

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2011  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY CENTER  
7:00 P.M.**

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

- National Anthem - Chaplain Don Williams
- Proclamation - Chaplain Don Williams Day - May 5
- Proclamation - May as Arbor Month
- Presentation - Capital Area Technical Center Students of the Month for March:  
My-tien Natahlie Huynh  
Natalie Winkokurzew
- Presentation - Cony High School Students of the Month for March:  
Keenan Tilsley  
Shea-Leigh McArthur
- Presentation - Capital Area Technical Center Students of the Month for April:  
Becky Schneider  
Said Nimm

Public comments were held on items listed on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

HAS BEEN READ, FIRST READING

**11-60**

BE IT RESOLVED, that there is hereby appropriated for the support of the departments of the City of Augusta, for payment of County Taxes, for the bonded indebtedness of the City, and for all the other debts incurred by the City for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011, and ending June 30, 2012, the sum of \$50,561,784 of which a summary appears below.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the amount to be raised from current real and personal taxes considering estimated departmental revenues, fund balance, and other sources of \$25,319,054 to be set at \$25,242,730.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Augusta appropriate \$26,104,334 for the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade twelve as described in Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and that the City of Augusta raise

\$10,065,747 as the City's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade twelve as described in Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688.

Explanation: The City's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade twelve as described in Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that the municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Augusta raise and appropriate \$331,299 for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by the legislative body for non-state-funded school construction projects, non-state-funded portions of school construction projects and minor capital projects in addition to the funds appropriated as the local share of the school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade twelve.

Explanation: Non-state-funded debt service is the amount of money needed for the annual payments on the City's long-term debt for major capital school construction and minor capital renovations that are not approved for state subsidy. The bonding of this long-term debt was previously approved by the voters of the City as follows:

- New Cony High School – approved by the voters on December 2, 2003
- Gilbert Renovation Project – approved by the voters on March 29, 2011

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Augusta raise and appropriate \$0 in additional local funds, which is less than the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$1,696,395 as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Board.

Explanation: The additional local funds, if any, are those locally raised funds over and above the City's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten through grade twelve as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual debt service payment on previously approved non-state-funded school construction projects and the non-state-funded portion of minor capital school construction projects that will help achieve the City's budget for educational programs. The appropriate is less than the Essential Program and Services model.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Augusta appropriate \$581,784 and raise \$401,340 for Adult Education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Augusta authorize the Augusta Board of Education to expend \$27,017,417 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012 from the City's contribution to the total cost of funding public education

from pre-kindergarten to grade twelve as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy, and other receipts for the support of schools.

	<b>PRELIMINARY BUDGET</b>
<b>LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE</b>	
MAYOR AND COUNCIL	\$32,408
CITY MANAGER	\$201,202
CORPORATION COUNSEL	\$125,004
CENTRAL SERVICES	\$9,787
UNCLASSIFIED	\$164,255
COUNCIL CONTINGENCY	\$20,000
MANAGER CONTINGENCY	\$10,000
<b>TOTAL LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE</b>	<u>\$562,656</u>
<b>FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION</b>	
CITY CLERK, TREASURER, TAX COLLECTOR	\$455,162
REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS	\$44,773
CITY AUDITOR	\$152,342
INFORMATION SYSTEMS	\$373,578
ASSESSOR	\$144,196
FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION	\$148,343
HUMAN RESOURCES	\$246,088
<b>TOTAL FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION</b>	<u>\$1,564,482</u>
<b>CITY SERVICES</b>	
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$221,995
PLANNING	\$170,453
HISTORICAL PRESERVATION	\$5,825
CODE ENFORCEMENT	\$160,344
CITY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION	\$57,451
ENGINEER	\$105,490
CITY BUILDINGS	\$535,979
BUKER SCHOOL	\$199,751
CONY/FLATIRON	\$62,526
<b>TOTAL CITY SERVICES</b>	<u>\$1,519,814</u>

<b>COMMUNITY SERVICES</b>	
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	\$0
COMMUNITY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION	\$159,561
PUBLIC LIBRARY	\$588,409
RECREATION	\$172,107
PARKS AND CEMETERIES	\$748,605
FORT WESTERN	\$81,407
BICENTENNIAL NATURE PARK	\$39,980
HEALTH AND WELFARE	\$95,378
GENERAL ASSISTANCE	\$123,750
<b>TOTAL COMMUNITY SERVICES</b>	<u>\$2,009,197</u>
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	
POLICE	\$3,931,686
FIRE	\$3,834,618
CIVIL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS	\$14,960
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<u>\$7,781,264</u>
<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>	
PUBLIC WORKS ADM	\$56,115
HIGHWAY	\$1,238,030
SNOW REMOVAL	\$1,228,073
WASTE REMOVAL	\$767,472
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS</b>	<u>\$3,289,690</u>
<b>TOTAL UTILITIES</b>	\$1,846,915
<b>TOTAL RETIREMENT AND INSURANCE</b>	\$2,715,623
<b>TOTAL SERIAL BONDS AND NOTES</b>	\$809,226
<b>TOTAL RESERVE AND CASH C.I.P.</b>	0
<b>TOTAL COUNTY TAX</b>	\$1,445,500
<b>DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION</b>	
REGULAR INSTRUCTION	8,586,259
SPECIAL EDUCATION	3,623,636
CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION	2,630,856
OTHER INSTRUCTION	599,140
STUDENT AND STAFF SUPPORT	2,276,753
SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION	673,938
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	1,377,124
TRANSPORTATION	1,831,006

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT	2,216,784
DEBT SERVICE	2,556,487
ALL OTHER EXPENDITURES	63,650
ADULT EDUCATION	581,784
<b>TOTAL DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION</b>	<b>\$27,017,417</b>

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<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>\$50,561,784</b>
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(FIRST READING, NO VOTE TAKEN)

HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED

**11-53**

ORDERED, That the minutes of the City Council meetings held April 7, 2011 and April 28, 2011 submitted by the City Clerk, be approved.

Motion for passage by: O'Brien      Second by: Grant  
 Yeas: 6;      Byron, Grant, O'Brien,  
                     Coffin, Munson, Stokes  
 Nays: 0

**11-54**

ORDERED, That the Roll of Accounts for the month of April 2011 in the amount of \$5,643,713.50 be approved.

Motion for passage by: O'Brien      Second by: Grant  
 Yeas: 6;      Byron, Grant, O'Brien,  
                     Coffin, Munson, Stokes  
 Nays: 0

**11-55**

ORDERED, That the City Council accept various donations to the Lithgow Public Library for the Augusta Reads program in an amount totaling \$450, from G & E Roofing (\$250), Augusta Emblem Club (\$100), and St. Michael School (\$100).

Motion for passage by: O'Brien      Second by: Grant  
 Yeas: 6;      Byron, Grant, O'Brien,  
                     Coffin, Munson, Stokes  
 Nays: 0

**11-56**

ORDERED, That the City Council accept donations for the Augusta Recreation Boxing Program in the amount of \$150.00 from the following people:

Gerard & Brenda Poissonnier	\$100.00
George & Jeannean Taylor	\$ 50.00

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

Yeas: 6;      Byron, Grant, O'Brien,  
                 Coffin, Munson, Stokes

Nays: 0

**11-57**

ORDERED, That the City Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to accept the following sum from the below listed person to create a scholarship fund to be named the Michaud Family Scholarship Fund:

\$2,102.02 from Carol Ingraham Michaud

The principal of such trust fund shall be expendable.

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

Yeas: 6;      Byron, Grant, O'Brien,  
                 Coffin, Munson, Stokes

Nays: 0

**11-58**

ORDERED, That the City Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to accept the following sum from the below listed persons to create a scholarship fund to be named the Joan Bridge Scholarship Fund:

\$3,000.00 from Allison Bridge Pederson and Allyn Bridge

The principal of such trust fund shall be expendable.

Motion for passage by: Munson      Second by: Coffin

Yeas: 6;      Byron, Grant, O'Brien,  
                 Coffin, Munson, Stokes

Nays: 0

**11-59**

ORDERED, That Voter Registration hourly schedule for open session for the June 7, 2011 Special Municipal Election be:

Thursday, June 2, 2011 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The intent of this order is to change the evening session time in accordance with M.R.S.A., Title 21-A, Section 122(8), as amended.

Motion for passage by: Stokes          Second by: Munson  
Yeas: 6;      Byron, Grant, O'Brien,  
                 Coffin, Munson, Stokes  
Nays: 0

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. Wardwell, City Clerk  
May 11, 2011