MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2017
7:00 P.M.

There was a pre-meeting of the City Council at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Present: Councilors Conti, Grant, Elliott, Blodgett, O’Brien, Day, Wilson and Alexander

Absent: Mayor Rollins

Councilor Alexander opened the meeting.

Motion to have Councilor Blodgett as Chair Pro-Tem for the meeting.
By: Conti
Second: Day
Yeas: 7
Nays: 0
Councilor Blodgett abstained

Presentation: Recognition of the promotion of two Department of Public Works Employees Justin Miller and Manny Proctor, for completion of “Keep Right Driving School” through Lawrence Adult Ed.

Public Comments on Item Listed on the Agenda:

Consent Agenda:
17-170 City Manager (Bureau of City Clerk)
BE IT ORDERED, that the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held October 19, 2017 submitted by the City Clerk’s office be approved.

17-171 City Manager (Bureau of City Clerk)
BE IT ORDERED, that the minutes of the Special City Council Meeting held October 19, 2017 submitted by the City Clerk’s office be approved.

17-172 Mayor
BE IT ORDERED, that Dennis W. Curtis be appointed to the Lithgow Library Board of Trustees, said term to expire November 2, 2020.

17-173 City Manager
BE IT ORDERED, that the City Manager is authorized to accept $117,299.07 in annual Homeland Security funding for the purpose of upgrading public safety communication systems.

Motion for passage of the Consent Agenda 17-170 to 17-173
By: O’Brien
Second by: Alexander
Yeas: 7
Nays: 0
Councilor Blodgett did not vote.
NEW BUSINESS
17-174  Councilor Elliott
WHEREAS, the City Council requests that the Planning Board hold a public hearing and make a recommendation regarding a zoning change to allow an auto repair garage on Leighton Road on private property adjacent to the new North Augusta Fire Station entrance;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, by the City Council of the City of Augusta, that the Planning Board review and make a recommendation regarding a rezoning to allow an auto repair garage at Tax Map 5, Lot 110A, adjacent to the new North Augusta Fire Station.

Motion for passage of order 17-174
By: Alexander  Second by: Wilson
Yeas: 6
Nays: 0
Councilor Blodgett did not vote.
Councilor Day was out of the room.

COMMUNICATIONS
  Committee Reports
  City Manager’s Report

17-175  City Manager
Executive Session: Potential Legal Action and Labor Negotiations; 1 M.R.S.A., §405(6)(D & E)

Motion to approve order 17-175 to enter executive session at 7:30 pm in accordance with 1 M.R.S.A., §405(6)(D&E), Potential Legal Action and Labor Negotiations.
By: Conti  Second by: Grant
Yeas: 7
Nays: 0
Councilor Blodgett did not vote.

Motion to leave executive session at 8:40pm.
By: Blodgett  Second by: Alexander
Yeas: 8
Nays: 0

Motion to adjourn at 8:40p.m.
By: Blodgett  Second by: Alexander
Yeas: 8
Nays: 0

Respectfully submitted,
Roberta L. Fogg, City Clerk
November 2, 2017