

**AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2013
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY CENTER
7:00 P.M.**

There will be a pre-meeting of the City Council at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room A. No Council actions are taken at pre-meetings. Pre-meetings are open to the public.

PROCLAMATION - Small Business Saturday, November 30, 2013

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed under this item will be considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. If a Councilor wishes to discuss one (or more) item(s), Councilor may ask to have the item(s) removed from the Consent Agenda and considered individually.

13-189 Manager (Bureau of City Clerk)

ORDERED, That the minutes of the City Council meetings held November 7, 2013 and November 14, 2013 submitted by the City Clerk, be approved.

13-190 Mayor Stokes

ORDERED, That Phyllis von Herrlich of Augusta be appointed to the Fort Western Board of Trustees for a full three-year term to expire October 2016.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That the following individuals be reappointed to the Fort Western Board of Trustees:

- Rev. Richard Freeman of Augusta, to a second three-year term to expire October 2016.
- Thomas F. Doore of Augusta to a second three-year term to expire October 2016.
- Daniel G. Stevens of August, to fill a vacancy to expire October 2015.

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS

SECOND READING

13-186 City Manager

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that safe and sanitary housing is a critical to Augusta's residents and property owners; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of taxpayers that any tax dollars spent on housing be spent on units that meet basic safe and sanitary standards;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Augusta that the following ordinance be enacted:

General Assistance – Housing, Lodging, Rooming and Licensed Hotel Habitability Certification

Any property owner, property manager, or agent receiving or wishing to receive rental payments from the city on behalf of any applicant must comply with MRSA Title 25, §2464, MRSA Title 25, §2468, 2009 NFPA Life Safety 101 codes, the Land Use Ordinance for the City of Augusta, and the Augusta Safe and Sanitary Housing Code. The city reserves the right to inspect any rental unit and lodging, rooming and licensed hotel unit for housing assistance prior to occupancy or as needed. The purpose of the inspection is to determine whether that unit or dwelling, in addition to all common spaces, are safe to occupy and in compliance with the laws, ordinances, and codes outlined here. The City Manager is authorized to promulgate rules detailing such inspection requirements, consistent with City Council policies. The city may withhold payments of rent or other assistance if any portion of a property is found to be unsafe for occupancy due to violations of the laws, ordinances, and codes outlined here.

13-187 Managers (Police Department & Public Works)

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

That Chapter 18, section 73 Schedule of no parking, restricted parking areas, of the Revised Code of Ordinances 1990, as amended, be further amended by deleting (stricken) and adding (underlined) the following:

Section 18-73 Bridge Street:

No parking on the north side from the intersection of North Street for a distance of one hundred forty-eight (148) feet easterly.

~~No parking on the south side from the west side of Spring Street westerly for one hundred thirteen (113) feet.~~

~~No parking on the south side from west side of Commercial Street running westerly to the east side of North Chestnut Street.~~

No parking on the south side of the street.

No parking on the north side from the westerly side of Crosby Street running westerly to sixty (60) feet westerly of the west side of State Street.

NEW BUSINESS

13-191 City Manager

BE IT ORDERED, That the City Council does hereby grant approval pursuant to Title 15 of the Maine Revised Statutes Annotated, section 5824(3) & 5826(6) to the transfer of \$4,121.00, or any portion thereof to the Augusta Police Department, on the grounds that the City of Augusta Police Department did make a substantial contribution to the investigation of the criminal case, namely, State of Maine vs. Matthew Jepson.

COMMUNICATIONS

Committee Reports
City Manager's Report

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. Wardwell, City Clerk
November 18, 2013