

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

AUGUSTA, MAINE

May 23, 2008

Minutes of the regular City Council meeting held Monday, May 19, 2008 at 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers, City Center.

All members of the Council were present except Councilor Stokes; Mayor Katz presided.

Presentation - Update from Kennebec Historical Society - Joseph Owen, President (81 Green Street)

Presentation - Cony High School Jazz Band - Competition in the Maine Music Educators Association

Public comments were held on items listed on the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS

HAS BEEN READ AND TABLED

131 WHEREAS, commercial blasting and use of explosives for purposes of quarrying mineral extraction and the production of construction materials have been occurring frequently in the City of Augusta, and whereas numerous reports of property damage resulting from such blasting have been communicated to the City, and

WHEREAS, current City of Augusta Ordinances are inadequate to effectively regulate and prevent serious public harm and property damage which may occur as a result of blasting in the City, and

WHEREAS, City Staff is aware of planned blasting in the vicinity of residential homes in the City, and

WHEREAS, the City Council has appointed a Committee to draft a new Ordinance regulating blasting, which has not completed its work, and

WHEREAS, the City Council needs additional time to complete the process of enacting a new Ordinance regulating blasting.

NOW THEREFORE, The Council hereby ORDERS that a moratorium be enacted effective as of the date of passage by Council which prohibits all commercial blasting and use of explosives for the purpose of mineral extraction, quarrying or the production

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of construction materials within 2000 feet of a residence.

This moratorium will expire in one hundred eighty (180) days from the date of passage or upon the effective date of enactment of a new Ordinance regulating blasting, whichever occurs first.

(NO MOTION TO REMOVE FROM TABLE)

HAS BEEN READ, FIRST READING

- 072 BE IT RESOLVED, That there is hereby appropriated for the support of the departments of the City of Augusta, for payment of County Taxes, for the bonded indebtedness of the City, and for all the other debts incurred by the City for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2009, the sum of \$51,341,008 of which a summary appears below.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the amount to be raised from current real and personal taxes considering estimated departmental revenues, fund balance, and other sources of \$27,112,385 to be set at \$24,228,623.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City of Augusta appropriate \$26,467,270 for the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade twelve as described in Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and that the City of Augusta raise \$9,030,432 as the City's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade twelve as described in Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688.

Explanation: The City's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade twelve as described in Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that the municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City of Augusta raise and appropriate \$349,637 for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by the legislative body for non-state-

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funded school construction projects, non-state-funded portions of school construction projects and minor capital projects in addition to the funds appropriated as the local share of the school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade twelve.

Explanation: Non-state-funded debt service is the amount of money needed for the annual payments on the City's long-term debt for major capital school construction and minor capital renovations that are not approved for state subsidy. The bonding of this long-term debt was previously approved by the voters of the City as follows:

Lincoln & Farrington Elementary Schools - approved by the voters on November 4, 1986.

New Cony High School - Preliminary bond - approved by the voters on November 7, 2000.

New Cony High School - approved by the voters on December 2, 2003.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City of Augusta raise and appropriate \$752,505 in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$280,784 as required to fund the budget recommended by School Board.

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the City's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten through grade twelve as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual debt service payment on previously approved non-state-funded school construction projects and the non-state-funded portion of minor capital school construction projects that will help achieve the City's budget for educational programs. The appropriate exceeds the Essential Program and services model in the following areas: special education, extra and co-curricular activities, transportation, pension obligations debt, central administration, and contingency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City of Augusta appropriate

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 \$575,272 and raise \$348,165 for Adult Education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City of Augusta authorize the Augusta Board of Education to expend \$28,144,684 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009 from the City's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade twelve as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy, and other receipts for the support of schools.

	PRELIMINARY BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET
<u>LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE</u>		
Mayor and Council	\$ 41,801	
City Manager	264,731	
Corporation Counsel	117,180	
Central Services	6,060	
Unclassified	295,649	
Council Contingency	20,000	
Manager Contingency	10,000	
TOTAL LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE	\$ 755,421	_____
 <u>FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION</u>		
City Clerk	\$ 197,944	
Registration and Elections	31,277	
City Auditor	146,736	
Information Systems	407,955	
Treasurer and Tax Collector	274,034	
Assessor	203,418	
Finance and Administration	112,587	
Human Resources	226,609	
TOTAL FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION	\$ 1,600,560	_____

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	<u>CITY SERVICES</u>		
	Economic Development	\$	257,712
	Planning		156,278
	Historical Preservation		5,825
	Code Enforcement		266,245
	City Service Administration		61,773
	Engineer		178,170
	City Buildings		534,797
	Buker School		158,986
	Cony/Flatiron		61,959
	TOTAL CITY SERVICES	\$	1,681,745
	<u>COMMUNITY SERVICES</u>		
	Conservation Commission	\$	2,686
	Community Services Administration		204,586
	Public Library		610,668
	Recreation		184,964
	Parks and Cemeteries		787,239
	Fort Western		121,372
	Bicentennial Nature Park		64,789
	Health and Welfare		185,947
	General Assistance		85,650
	TOTAL COMMUNITY SERVICES	\$	2,247,901
	<u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u>		
	Police	\$	3,889,591
	Fire		2,183,192
	Civil Emergency Preparedness		10,005
	TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	\$	6,082,788
	<u>PUBLIC WORKS</u>		
	Public Works Administration	\$	116,378
	Highway		1,502,076
	Snow Removal		976,935
	Waste Removal		766,060
	TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	\$	3,361,449
	TOTAL UTILITIES	\$	2,125,432
	TOTAL RETIREMENT AND INSURANCE	\$	2,137,908

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TOTAL SERIAL BONDS AND NOTES	\$ 1,186,885
TOTAL RESERVE AND CASH C.I.P	\$ 590,000
TOTAL COUNTY TAX	\$ 1,426,235
<u>EDUCATION</u>	
REGULAR INSTRUCTION	\$ 9,379,960
SPECIAL EDUCATION	\$ 3,850,473
CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION	\$ 2,772,660
OTHER INSTRUCTION	\$ 686,531
STUDENT AND STAFF SUPPORT	\$ 2,290,430
SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION	\$ 633,108
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 1,383,547
TRANSPORTATION	\$ 954,615
FACILITIES MAINTENANCE	\$ 2,451,630
DEBT SERVICE	\$ 3,018,458
ALL OTHER EXPENDITURES	\$ 148,000
ADULT EDUCATION	\$ 575,272
TOTAL EDUCATION	\$28,144,684
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$51,341,008

(FIRST READING, NO VOTE REQUIRED)

NEW BUSINESSHAS BEEN READ AND PASSED

074 ORDERED, That minutes of the City Council meeting held May 5, 2008 submitted by the City Clerk be approved.

Yeas: 7; Byron, Doore, Paradis, O'Brien,  
Rollins, Coffin, Munson

Nays: 0

075 ORDERED, That the City Council accept a donation from Central Maine Power for \$500.00 to be used to support an Electrical Hazard Awareness Program (EHAP) for Public Works and Bureau of Parks, Cemeteries and Trees employees.

Yeas: 7; Byron, Doore, Paradis, O'Brien,  
Rollins, Coffin, Munson

Nays: 0

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED (Con't)

076 ORDERED, That the following be appointed to the Joint Audit Committee:

	Term expires
Michael Byron (Council representative)	12/31/2008
William Stokes (Council representative)	12/31/2010
Scott Small (at large member)	05/19/2011

Yeas: 7; Byron, Doore, Paradis, O'Brien,  
Rollins, Coffin, Munson

Nays: 0

077 ORDERED, That City Council accept a donation for The Spring Running festival in an amount totaling Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) from Kennebec Savings Bank.

Yeas: 7; Byron, Doore, Paradis, O'Brien,  
Rollins, Coffin, Munson

Nays: 0

078 ORDERED, That the City Council authorize the City Manager to submit a Keep America Beautiful grant application for the purpose of seeking \$2,000.00 to help assist with removing Graffiti in the City of Augusta. If successful, grant funds will be managed through the Finance Department and administered through Community Services Department.

Yeas: 7; Byron, Doore, Paradis, O'Brien,  
Rollins, Coffin, Munson

Nays: 0

079 ORDERED, That the City Council approve the Augusta Tree Board's recommended use of Tree Board account funds in the amount of \$12,000.00 (Twelve Thousand Dollars) with \$6,000.00 (Six Thousand Dollars) to be used for Memorial Park renovations and up to \$6,000.00 (Six Thousand Dollars) to be used to develop a Forest Management Plan for the Bond Brook parcel and adjacent City lands, and

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HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED (Con't)

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BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That once timber receipts begin to be generated from the Bond Brook property and funds are available, the Tree Board's working account will be reimbursed for the amount to commission a Forest Management Plan not to exceed \$2,500.00.
- Yeas: 7; Byron, Doore, Paradis, O'Brien,  
Rollins, Coffin, Munson
- Nays: 0
- 080 ORDERED, That \$3,400.00 be re-appropriated from FY 2004 Library Renovations Capital Improvement project to FY 2006 Library Restoration/Expansion Capital Improvement project. Said Funds to be expended consistent with Council Order #188, dated November 9, 2005.
- Yeas: 7; Byron, Doore, Paradis, O'Brien,  
Rollins, Coffin, Munson
- Nays: 0
- 081 ORDERED, That the City Council accept a donation of \$5,000.00 from Winston Grant for Graffiti Abatement Fund.
- Yeas: 7; Byron, Doore, Paradis, O'Brien,  
Rollins, Coffin, Munson
- Nays: 0
- 082 ORDERED, That the City Council enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter; 1 M.R.S.A., Section 405(6)(A)
- Yeas: 7; Byron, Doore, Paradis, O'Brien,  
Rollins, Coffin, Munson
- Nays: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. Wardwell  
City Clerk