MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2014
7:00 P.M.

All members of Council were present; Mayor Stokes presided.

Presentation - Mayor’s Recognition for Excellence Award (REX):
Community Excellence Award to the Save Lithgow Library Referendum Committee

Presentation - Update on Western Avenue Reconstruction Project by Ernie Martin, MDOT

Public comments were held on items listed on the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS

READ AND PASSED, AS AMENDED, FINAL READING

14-108
BE IT ORDAINED, That Section 6-84 of the Code of Ordinances is amended as follows:

Sec. – 84. Performance standards. All blasters must comply with the following performance standards:

(a) Hours of detonation.

(2) All other blasting. Hours of detonation are limited to between sunrise and sunset or between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., whichever is greater, Monday through Friday inclusive, except by special exception as allowed under Section 6-88 of this division. In no case shall a blast occur on the following legal holidays: New Year’s, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Blasting which occurs as part of a mineral extraction license must occur between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. pursuant to §6-76(b)(9)(b) of the Code of Ordinances.

Motion to Amend (add language) by: McCormick  Second by: Bilodeau
Yeas:  8; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O’Brien
       Rollins, Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson
Nays:  0

Motion for passage, as amended by: Byron  Second by: Bilodeau
Yeas:  8; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O’Brien
       Rollins, Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson
Nays:  0
NEW BUSINESS

HAS BEEN READ, AMENDED AND NOT PASSED

14-126
NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, By the City Council of the City of Augusta that a text amendment regarding contractor services in the Planned Development 2 (PD2) zoning district be initiated and sent to the Planning Board for public hearing, in accordance with Section 1.6.1.2 of the Land Use Ordinance. The Planning Board should consider the following text amendment recommendation, with the stipulation that any recommendation for modification of the proposal be considered by the Board based on public comment or the Board’s knowledge of the area:

Add Contractor Services, or some subset of contractor services that includes electricians, as a permitted or conditional use in the PD2 zoning district.

Motion to Amend (add language) by: O’Brien Second by: Byron
Withdrawn by O’Brien

Motion to Amend (delete language) by: O’Brien Second by: Byron
Yeas: 5; Stokes, Byron, Grant, O’Brien
Rollins,
Nays: 4; Paradis, Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson

Motion to Amend (delete language) by: O’Brien Second by: Byron
Yeas: 1; O’Brien
Nays: 7; Byron, Grant, Paradis,
Rollins, Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson

Motion for passage, as amended, by: Byron Second by: Bilodeau
Yeas: 1; O’Brien
Nays: 7; Byron, Grant, Paradis,
Rollins, Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson

NEW BUSINESS (Con’t)

HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED, AS AMENDED

14-122
ORDERED, That Mayor Stokes shall appoint an ad-hoc Lithgow Library Construction Advisory Committee to include in its membership two City Councilors, a representative of the Friends of Lithgow Library and a representative of the Library Board of Trustees. The City Manager shall serve as Chair of the committee and shall involve the active participation of the Director of Community Services, the Library Director and other City staff members as appropriate. The Committee shall meet regularly and shall ensure that the City Council, the Library Board of Trustees, the Friends of Lithgow Library and other interested parties are kept informed of the progress of the renovation and expansion project. Council approves the building design plans produced by Johnson Roberts Associates, Inc. dated January 10, 2014. Any modifications pre-bid must be approved by the City Council.
Motion to Amend (add language) by: O’Brien Second by: Byron
Yeas: 8; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O’Brien
Rollins, Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson
Nays: 0

Motion for passage, as amended by: Byron Second by: Rollins
Yeas: 8; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O’Brien
Rollins, Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson
Nays: 0

NEW BUSINESS (Con’t)

HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED

14-113
ORDERED, That the minutes of the City Council meetings held June 19, 2014, July 1, 2014 and July 10, 2014; submitted by the City Clerk be approved.

Motion for passage by: Byron Second by: Paradis
Yeas: 8; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O’Brien
Rollins, Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson
Nays: 0

14-114
ORDERED, That the Roll of Accounts for the month of June, 2014 in the amount of $4,775,878.47 be approved.

Motion for passage by: Byron Second by: Paradis
Yeas: 8; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O’Brien
Rollins, Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson
Nays: 0

14-115
ORDERED, That David P. Smith be reappointed to the Greater Augusta Utility District; said term to expire July 31, 2017.

Motion for passage by: Byron Second by: Paradis
Yeas: 8; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O’Brien
Rollins, Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson
Nays: 0

14-116
ORDERED, That Samantha Nowlin be appointed to the Augusta Housing Authority; said term to expire July 17, 2019
14-117
ORDERED, That Scott Lessard be appointed to the Dog Park Advisory Committee; said term to expire July 17, 2017.

14-118
ORDERED, That Roger Lessard be reappointed to the Zoning Appeals Board; said term to expire July 7, 2017.

14-119
ORDERED, That Michael Byron be appointed to the Airport Advisory Committee; said term to expire July 17, 2017.

14-120
ORDERED, That Michael Byron be appointed as the City Council representative to the Augusta Colonial Theater Finance Committee (per the request of the Augusta Colonial Theater Board of Directors).

14-121
ORDERED, That up to fourteen thousand, three hundred and three dollars ($14,303), be appropriated from the City’s Unassigned Fund balance to be used for enhanced law enforcement presence in the downtown area.
Motion for passage by: Byron  Second by: McCormick
Yeas: 8; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O’Brien
        Rollins, Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson
Nays: 0

14-123
ORDERED, That the City Manager is authorized to execute an agreement with the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Local 1650, Firefighters Unit of the Augusta Fire Department. Term of the agreement is July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2017.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That the City Manager is authorized to execute an agreement with the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Local 1650A, Battalion Chiefs Unit of the Augusta Fire Department. Term of the agreement is July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2017.

Motion for passage by: Byron  Second by: Bilodeau
Yeas: 8; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O’Brien
        Rollins, Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson
Nays: 0

14-124
ORDERED, That the City Manager is authorized to accept an MMA Safety Enhancement Grant for safety equipment in the amount of $2,000.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That the local match in the amount of $1,000. be hereby expended from the Fire Department’s equipment account.

Motion for passage by: Byron  Second by: McCormick
Yeas: 8; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O’Brien
        Rollins, Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson
Nays: 0

14-125
ORDERED, that the City Council accept a parcel of land (Tax Map 1, Lot 105) from NRF Distributors, Inc. The conservation easements will be enforced by the City of Augusta Conservation Commission. The parcel is adjacent to existing conservation land and is offered by NRF as mitigation for development impacts on a small area of wetland adjacent to their existing warehouse facility. The City Manager is authorized to execute any necessary legal documents to enable the transfer.

Motion for passage by: Paradis  Second by: Byron
Yeas: 8; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O’Brien
        Rollins, Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson
Nays: 0

14-127
ORDERED, That an additional amount not to exceed $93,932 be appropriated from the Downtown Tax Increment Financing District for the reconstruction of Water Street from Memorial Circle to Green Street.
Motion for passage by: Byron  Second by: Bilodeau
Yeas:  8; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O’Brien
        Rollins, Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson
Nays:  0

14-128
ORDERED, That the City Council enter into executive session to discuss:
   - a personnel matter; 1 M.R.S.A., §405(6)(A)
   - pending litigation; 1 M.R.S.A., §405(6)(E)

Motion for passage by: O’Brien  Second by: Byron
Yeas:  7; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O’Brien
        Rollins, McCormick, Munson
Nays:  1 Bilodeau

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. Wardwell, City Clerk
August 1, 2014