

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2012
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY CENTER
6:00 P.M.**

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

Presentation - Recognition of JS McCarthy Printing Company and Downtown Poster

Presentation - Proposed Redevelopment and Reuse Plan for the former American Tissue Mill Site (John Melrose of Eaton Peabody Consulting Group)

Public Hearing - Malt and Vinous Liquor License application for Judy Li, d/b/a Great Wall Buffet

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS

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

12-030

WHEREAS, the Mayor appointed a three person City Council committee to review the City's herbicide practices and policies and,

WHEREAS, the committee met 15 times to review the literature, take testimony from stakeholders, met with staff to review the Best Management Practices and Integrated Pest Management and,

WHEREAS, the committee met with the Director and other staff of the State of Maine Board of Pesticides Control and,

WHEREAS, the Committee reviewed the work and findings of the State of Maine's Toxicologist who conducted a thorough review of the literature that was presented to City Council and,

WHEREAS, the Committee watched the movie "A Chemical Reaction" and met with the producer of the movie and,

WHEREAS, Central Maine Power will provide the city with liability insurance as deemed necessary by the City with the proper indemnifications, and;

BE IT ORDERED, That the City Council authorize the City Manager to negotiate the use of the three parcels being requested for acceptable monetary compensation. ~~with said compensation going to the Lithgow Library Capital Fund.~~

Motion to amend by: Rollins Second by: Byron
Yeas: 8; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien
Rollins, Bilodeau, Emery, Munson
Nays: 0;

Motion for passage, as amended, by: Paradis Second by: Byron
Yeas: 8; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien
Rollins, Bilodeau, Emery, Munson
Nays: 0;

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

READ AND PASSED

12-032

ORDERED, That the minutes of the City Council meetings held February 16, 2012 and March 8, 2012, submitted by the City Clerk, be approved.

Motion for passage by: O'Brien Second by: Byron
Yeas: 8; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien
Rollins, Bilodeau, Emery, Munson
Nays: 0;

12-033

ORDERED, That the Roll of Accounts for the month of February, 2012, in the amount of \$4,021,699.02 be approved.

Motion for passage by: O'Brien Second by: Byron
Yeas: 8; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien
Rollins, Bilodeau, Emery, Munson
Nays: 0;

12-034

ORDERED, That Joseph Bedard be appointed to the Planning Board; said term to expire on March 15, 2015.

Motion for passage by: O'Brien Second by: Byron
Yeas: 8; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien
Rollins, Bilodeau, Emery, Munson
Nays: 0;

12-036

ORDERED, That the following labor contracts with the Augusta Uniformed Firefighters Association Local No. 1650 and 1650A units be ratified consistent with the agreements with the Union:

Firefighters Local 1650	July 1, 2010 – June 30 2011
Firefighters Local 1650	July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2014
Battalion Chiefs Local 1650A	July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011
Battalion Chiefs Local 1650A	July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2014

Motion for passage by: Byron Second by: Paradis
Yeas: 8; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien
 Rollins, Bilodeau, Emery, Munson
Nays: 0;

12-038

ORDERED, That the City Council enter into an executive session, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A., Section 841(2), to discuss an application for abatement of property taxes on account of infirmity or poverty; 1 M.R.S.A., Section 405(6)(F).

Motion for passage by: O'Brien Second by: Byron
Yeas: 8; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien
 Rollins, Bilodeau, Emery, Munson
Nays: 0;

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. Wardwell, City Clerk & Treasurer
March 23, 2012