

**MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2015
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY CENTER
7:00 p.m.**

All members of Council were present; Mayor Rollins presided.

Presentation - Edwards Dam Scholarship Recipient, Ben Cloutier

Presentation - Edwards Dam Scholarship Recipient, Alicia Stafford

Public comments were held on items listed on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

READ AND PASSED, AS AMENDED

15-095

ORDERED, That the City Council accept the bids on the following tax acquired properties:

- 10 Kennedy Road, map 62, lot 5, lot size: .86 acres, assessed value: \$21,800.00
Bid: \$4,373.00 Bidders: Lionel J. and Jill D. Cayer
- ~~— 323 Bolton Hill Road, map 11, lot 53, lot size: 1.00 acre, assessed value: \$23,500.00
Bid: \$335.00 Bidders: Lionel J. and Jill D. Cayer~~
- 18 Greenlief Street, map 38, lot 88, lot size : 0.24 acres, assessed value: \$17,800.00
Bid: \$2,021.00 Bidders: Miriam Davidson and Jeremy Richardson (abutters)
- ~~— Lone Indian Trail, map 4A, lot 72B, lot size 1.4 acres, assessed value: \$17,400.00
Bid: \$2,000.00 Bidder: Rebecca Rodriguez~~

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That the net proceeds from each sale will be credited to the reserve for demolition of unsafe structures located in the city.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That the City Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Motion to amend by: Bilodeau Second by: Paradis
Yeas: 7; Conti, Grant, Paradis, Blodgett,
 Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson
Nays: 0

Motion for passage, as amended, by: Munson Second by: McCormick
Yeas: 7; Conti, Grant, Paradis, Blodgett,
 Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson
Nays: 0

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

READ AND PASSED

15-091

ORDERED, That the minutes of the City Council meetings held May 21, 2015 and May 28, 2015; submitted by the City Clerk be approved.

Motion for passage by: Bilodeau Second by: Munson

Yeas: 7; Conti, Grant, Paradis, Blodgett,
 Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson

Nays: 0

15-092

ORDERED, That the Roll of Accounts for the month of May, 2015 in the amount of \$6,083,534.17 be approved.

Motion for passage by: Bilodeau Second by: Munson

Yeas: 7; Conti, Grant, Paradis, Blodgett,
 Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson

Nays: 0

15-093

ORDERED, That the following list of Wardens and Ward Clerks be appointed in accordance with the City of Augusta Charter, Article V, Section 2:

Ward 2 – Jane Dumas, Ward Clerk
Ward 4 – Jeannine Gotreau, Warden
 Ron Gotreau, Ward Clerk
CPP - Renette Leibowitz, Warden
 David Leibowitz, Ward Clerk

Motion for passage by: Bilodeau Second by: Munson

Yeas: 7; Conti, Grant, Paradis, Blodgett,
 Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson

Nays: 0

15-094

ORDERED, That Benjamin Cloutier and Alicia Stafford each be awarded \$250.00 per the recommendations of the Edwards Dam Scholarship Committee.

Motion for passage by: Paradis Second by: Blodgett

Yeas: 7; Conti, Grant, Paradis, Blodgett,
 Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson

Nays: 0

15-096

ORDERED, That the City of Augusta property taxes for the 2016 fiscal year shall be due and payable at the Office of the Tax Collector as follows:

- ONE HALF shall be due on September 10, 2015
- ONE HALF shall be due on March 10, 2016

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That interest is charged on any outstanding amount commencing one (1) day after the due date at the rate of 7% per annum.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That any tax payment received as payment for any property tax be applied against outstanding or delinquent taxes due on that property in chronological order beginning with the oldest unpaid tax bill. (36 M.R.S.A. §906).

Motion for passage by: Bilodeau Second by: Blodgett
Yeas: 7; Conti, Grant, Paradis, Blodgett,
 Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson
Nays: 0

15-097

ORDERED, in accordance with the City of Augusta Code of Ordinances, Appendix A, Land Use Ordinance Section 5.1.15.1.A.1.o, that the City Council authorizes the City Manager to modify the hours of work of the Greater Augusta Utility District (and companies working for them under contract) to perform maintenance work on their infrastructure such as cleaning and maintaining catch basins and adjusting access points (manhole covers and valve boxes) for the 2015 construction season. Areas of work where modified work hours may be needed are throughout the City. Doing this work at night is beneficial to public safety as it minimizes potential disruption to daytime traffic patterns. Times to be determined based on the GAUD's request/schedule and as approved by the City Manager.

Motion for passage by: Bilodeau Second by: McCormick
Yeas: 7; Conti, Grant, Paradis, Blodgett,
 Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson
Nays: 0

15-098

ORDERED, in accordance with the City of Augusta Code of Ordinances, Appendix A, Land Use Ordinance Section 5.1.15.1.A.1.o, that the City Council authorizes the City Manager to modify the work hours for Maine Natural Gas (and companies working for them under contract); to install natural gas lines and repave accordingly across Western Avenue in the area between Whitten Road and Old Winthrop Road and in the vicinity of the Armory. Schedule of said work to occur within the next sixty (60) days and will be weather dependent. Each crossing should take 1-2 nights to complete. Night work in this area will be beneficial to public safety.

Motion for passage by: Bilodeau Second by: Paradis
Yeas: 7; Conti, Grant, Paradis, Blodgett,
 Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson
Nays: 0

15-099

BE IT ORDERED, That the City Manager is authorized to accept grant funding in the amount \$20,770.78 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program, FY2015 Local Solicitation. The grant of \$39,849.00 is distributed between three agencies. In accordance with grant specifications, grant funding will be allocated as such: \$20,770.78 awarded to the Augusta Police Department, \$12,535.46 awarded to the Waterville Police Department, \$6,542.77 awarded to the Kennebec County Sheriff's Office. The Augusta Police Department will be the administrative agency for the grant. Grant funding to the Augusta Police Department will be utilized to purchase upgraded mobile computer and communications equipment.

Motion for passage by: Paradis Second by: Blodgett

Yeas: 7; Conti, Grant, Paradis, Blodgett,
 Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson

Nays: 0

15-100

BE IT ORDERED, That \$500,000 from the City's Unassigned Fund Balance be transferred to the Lithgow Library Renovation/ Expansion Capital Project account as an Appropriation,

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That \$75,599 from the Reserve for Lithgow Library Renovation/Expansion funded from the sale of surplus property be transferred to the Lithgow Library Renovation /Expansion Capital Project account as an Appropriation.

Motion for passage by: Paradis Second by: Blodgett

Yeas: 7; Conti, Grant, Paradis, Blodgett,
 Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson

Nays: 0

15-101

BE IT ORDERED, that \$820,000 is de-appropriated from the Serial Bonds and Notes Principal account and be re-appropriated as follows:

- \$450,000 to the Public Works Snow Removal bureau to cover the cost overruns from the 2014 -2015 winter season and
- \$370,000 to the Lithgow Library Temporary Relocation account to cover the anticipated cost of leased space and moving expenses for the temporary relocation of Lithgow Library to the Ballard Center during the renovation and expansion of Lithgow Library.

Motion for passage by: Bilodeau Second by: McCormick

Yeas: 7; Conti, Grant, Paradis, Blodgett,
 Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson

Nays: 0

