

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 4, 2012
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY CENTER
7:00 P.M.**

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

Proclamation - Day of the Girl: October 11, 2012

Public comments were held on items listed on the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS

READ AND PASSED, FINAL READING

12-149

BE IT ORDAINED, By the City Council of the City of Augusta, as follows:

Article IV. Procurement, Sec. 2-316(c). Purchases \$1500.00 and Under; of the Revised Code of Ordinances 1990, as amended, be further amended by changing the following:

(c). [Payment of purchases.] The payment of purchases more than ~~three hundred dollars (\$300.00)~~ six hundred dollars (\$600.00) and less than one thousand five hundred, one dollars (\$1,501.00) will be made either on purchase order forms or by using a purchasing card. The use of purchasing cards does not require a purchase order number. Certain circumstances may require the use of a purchase order under one thousand five hundred one dollars (\$1,501.00) (e.g. Vendor required, expenditures from certain accounts, etc.)

Motion for passage by: Byron Second by: Bilodeau

Yeas: 7; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien
 Bilodeau, Emery, Munson

Nays: 0

NEW BUSINESS

READ, FIRST READING

12-157

BE IT ORDAINED, By the City Council of the City of Augusta, as follows:

That Chapter 2 – Administration, Article II - City Council, Division 2 - Rules of Procedure, §2-51. Presiding Officer of the Revised Code of Ordinances 1990, as amended, be deleted:

Sec. 2-51. - Presiding officer.

(a) The Mayor, or in his absence the Chairperson, shall take the chair at the meetings of the Council.

- (b) In the absence of the Mayor and the Chairperson, the City Clerk shall call the meeting to order, and a presiding officer for the time being shall be elected by the Council.

(FIRST READING, NO VOTE TAKEN)

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

READ AND PASSED

12-150

ORDERED, That the minutes of the City Council meeting held September 20, 2012, submitted by the City Clerk be approved.

Motion for passage by: Munson Second by: Paradis

Yeas: 7; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien
 Bilodeau, Emery, Munson

Nays: 0

12-151

ORDERED, That the Roll of Accounts for the month of September, 2012 in the amount of \$6,042,968.78 be approved.

Motion for passage by: Munson Second by: Paradis

Yeas: 7; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien
 Bilodeau, Emery, Munson

Nays: 0

12-152

ORDERED, That the City Council authorize a Beer Tent to be held on Sunday, October 21, 2012 or alternative inclement weather date at the City's Bond Brook Recreation Area during the Augusta Trails First Annual Tread Fest.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That the Beer Tent be managed and operated by a duly licensed vendor with all applicable licenses, permits and insurance in place prior to the event and that all servers will be properly TIPS trained and certified.

Motion for passage by: Paradis Second by: Emery

Yeas: 7; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien
 Bilodeau, Emery, Munson

Nays: 0

12-153

ORDERED, that the City Administrative Regulations Manual for employees be further amended by adopting the attached changes.

Motion for passage by: Grant Second by: Byron
Yeas: 7; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien
 Bilodeau, Emery, Munson
Nays: 0

12-154

ORDERED, That the City Council authorize the City Manager to submit a grant application in the amount of One Hundred Twelve Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Five Dollars (\$112,825.00) to the State of Maine, Department of Transportation for the purpose of seeking grant funds to help assist with developing a safer route to Hussey Elementary School. The requisite 20% match will be reviewed during the FY 2014 annual budget review. If successful, grant funds will be managed through the Finance Department and administered through the office of City Services.

Motion for passage by: Emery Second by: Byron
Yeas: 7; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien
 Bilodeau, Emery, Munson
Nays: 0

12-155

ORDERED, That the City Council authorize the City Manager to submit grant application to the State of Maine, Department of Transportation for the purpose of seeking grant funds in the amount of Four Hundred Eight Thousand and Nine Hundred and Thirty Four Dollars (\$408,934.00) to help assist with developing a bulkhead at the Eastside Boat Landing Park as part of a bank stabilization project on the Kennebec River. While most of the 20% match is already appropriated in the City's CIP for this bank stabilization work, the requisite 20% match will be additionally reviewed during the FY 2014 annual budget process. If successful, grant funds will be managed through the Finance Department and administered through the office of City Services.

Motion for passage by: Munson Second by: Grant
Yeas: 7; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien
 Bilodeau, Emery, Munson
Nays: 0

12-156

ORDERED, That the City Council does hereby grant approval pursuant to Title 15 of the Maine Revised Statutes Annotated Sections 5824(3) & 5826(6) to the transfer of (\$2,700.00), U.S. Currency, on the grounds that the City of Augusta Police Department did make a substantial contribution to the investigation of this criminal case, namely, State of Maine v. Dakota C. Bonnell, Kennebec County Superior Court.

Motion for passage by: Paradis Second by: Munson
Yeas: 7; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien
 Bilodeau, Emery, Munson
Nays: 0

12-158

ORDERED, That the City Council enter into executive session to discuss property negotiations;
1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C).

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

Yeas: 7; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien
 Bilodeau, Emery, Munson

Nays: 0

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. Wardwell, City Clerk
October 16, 2012 (revised)