

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2012  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY CENTER  
7:00 P.M.**

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

Oath of Office - City Council Members and Board of Education Members

Jeffrey Bilodeau – Councilor, At-Large  
Michael G. Byron – Councilor, Ward 1  
Mark S. O’Brien – Councilor, Ward 4  
Susan B. Campbell – Board of Education, Chair  
Laurence G. Ringrose – Board of Education, At-Large  
Deborah Towle – Board of Education, Ward 2

Presentation - Cony High School Students of the Month for October

Nicole Liyanage-Don  
Thon Itthipalakorn

Presentation - Cony High School Students of the Month for November

Erika Burns  
Dylan Cheever

Public comments were held on items listed on the agenda.

**OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS**

**HAS BEEN READ AND TABLED**

**11-146**

ORDERED, That the City Manager be authorized to contract for demolition and improvements to Haymarket Square not including the construction of new bathroom facilities and not to exceed \$120,000 from the Downtown TIF.

(NO MOTION TO REMOVE FROM TABLE)

**OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS (Con't)**

**READ AND PASSED, FINAL READING**

**11-191**

WHEREAS, the Planning Board held a public hearing and voted unanimously to recommend the following modification; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the requirements for a text amendment to the Land Use Ordinance found in Section 1.6.1.B of the Land Use Ordinance have been met.





Motion to amend by: Byron                      Second by: Munson  
(Change: add a "5" to the date to correct a typographical error)

Yeas: 8              Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien  
                         Rollins, Bilodeau, Emery, Munson

Nays: 0

Motion for passage, as amended, by: Munson                      Second by: O'Brien

Yeas: 8              Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien  
                         Rollins, Bilodeau, Emery, Munson

Nays: 0

**12-002**

ORDERED, That the City Council accept a donation from the Get Together Senior Citizens Club in an amount totaling \$200.00 for heating assistance for residents of Augusta who are not General Assistance eligible.

Motion for passage by: Munson                      Second by: O'Brien

Yeas: 8              Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien  
                         Rollins, Bilodeau, Emery, Munson

Nays: 0

**12-003**

ORDERED, That the City Council accept a donation for the Health and Welfare Bureau in an amount totaling \$250.00 from the "Kennebec Plaza \$2 A Month Club" to benefit those in need of fuel assistance and not eligible for General Assistance as determined by staff of the Health and Welfare Bureau.

Motion for passage by: Munson                      Second by: O'Brien

Yeas: 8              Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien  
                         Rollins, Bilodeau, Emery, Munson

Nays: 0

**12-004**

ORDERED, That Mayor Stokes appoint Megan Hopkin to the Historic Preservation Commission; said term to expire on January 5, 2015

Motion for passage by: Munson                      Second by: O'Brien

Yeas: 8              Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien  
                         Rollins, Bilodeau, Emery, Munson

Nays: 0

**12-005**

ORDERED, That the City Council enter into executive session to discuss:

A potential litigation; 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(E)

Labor negotiations

Motion for passage by: O'Brien      Second by: Rollins

Yeas: 8      Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien

Rollins, Bilodeau, Emery, Munson

Nays: 0

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina M Charest, Deputy City Clerk

January 9, 2012