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

Proclamation - National Retirement Planning Week

Recognition - Recognition of Police Officers, Sergeant Eric Lloyd, Officer Benjamin Murtiff and Officer Kyle Sheridan

Presentation - Recognition of a Meritorious Unit Citation to the entire crew of Fire Department C-Shift as well as recognition of Firefighters/Paramedics; Mic Poirier, Lieutenant Art True, Rich Beaudoin and Dan Freeman.

Presentation - Update on Lithgow Library move and construction

Public comments were held on items listed on the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS

READ AND PASSED

15-042
BE IT ORDERED, That the City Manager is authorized to accept the sealed bid on the following tax acquired property:
- 1144 South Belfast Avenue, tax Map 65, Lot 13 in the amount of $330.00 from Peter and Heather Cunningham.

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

Motion to remove from table by: Bilodeau Second by: Munson
Yeas: 6; Conti, Paradis, Blodgett,
Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson
Nays: 0

Motion for passage by: Bilodeau Second by: McCormick
Yeas: 6; Conti, Paradis, Blodgett,
Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson
Nays: 0
NEW BUSINESS

READ AND PASSED, SECOND READING WAIVED

15-057
WHEREAS, the City Council finds that modifications to the city sign ordinance are necessary to accommodate the changing traffic patterns that occurred as a result of the construction of the Cushnoc Crossing bridge.

BE IT ORDAINED, By the City Council of the City of Augusta, that Augusta Land Use Ordinance be amended as follows:

Add the following language to the ordinance, which will allow Official Business Directional Signs along a segment of Route 3,

5.1.17.12.1.8.5.15 Route 3 from a point 1500 feet east of West River Road to a point 1500 feet west of Riverside Drive.

Motion to waive second reading by: Paradis Second by: Bilodeau
Yeas: 6; Conti, Paradis, Blodgett, Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson
Nays: 0

Motion for passage by: Paradis Second by: Blodgett
Yeas: 6; Conti, Paradis, Blodgett, Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson
Nays: 0

NEW BUSINESS (Con’t)

READ AND PASSED

15-051
ORDERED, That the minutes of the City Council meeting held March 19, 2015, submitted by the City Clerk be approved.

Motion for passage by: Bilodeau Second by: Blodgett
Yeas: 6; Conti, Paradis, Blodgett, Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson
Nays: 0

15-052
ORDERED, That Maurice G. Fortin be reappointed as a member of the Assessment Review Board; said term to expire April 12, 2018.
Motion for passage by: Bilodeau Second by: Blodgett
Yeas: 6; Conti, Paradis, Blodgett, Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson
Nays: 0

15-053
ORDERED, That the City Council accept a donation for up to 100 flats of annual flowers valued at $3,500.00 to be used in the City’s gardens from Longfellow’s Greenhouses.

Motion for passage by: Bilodeau Second by: Blodgett
Yeas: 6; Conti, Paradis, Blodgett, Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson
Nays: 0

15-054
BE IT ORDERED, That the City Manager is authorized to accept grant funding in the amount not to exceed $3,000.00 from the Maine Bureau of Highway Safety.

Motion for passage by: Paradis Second by: Munson
Yeas: 6; Conti, Paradis, Blodgett, Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson
Nays: 0

15-055
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 $835.00, or any portion thereof 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. William Seabron.

Motion for passage by: Bilodeau Second by: McCormick
Yeas: 6; Conti, Paradis, Blodgett, Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson
Nays: 0

15-056
BE IT ORDERED, That the City Manager is authorized to enter into five year agreements with Hatch Hill Landfill Facility contracting communities for a reduced per capita fee of twelve dollars per annum.

Motion for passage by: Blodgett Second by: Bilodeau
Yeas: 6; Conti, Paradis, Blodgett, Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson
Nays: 0
ORDERED, That the City Council enter into executive session to discuss:
- real estate negotiations; 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C)
- pending litigation; 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(E)

Motion for passage by: Conti  Second by: Munson
Yea:  6;  Conti, Paradis, Blodgett,
Nays:  0

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. Wardwell, City Clerk
April 6, 2015