

**AGENDA FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2012
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.

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.

12-191 Manager (Bureau of City Clerk)

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

12-192 Mayor Stokes

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

12-193 City Manager

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.

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS

SECOND READING

12-188 City Manager

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).

NEW BUSINESS

PART 1 – ORDER

12-194 Councilor Bilodeau

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.

PART 2 – ORDINANCE BEING READ FOR THE FIRST TIME
NO VOTE REQUIRED

12-195 Councilor Munson

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.

COMMUNICATIONS

Committee Reports
City Manager’s Report

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. Wardwell, City Clerk
December 17, 2012