Councilor Wilson.

Mayor Rollins stepped down to present the REX Award. Councilor Day was designated at Chairperson of the Council Pro Tem to serve while the Mayor was away.

**PRESENTATION:** Mayor’s Recognition of Excellence (REX) Committee Award to Marilyn Noyes Mollicone, longtime Augusta Botanist, for her many years of volunteering for the Augusta Nature Camp.

Roger Pomerlow, introduced Marilyn Noyes Mollicone’s and gave a brief history of her service at the Augusta Nature Camp. Mayor Rollins, Cecile Munson, Pat Paradis, and Rachel Merriam presented the award to Ms. Mollicone’s.

**PRESENTATION:** Historic Building Plaque to Daniel & William Doiron, owner and former owner of the Benjamin W. Fisher House, circa 1855, located at 361 West River Road, by Lorie Mastemaker, Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission.

Lorie Mastemaker, Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission made the presentation of the plaque.

Mr. William Doiron and his son Mr. Dan Doiron spoke of their memories on the Fisher Farm.

**PRESENTATION:** Historic Building Plaque to Linda Conti, owner of Vickery House, circa 1890, located at 21 Spring Street, by Lorie Mastemaker, Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission.

Lorie Mastemaker, Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission made the presentation of the plaque.

Linda Conti explained that her house was originally built as a rental by Vickery Fireside. encouraged anyone with a home that’s 50 years old or older to apply to the Historic Preservation Commission.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEM LISTED ON THE AGENDA:**
CONSENT AGENDA:
17-127 City Manager (Bureau of City Clerk)
BE IT ORDERED, that the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held July 20, 2017 submitted by the City Clerk’s office be approved.

17-128 City Manager (Bureau of Audit Accounts)
BE IT ORDERED, that the Roll of Accounts for the month of July, 2017 in the amount of $5,562,974.70 be approved.

17-129 Mayor
BE IT ORDERED, that Robin Plourde be appointed to the General Assistance Fair Hearing Authority, said term to expire August 10, 2020.

Motion for passage of the Consent Agenda orders 17-127 through 17-129.
By: Grant Second by: O’Brien
Yeas: 7 Nays: 0

NEW BUSINESS PART 1
17-124 Mayor and Council (Tabled 7/20/2017)
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

Motion to suspend reading.
By: O’Brien Second by Grant
Yeas: 7 Nays: 0

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 remove from the table of July 20, 2017.
By: O’Brien Second by: Alexander
Yeas: 7
Nays: 0

Motion to table until January 18, 2018
By: O’Brien Second by: Conti
Yeas: 7
Nays: 0

17-130 City Manager
BE IT 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 14 South Grove Street, Map 25, Lot 26A.

Motion for passage of the order 17-130.
By: Blodgett Second by: Elliott
Yeas: 7
Nays: 0

Motion for passage of orders 17-131 through 17-135.
By: Alexander Second by: Conti
Yeas: 4 – Councilors Conti, O’Brien, Day and Alexander
Nays: 3 – Councilors Grant, Elliott and Blodgett

17-131 City Manager
BE IT ORDERED, that the City Manager is authorized to accept grant funding in the amount $21,812.53 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program, FY 2017 Local Solicitation. The grant of $42,007.00 is distributed between three agencies. In accordance with grant specifications, grant funding will be allocated as such: $21,812.53 awarded to the Augusta Police Department, $14,775.83 awarded to the Waterville Police Department, $5,418.64 awarded to the Kennebec County Sheriff’s Office. The Waterville Police Department will be the administrative agency for the grant. Grant funding to the Augusta Police Department will be utilized to purchase computer firewalls, Phazzer less-lethal weapons, collapsible traffic signs, and traffic cones.

Motion for passage of the order 17-131.
By: Alexander Second by: Conti
Yeas: 4 – Councilors Conti, O’Brien, Day and Alexander
Nays: 3 – Councilors Grant, Elliott and Blodgett

17-132 Mayor and Council
BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council does hereby grant approval pursuant to Title 15 of the Maine Revised Statutes Annotated, section 5824(3) & 5826(6) to the transfer of one JC Higgins 20 gauge pump shotgun, to the Augusta Police Department, on the grounds that the City of Augusta Police Department did make a substantial contribution to the investigation of the criminal case, namely, State of Maine vs. Eric Bachand.

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Motion for passage of the order 17-132.
By: Alexander Second by: Conti
Yeas: 4 – Councilors Conti, O’Brien, Day and Alexander
Nays: 3 – Councilors Grant, Elliott and Blodgett

17-133 Mayor and Council
BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council does hereby grant approval pursuant to Title 15 of the Maine Revised Statutes Annotated, section 5824(3) & 5826(6) to the transfer of one .38 caliber (special), serial #1403759, to the Augusta Police Department, on the grounds that the City of Augusta Police Department did make a substantial contribution to the investigation of the criminal case, namely, State of Maine vs. Marktese J. Frazier.

Motion for passage of the order 17-133.
By: Alexander Second by: Conti
Yeas: 4 – Councilors Conti, O’Brien, Day and Alexander
Nays: 3 – Councilors Grant, Elliott and Blodgett

17-134 Mayor and Council
BE IT ORDERED, that Council hereby authorize a donation of gravel to the Worromontogus Lake Association of an amount not to exceed 200 cubic yards for improvements to the driveway, parking lot, shed pad and walkway at the Togus Pond Dam site.

Motion for passage of the order 17-134.
By: Alexander Second by: Conti
Yeas: 4 – Councilors Conti, O’Brien, Day and Alexander
Nays: 3 – Councilors Grant, Elliott and Blodgett

17-135 Mayor and Council
WHEREAS, the City of Augusta (the “City”) requires the consideration and review of a rezoning request at 458 Riverside Drive by the City’s Planning Board and,

WHEREAS, the requested change is to add “educational services” as an allowable or conditional use in the City’s PD2 zoning district.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, that the City of Augusta Planning Board deliberate and make a recommendation to the Augusta City Council regarding the requested amendment to the city zoning ordinance.

Motion for passage of the order 17-135.
By: Alexander Second by: Conti
Yeas: 4 – Councilors Conti, O’Brien, Day and Alexander
Nays: 3 – Councilors Grant, Elliott and Blodgett
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Motion to adjourn at pm.
By: Elliott Second by: Day
Yeas: 7
Nays: 0

Respectfully submitted,
Roberta L. Fogg, City Clerk
August 17, 2017