All members of Council were present, except Councilor Munson; Mayor Rollins presided.

Proclamation – National American Indian Heritage Month

Proclamation – Small Business Saturday

Public comments were held on items listed on the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS

READ AND TABLED TO 12/18/2014 MEETING

14-192
BE IT ORDAINED, By the City Council of the City of Augusta, as follows:
That Chapter 18, Section 34 Schedule of stop signs, flashing red lights, of the Revised Code of Ordinances 1990, as amended, be further amended by adding the following:

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<td>Water Street</td>
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BE IT ORDAINED, By the City Council of the City of Augusta, as follows:
That Chapter 18, Section 38 Schedule of one-way streets., of the Revised Code of Ordinances 1990, as amended, be further amended by deleting the following:

Green Street, between Grove Street to State Street, west only.

This section of Water Street was formerly named Grove Street.

Motion to table to 12/18 meeting by: Paradis Second by: O’Brien
Yeas: 6; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O’Brien
Bilodeau, McCormick
Nays: 0

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS

READ AND PASSED, FINAL READING

14-191
WHEREAS, the Planning Board held a public hearing and unanimously recommended the following changes to the Land Use Ordinance; and
WHEREAS, the Planning Board found the proposal for the Viles property to be used as a conference center for non-profits to be in keeping with its long term traditional use when the Viles’ lived there; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Augusta that the following text and map amendments be made to the Augusta Land Use Ordinance:
Add two new definitions, in proper alphabetical order, to Section 2.2 Additional Definitions of the Land Use Ordinance, as follows:

Conference Center – A facility used for conferences and seminars, with accommodations for food preparation and eating, entertainment, resource facilities, and meeting rooms. The total floor area of a conference center shall not exceed 20,000 square feet.

Convention Facility – A building, or portion thereof designed to accommodate 300 or more people in assembly.

Include these two new uses in the Table 3.6.A.1 Table of Land Uses in the Base Zoning Districts as sub uses under “Services”.

Allow Conference Center as Conditional Uses in the following districts: Business/Institutional/Professional (BP), Local Business (CB), Regional Business (CC), Kennebec Business District 2 (KBD2), and Kennebec Lockes (KL).

Allow Convention Facility as a conditional Use in the following districts: Regional Business (CC), and Civic Center District (CD)

Amend the Official Zoning Map such that the front 600 feet as measured from the property line bordering Stone Street of Tax Map 10, Lot 31, is rezoned from Residential A (RA) to Institutional/Business/Professional (BP).

Motion for passage by: Byron Second by: Bilodeau
Yeas: 6; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O’Brien
Bilodeau, McCormick
Nays: 0

NEW BUSINESS

READ AND PASSED, AS AMENDED

14-199
BE IT ORDERED, That the City Manager is authorized to accept the sealed bids on the following tax acquired properties:
- 17 Hospital Street, Map 41, Lot 174, in the amount of $12,114.00 to Matthew Harriman and Nicole Chaplin.
- 1144 South Belfast Avenue, Map 65, Lot 13, in the amount of $330.00 to Peter and Heather Cunningham
All other bids to be rejected on the following:
- 323 Bolton Hill Road, Map 11, Lot 53
- 18 Greenlief Street, Map 38, Lot 88
- Lone Indian Trail, Map 4A, Lot 72B
- Cross Hill Road, Map 4, Lot 11

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That the net proceeds from each sale with be credited to the reserve for demolition of unsafe structures located in the City.

Motion to amend by: Bilodeau Second by: McCormick
Yeas: 6; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O’Brien, Bilodeau, McCormick
Nays: 0

Motion for passage, as amended, by: Bilodeau Second by: Byron
Yeas: 6; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O’Brien, Bilodeau, McCormick
Nays: 0

NEW BUSINESS (Con’t)

READ, SECOND READING WAIVED, PASSED AS AN EMERGENCY

14-200
WHEREAS, an emergency exists affecting health, safety, and property if nighttime parking regulations are not modified to accommodate both downtown building owners and renters, as well as the city’s need to conduct snow removal.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Augusta that the following amendments be made to the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 18, Section 68 (Nighttime Parking Not to Hinder Snow Removal), as an emergency ordinance enactment effective immediately:

No person shall park or permit a vehicle to remain parked in any street of the city, with the exception of the east side of Commercial Street between Bridge Street and Oak Street and Commercial Street Extension between Water Street and Bridge Street, between 12:00 a.m. midnight and 7:00 a.m. from November 15 to April 15, since such parking or remaining parked vehicles may interfere with snowplowing or the loading or removal of snow from such street.

Motion to suspend the rules by: O’Brien Second by: Byron
Yeas: 6; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O’Brien, Bilodeau, McCormick
Nays: 0
NEW BUSINESS (Con’t)

READ, FIRST READING

14-201
NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Augusta that the following amendments be made to the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 18, Section 68 (Nighttime Parking Not to Hinder Snow Removal):

No person shall park or permit a vehicle to remain parked in any street of the city, with the exception of the east side of Commercial Street between Bridge Street and Oak Street and Commercial Street Extension between Water Street and Bridge Street, between 12:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. from November 15 to April 15, since such parking or remaining parked vehicles may interfere with snowplowing or the loading or removal of snow from such street.

(FIRST READING, NO VOTE TAKEN)

14-202
WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the Planning Board appointed a subcommittee, heard testimony at public hearings, and unanimously recommended amending the Land Use Ordinance related to the Riggs Brook Village zoning district;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Augusta that the attached amendments to the City of Augusta Land Use Ordinance, which are all related to the Riggs Brook Village zoning district, be enacted.

(FIRST READING, NO VOTE TAKEN)

NEW BUSINESS (Con’t)

READ AND PASSED

14-193
ORDERED, That the minutes of the City Council meeting held November 6, 2014, submitted by the City Clerk be approved.

Motion for passage by: O’Brien Second by: Byron
Yeas: 6; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O’Brien Bilodeau, McCormick,
Nays: 0
14-194  
Ordered, That John Harvey Versteeg to be reappointed to the Conservation Commission; said term to expire November 20, 2017.  

Motion for passage by: O’Brien  Second by: Byron  
Yeas: 6;  Byron, Grant, Paradis, O’Brien  
Bilodeau, McCormick  
Nays: 0  

14-195  
Ordered, That as recommended by the Augusta Conservation Commission, the City Council authorize the City Manager to accept as a donation, a 2.23 acre parcel of land (Tax Map 35 Lots 24 & 30) from the Gagne family.  

Motion for passage by: O’Brien  Second by: Byron  
Yeas: 6;  Byron, Grant, Paradis, O’Brien  
Bilodeau, McCormick  
Nays: 0  

14-196  
Ordered, That as recommended by the Augusta Conservation Commission, the City Council authorize the City Manager to accept as a donation, 58 + or - acres of land (Tax Map 5 Lots 58 and 88-A and Tax Map 5-A, Lot 39) from Kennebec Wetlands LLC that were purchased to mitigate wetland requirements for the Augusta Crossing Mall project.  

Motion for passage by: O’Brien  Second by: Byron  
Yeas: 6;  Byron, Grant, Paradis, O’Brien  
Bilodeau, McCormick  
Nays: 0  

14-197  
ORDERED, that the City Manager is authorized to employ the Construction Management At-Risk process for the Lithgow Library renovation and expansion capital improvement project.  

Motion for passage by: Bilodeau  Second by: Byron  
Yeas: 6;  Byron, Grant, Paradis, O’Brien  
Bilodeau, McCormick  
Nays: 0  

14-198  
ORDERED, That the City Manager is authorized to sign the contract between the City and the Maine Public Employees Retirement System which authorizes the change to Special Plan 3C on January 1, 2015 for Firefighters and Battalion Chiefs hired after December 31, 1989. The change will impact only future contributions for these employees, and those hired prior to January 1, 1990 will remain covered under Plan 2C, as per the collective bargaining agreement authorized and signed in July 2014.
Motion for passage by: Byron   Second by: McCormick
Yeas:  6;    Byron, Grant, Paradis, O’Brien
         Bilodeau, McCormick
Nays:  0

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. Wardwell, City Clerk
November 24, 2014