

**MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2012
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY CENTER
7:00 P.M.**

All members of Council were present except Mayor Stokes and Councilor Paradis. Councilor Grant presided.

Public comments were held on items listed on the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS

READ AND PASSED, FINAL READING

12-188

WHEREAS, the Planning Board held a public hearing and voted unanimously recommend modifying the existing zoning district boundaries and add a new use to the KBD2 district; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board recommendation expressed some potential concern about traffic generated by an Auto Repair/Service (no auto sales) and therefore recommends the use be a conditional use requiring Planning Board review before a new use is established;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Augusta that the following map and text amendments be made to the Augusta Land Use Ordinance:

Amend the zoning district for Tax Map 33, Lots 71, 72, 73, 76, 77, and 97 to become Kennebec Business District 2 (KBD2); and

Amend Table 3.6.A.1, Land Uses in the Base Zoning Districts, to add "Auto Repair/Service" as a conditional use in the table in Kennebec Business District 2 (KBD2).

Motion for passage by: Byron Second by: Rollins

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

Nays: 0

NEW BUSINESS

READ, FIRST READING

12-195

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that Fuel Wood Production, otherwise known as firewood processing, is a use already regulated by the Augusta Land Use Ordinance, but lacks a clear definition; and

WHEREAS, the lack of a clear definition creates a problem regarding enforcement of the ordinance, as the code enforcement officers are unable to easily distinguish a commercial operation from a private residential operation; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board has reviewed the issue, held a public hearing, and made a unanimous recommendation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, By the City Council of the City of Augusta that the following text be added to Section 2.2 of the Augusta Land Use Ordinance, in proper alphabetical order:

Fuel Wood Production: is the mechanized processing of wood into any length less than tree length, not accessory to a timber harvest, when not burned or consumed on site.

(FIRST READING, NO VOTE TAKEN)

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

READ AND PASSED

12-191

ORDERED, That the minutes of the City Council meeting held December 6, 2012, submitted by the City Clerk be approved.

Motion for passage by: Munson Second by: Byron

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

Nays: 0

12-192

ORDERED, That Scott Benson be appointed to the Assessment Review Board; said term to expire on December 20, 2015.

Motion for passage by: Munson Second by: Byron

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

Nays: 0

12-193

ORDERED, That the City Council accept a donation from the Get Together Senior Citizens Club in the amount \$200.00 and from Mary Saunders the amount of \$200.00 for heating assistance for residents of Augusta who are not General Assistance eligible.

Motion for passage by: Byron Second by: Rollins

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

Nays: 0

12-194

ORDERED, That the City Manager is authorized to enter into a contract with the State of Maine for the provision of management services for the Augusta State Airport.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Barbara E. Wardwell, City Clerk
December 31, 2012