All members of Council were present; Mayor Rollins presided.

Presentation - Mayor’s Recognition of Excellence (REX) Committee Award: Outstanding Citizen Alphonse “Alphy” Poulin

Public comments were held on items listed on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

READ AND PASSED

16-033
ORDERED, That the minutes of the City Council meeting held February 18, 2016 submitted by the City Clerk, be approved.

Motion for passage by: Munson Second by: Grant
Yea: 8; Conti, Grant, Paradis, Blodgett
Munson, Bilodeau, McCormick, Alexander
Nay: 0

16-034
ORDERED, That Peter Fortunato be reappointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals; said term to expire on March 17, 2019.

Motion for passage by: Munson Second by: Grant
Yea: 8; Conti, Grant, Paradis, Blodgett
Munson, Bilodeau, McCormick, Alexander
Nay: 0

16-035
ORDERED, That the City Manager is authorized to contract with the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency for assignment of an Augusta Police Detective.

Motion for passage by: Bilodeau Second by: McCormick
Yea: 8; Conti, Grant, Paradis, Blodgett
Munson, Bilodeau, McCormick, Alexander
Nay: 0

16-036
ORDERED, That the City Manager is authorized to provide, for Councilors who request them, personal electronic devices, as recommended by the Bureau of Information Systems, for the purpose of facilitating the electronic distribution and use of Council materials and communication.
BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That the cost of the devices will be charged to the Council Contingency fund.

Motion for passage by: Alexander  Second by: Conti
Yeas: 7;  Conti, Grant, Paradis, Blodgett
Munson, McCormick, Alexander
Nays: 1;  Bilodeau

16-037
ORDERED, That the City Manager is authorized to execute a conservation easement with the State of Maine Department of Environmental Protection to facilitate the development of the City property known as the Quimby Lot, Map 5 Lot 109 for the new north Augusta fire station.

Motion for passage by: Bilodeau  Second by: McCormick
Yeas: 8;  Conti, Grant, Paradis, Blodgett
Munson, Bilodeau, McCormick, Alexander
Nays: 0

16-038
ORDERED, That the City Council enter into an executive session to discuss pending and potential litigation; 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(E).

Motion for passage by: Conti  Second by: Munson
Yeas: 8;  Conti, Grant, Paradis, Blodgett
Munson, Bilodeau, McCormick, Alexander
Nays: 0

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. Wardwell, City Clerk
March 4, 2016