

**MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2014
7:00 P.M.**

All members of Council were present; Mayor Stokes presided.

Pledge of Allegiance & Recognition - The Cony Mini Rams Travel Basketball Team, Tiger Tournaments Champions

Proclamation – Wyland Mayor’s Challenge for Water Conservation

Presentation - Mayor’s Recognition for Excellence Awards:
Organization Excellence Award to Le Cub Calumet
Individual Excellence Award to Peter Dionne (postponed)

Presentation - Historic Building Plaque to Matt and Heather Pouliot, owners of the Reverend John Young House, circa 1851, 99 Winthrop Street
By Lorie Mastemaker, Historic Preservation Commission Chair

Public Hearing – NAMI of Maine Inc Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Public comments were held on items listed on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

READ AND PASSED, AS AMENDED

14-059

BE IT ORDERED, That the City Council of the City of Augusta authorizes the City Manager to enter into negotiations and execute sales documents with the Greater Augusta Utility District (GAUD) allowing GAUD to purchase a portion of city land, approximately 12,715 square feet in size, that is now part of the Hodgkin’s School property, as shown on the map entitled Greater Augusta Utility District Malta Hill Tank Site, dated December 23, 2013, updated February 12, 2014, by E.S. Coffin Engineering and Surveying, Inc., to provide buffer land and additional security for GAUD’s water towers. Net proceeds of the sale will be credited to the Lithgow Library Building Fund.

Motion to amend by: Rollins Second by: McCormick

Yeas: 8; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O’Brien
 Rollins, Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson

Nays: 0

Motion for passage by: Byron Second by: Bilodeau

Yeas: 8; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O’Brien
 Rollins, Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson

Nays: 0

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

FIRST READING

14-060

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that Minor Municipal and Public Utilities and Communications Facilities is a use that forwards the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Augusta Utility District intends to install new municipal water supply wells in the PD2 District; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board has reviewed the issue, held a public hearing, and made a unanimous recommendation in favor of amending the Land Use Ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, By the City Council of the City of Augusta that the PD2 zoning district be amended such that Minor Municipal and Public Utilities and Communications Facilities is added to the district in the Table of Uses, Table 3.6.A.1 as a conditional use.

(FIRST READING, NO VOTE TAKEN, SECOND READING: APRIL 10 SPECIAL MTG)

14-061

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the businesses fronting on Sewall Street directly behind the state office building have been slowly converting to professional offices over time; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board has reviewed the issue, held a public hearing, and made a unanimous recommendation in favor of amending the Land Use Ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, By the City Council of the City of Augusta that the lot known as Assessor's Map 26, Lot 119 shall be rezoned in accordance with Section 1.6.1(2)(A)(iv)(b) of the Augusta Land Use Ordinance. The new contract zone shall be Institutional/Business/Professional (BP) with the following uses: 1) business and professional offices and services; 2) One and Two Family Dwellings. There shall be no through access from Sewall Street to Page Street. The existing building shall not be torn down, added on to, or replaced with any new structure unless the addition or new structure continues to resemble a single family home both inside and outside in the same style as the present structure.

(FIRST READING, NO VOTE TAKEN)

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

READ AND PASSED

14-054

ORDERED, That the minutes of the City Council meeting held March 20, 2014, 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, McCormick, Munson
Nays: 0

14-055

WHEREAS, the City of Augusta wishes to apply to the Department of Economic and Community Development for a Community Development Block Grant to carry out a community development program; and

WHEREAS, the planning process required by Maine Law and the CDBG Program have been complied with, including participation in the planning process by low and moderate income families and individuals and the community has conducted at least one duly advertised public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the City of Augusta is cognizant of the requirement that should the intended National Objective of the CDBG program not be met all CDBG funds must be repaid to the State of Maine CDBG program; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Council of the City of Augusta that the City Manager:

- 1) Is authorized and directed to submit an application for the following program and within the State of Maine's CDBG Program:

Program: NAMI of Maine Workforce Development Grant
Amount: \$98,000.00

To the Department of Economic and Community Development on behalf of the City of Augusta, substantially in the form presented to this Council;

- 2) Is authorized to make assurances on behalf of the City of Augusta as required as part of such applications, and
- 3) Is authorized and directed, upon acceptance of said funds to carry out the duties and responsibilities for implementing and said program, consistent with the Charter of the City of Augusta and the laws and regulations governing planning and implementation of community development programs in the State of Maine.

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

14-056

BE IT ORDERED, That and as required to be in compliance with the Community Development Block Grant Program, the Mayor appoint the following individuals to the Community Development Advisory Committee to oversee and guide the NAMI of Maine, Inc workforce development grant through the planning and implementation process:

