



THE CITY OF AUGUSTA

WILLIAM R. BRIDGEO, CITY MANAGER

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: William R. Bridgeo
RE: Administrative Report
DATE: July 29, 2019

Meetings:

The Planning Board has established a sub-committee to study the issue of regulation of sober housing, group homes and similar uses. It will meeting Wednesday, July 31, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in Conference Room A.

There will be a City Council Business Meeting on Thursday, August 1, 2019 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. The agenda is enclosed in your Council packets. A pre-meeting will take place in Conference Room A at 6:30 p.m.

Other Items:

We have a couple of nice presentations slated for Thursday evening. The first is an opportunity to wish outgoing Councilor Wilson well and thank him for his service to the City. The second is a Mayoral proclamation acknowledging the many years of dedicated service to our community by retiring Kennebec Valley United Way Executive Director Rob Gordon.

The two TIF applications and associated documents that were in Council packets last week are available for you upon request if you need them. There are no changes from what you received (and assented to) last week.

The proposed home occupation ordinance that is up for a second reading this Thursday will require amendment per Council's wishes when it was discussed at informational meeting. Matt Nazar has the language for that amendment for you, please see his attached memo.

Also on this week's agenda is authorization for me to execute a collective bargaining agreement with the Fire Department's battalion chiefs. The proposed agreement is consistent with the guidelines Council previously authorized.

Recently, we welcomed two new recruits into the Fire Department. The first, Ryan Morton, is a graduate of Eastern Maine Community College, Paramedic program and Southern Maine Community College, and Lincoln County Fire Academy. Ryan is an experienced firefighter who joins us from the Waldoboro Fire Department, where he received the Chief's Award for his dedication to further education and training for that department. Ryan also has worked for multiple ambulance services in the state, where he has gained lifesaving knowledge and experience.

Zachary Talmadge is our second new hire. He is a graduate of both Kennebec Valley Community College, where he completed his Paramedic program and Unity College, where he majored in Adventure Education Leadership. Zach has earned a wealth of experience working as a paramedic and volunteer firefighter for Newport Fire Department, and as a Maine state paramedic for both Mayo Regional Hospital and Sebasticook Valley Hospital. We welcome Ryan and Zack to our department.

DPW Director Lesley Jones advises that we are going to make an operational change to rubbish collection for the next few days due to the forecasted hot and humid weather. The rubbish loaders struggle in the hot weather so, to help ease the concern of heat related injuries and due to more curbside rubbish in the summer, we will be putting out an extra rubbish crew for the next few days. We will put out a notice on Facebook letting people know we may be showing up early. By ordinance rubbish needs to be curbside by 7 a.m. If the crews get done early they will do some weed whacking or other maintenance work.

C: Department and Bureau Director
Legislative Delegation