

**MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2015
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY CENTER
7:00 p.m.**

All members of Council were present; Mayor Rollins presided.

Presentation – Togus Pond Fishway Grant Update

Presentation – Kimberly Michaud - Winner of the 2015 Augusta, ME Spirit of America Foundation Tribute & Larry Fleury, 2014 winner.

Public comments were held on items listed on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED

15-187

ORDERED, That the minutes of the City Council meetings held November 19, 2015 and December 10, 2015; submitted by the City Clerk be approved.

Motion for passage by: Munson Second by: Paradis

Yeas: 8; Conti, Grant, Paradis, Blodgett,
 Munson, Bilodeau, McCormick, Emery

Nays: 0

15-188

ORDERED, That the Roll of Accounts for the month of November, 2015 in the amount of \$7,513,706.33 be approved.

Motion for passage by: Munson Second by: Paradis

Yeas: 8; Conti, Grant, Paradis, Blodgett,
 Munson, Bilodeau, McCormick, Emery

Nays: 0

15-189

ORDERED, That May Ross Coffin, David Hassen and Phyllis vonHerrlich be reappointed to the Community Development Advisory Committee, all said terms to expire on October 17, 2017.

Motion for passage by: Munson Second by: Paradis

Yeas: 8; Conti, Grant, Paradis, Blodgett,
 Munson, Bilodeau, McCormick, Emery

Nays: 0

15-190

ORDERED, That Kathleen Petersen be reappointed to the Lithgow Library Board of Trustees, said term to expire July 5, 2018.

Motion for passage by: Munson Second by: Paradis
Yeas: 8; Conti, Grant, Paradis, Blodgett,
 Munson, Bilodeau, McCormick, Emery
Nays: 0

15-191

ORDERED, That Keith Varner be reappointed to the Lithgow Library Board of Trustees, said term to expire September 6, 2018.

Motion for passage by: Munson Second by: Paradis
Yeas: 8; Conti, Grant, Paradis, Blodgett,
 Munson, Bilodeau, McCormick, Emery
Nays: 0

15-192

ORDERED, That Andrew Silsby be reappointed to the Lithgow Library Board of Trustees, said term to expire July 5, 2018.

Motion for passage by: Munson Second by: Paradis
Yeas: 8; Conti, Grant, Paradis, Blodgett,
 Munson, Bilodeau, McCormick, Emery
Nays: 0

15-193

ORDERED, That Corey A. Vose be reappointed to the Planning Board; said term to expire on January 17, 2019.

Motion for passage by: Munson Second by: Paradis
Yeas: 8; Conti, Grant, Paradis, Blodgett,
 Munson, Bilodeau, McCormick, Emery
Nays: 0

15-194

ORDERED, That the City Council accept a donation from Maine School Age Care Alliance (MSACA) in the amount of \$1,773.88 for staff to attend a school age childcare training program.

Motion for passage by: Munson Second by: Paradis
Yeas: 8; Conti, Grant, Paradis, Blodgett,
 Munson, Bilodeau, McCormick, Emery
Nays: 0

15-195

ORDERED, That the City Council accept a donation from the Get Together Senior Citizens Club in an amount totaling One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for heating assistance for non-GA eligible clients.

Motion for passage by: Munson Second by: Paradis
Yeas: 8; Conti, Grant, Paradis, Blodgett,
 Munson, Bilodeau, McCormick, Emery
Nays: 0

15-196

ORDERED, That the City Council accept from Maine Association of Realtors a donation for the Garden Club Park in an amount totaling Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for the purchase of two picnic tables to be placed at the Garden Club park..

Motion for passage by: Bilodeau Second by: Munson
Yeas: 8; Conti, Grant, Paradis, Blodgett,
 Munson, Bilodeau, McCormick, Emery
Nays: 0

15-197

ORDERED, That the City Council accepts a donation of a Holiday Tree from Cindy Banks valued at \$500.00 for the City's Annual Holiday lighting event held in Market Square on Saturday, November 28, 2015.

Motion for passage by: Munson Second by: Paradis
Yeas: 8; Conti, Grant, Paradis, Blodgett,
 Munson, Bilodeau, McCormick, Emery
Nays: 0

15-198

ORDERED, That the City Council schedule of meetings for 2016 as required by Article II, Section 6 of the City Code of Ordinances, be set as follows:

- January 7 - Business Meeting to include swearing in of newly elected officials
- January 14 - Informational Meeting
- January 21 - Business Meeting
- January 28 - Informational Meeting

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That for the remaining of the year, the City Council Business Meetings will be held on the first and third Thursdays of each month. Informational Meetings will be called by the Mayor or City Manager the second and fourth Thursdays of the month on an as-needed basis. Business Meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. and Informational Meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That the Mayor, City Council or the City Manager may amend or revise dates and times of meetings as is deemed necessary.

Motion for passage by: Bilodeau Second by: Grant
Yeas: 8; Conti, Grant, Paradis, Blodgett,
 Munson, Bilodeau, McCormick, Emery
Nays: 0

15-199

WHEREAS, the City Council identified municipal residential recycling as a goal for 2015, and;

WHEREAS, in follow-up to that goal, Council has, with the assistance of city staff, reviewed in-depth various options available to provide residents with cost-effective means of providing residential recycling, and;

WHEREAS, as a result of said review, a successful pilot program for single-stream recycling – using roll-off containers at three locations – was conducted, and;

WHEREAS, as a result of said pilot program, the city subsequently entered into a five-year contract with ecomaine to continue the roll-off recycling program, and;

WHEREAS, a three-member subcommittee of Council has, in recent months, studied the issue of recycling consistent with a charge issued on October 1st by Mayor Rollins, and;

WHEREAS, said committee has issued its findings and recommendations among which is to consider, during the 2016-2017 budget process, the feasibility of creating a single stream curbside recycling program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, that, consistent with the subcommittee’s recommendations, the current program of collecting sorted residential recyclable materials at curbside once per month shall be discontinued no later than May 1, 2016 in favor of the program of roll-off container drop –off sites and that should the vehicle currently used for curbside collection of recyclables no longer function it shall not be replaced, and;

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that at the time said curbside collection program is discontinued the Department of Public Works shall, in its place, expand the service of residential curbside rubbish collection from its current 40 week per year schedule to a full 52 week per year schedule.

Motion to table by: McCormick Second by: Grant

Yeas: 3; Grant, Blodgett,
 McCormick,
Nays: 5; Conti, Paradis,
 Munson, Bilodeau, Emery

Motion for passage by: Bilodeau Second by: Munson

Yeas: 5; Mayor Rollins, Paradis,
 Munson, Bilodeau, Emery
Nays: 4; Conti, Grant, Blodgett,
 McCormick,

15-200

ORDERED, That the City Manager is authorized to expand the roll-off single-stream recycling program to include a fourth unit to be located at the Buker Community Center on Armory Street.

Motion for passage by: McCormick Second by: Munson

Yeas: 8; Conti, Grant, Paradis, Blodgett,
 Munson, Bilodeau, McCormick, Emery
Nays: 0

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. Wardwell, City Clerk
December 21, 2015