



# THE CITY OF AUGUSTA

WILLIAM R. BRIDGEO  
CITY MANAGER

TO: Mayor and City Council  
FROM: Bill Bridgeo  
RE: Administrative Report  
DATE: September 6, 2016

## Meetings:

There will be a City Council Informational Meeting on Thursday, September 8, 2016 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers. Agendas are included in your council packets.

## Other Items:

We have three items slated for discussion for this Thursday's informational Council meeting. The first is acceptance of state grant funding for the upkeep of snowmobile trails. This is a recurring item. We pass these funds along to the area snowmobile association and they use the money for trail maintenance and related costs. The second item is a review of our 2015-2016 fiscal year results. Ralph St. Pierre has just finalized those reports and they are included with this package and he will present them at the meeting. As you can see from them, we had a very good year from a financial perspective. The third item is a request to Council to appropriate supplemental funds from the General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance for the purchase of two new ambulances.

Council appropriated money for one ambulance in this year's capital improvement program (\$180,000). The need for a second ambulance arose when a traffic accident a couple of months ago demolished another of our ambulances. We have since received an insurance settlement of \$77,850 for that vehicle. The competitive bidding process we recently conducted yielded a lowest conforming price for two ambulances of \$197,020 for each. That leaves us \$17,020 short for the first ambulance and \$119,170 short for the second one. I am recommending that you appropriate the necessary funds from the unassigned general fund balance (which, due to favorable performance last year that Ralph will discuss in detail Thursday night, should not imprudently strain the fund balance – it is for just this type of unforeseen development that we maintain a healthy fund balance).

If you have not had a chance to travel Bond Brook Road or Cony Street Extension I encourage you to do so and appreciate the great work of our DPW road construction crews. Work has also been satisfactorily proceeding on Bolton Hill Road, Cross Hill Road, and other streets around the City – it has been a very productive season for street and sidewalk improvements.

We were alerted by School Department personnel last week that there may be a bedbug problem at the Buker Community Center. We arranged for the detection dog service to be there this

morning and indeed there were indicators that the little buggers are present in one area of the Boys and Girls Club but nowhere else in the building. That part of the building has been closed and sealed off since we first heard from the School Department (the Club staff has been provided with space upstairs for the time being). Appropriate steps are being taken to address the problem right away.

I've included with this package an update the Police Chief Gregoire provided me regarding another successful recent PD "hot spot" enforcement action taken last week.

We learned this weekend that Mark Kimball, former Gardiner Fire Chief and a friend to many in our community succumbed to cancer last Friday. Our condolences go out to his family and the Gardiner community.

Copy: Department and Bureau Directors  
Augusta Legislative Delegation

## Loretta Lathe

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**From:** William Bridgeo  
**Sent:** Friday, September 02, 2016 10:45 AM  
**To:** Loretta Lathe  
**Subject:** FW: Hot Spot 9/1/16

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For Tuesday's admin report.

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**From:** Robert Gregoire  
**Sent:** Friday, September 02, 2016 9:41 AM  
**To:** William Bridgeo  
**Subject:** FW: Hot Spot 9/1/16

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**From:** Christopher Massey  
**Sent:** Friday, September 02, 2016 8:58 AM  
**To:** Robert Gregoire; Jared Mills  
**Subject:** Hot Spot 9/1/16

Chief and Major,

Another Hot Spot was conducted last night. This one did not have as many L.E. personnel compared to some in the past. MDEA and our drug Detectives were conducting surveillance on a residence in Augusta in hopes of obtaining a warrant.

Two teams were organized with the existing personnel which included; Code Enforcement, Federal Police, Probation, APD officers and APD Detectives. The first team assisted Code Enforcement Officer Overton. North Street Place, North Street, Bennett St and Morton Street were the areas of concern for Codes. Several code violations were discovered and the owner on North St Pl was spoken to about the numerous code violations that existed on his property. Several members of the community were contacted about issues within their respective neighborhoods. Good information was obtained from several people. After assisting Code Enforcement for a couple of hours two officers had to leave and the remaining officers were folded into team 2.

The second team was able to locate a wanted subject who was on probation. The male attempted to flee out a window but was caught. Seized was heroin, cocaine, suboxone and clonopin from the male. Patterson St and the Sand Hill area were the target areas for this detail. Very good drug intel was taken as a result of the officers being on foot in the community.

In total:

- 7 field interviews
- 43 community contacts
- 3 bail checks
- 8 warrant checks
- 1 arrest w/cocaine, heroin, clonopin and suboxone seized
- 5 building searched, 3 of these were abandoned apartment building that were not secured.

## William Bridgeo

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**From:** Leif Dahlin  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 06, 2016 2:25 PM  
**To:** William Bridgeo; Ralph St Pierre; Bruce Chase; Bob LaBreck; Matt Nazar; Loretta Lathe; Jan Rollins; karen.kearney@rizzomattson.com; Tobias Parkhurst; Charles Heurth (chuerth@augustateencenter.org); Wendy Somes; Karen Hatch  
**Subject:** Buker - Bed Bug assessment

Folks,

Sniffing pooch Jordana and handler Kendra went through the entire Buker Center on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 1:45p.m. in the presence of Bob LaBreck, Bruce Chase and myself. Jordana hit two spots where Bed Bugs appear to be. Both locations are in the area of the Boys & Girls Club. The upstairs is free and clear of bed bugs. Please note the following.

1. The Boys & Girls Club is closed for a minimum of two weeks.
2. Charles & Norm have been relocated upstairs. This move needs to be made a bit better and Bruce Chase will be working on providing better accommodations.
3. Nothing can be removed from the ABGC space, especially a certain back pack. Jordana hit this pack hard. It will be bagged and treated.
4. Until such time the area has been cleared by Bob LaBreck as bug free there is to be NO activity or presence in the ABGC.
5. TREATMENT: Bob LaBreck will immediately contact the pesticide company to come in and treat the space. Once treated it is two weeks before humans can go back into the space and again, not until it has been verified by Jordana the space is now bug free.
6. Two weeks out after treatment, Jordana will return to check for the presence of Bed Bugs. If they still are present, it will be another two weeks.
7. If there is good news it is this, the rest of Buker was found clear of the pests.
8. We believe the blue floor where Charles moved his office will have to be removed. Jordana gave a clear indication the pests are under the blue floor.
9. Be advised Bob LaBreck is in charge of this operation. Questions, concerns please direct to Bob. His e-mail is: [bob.labreck@augustamaine.gov](mailto:bob.labreck@augustamaine.gov)
10. Jan Rollins, thank you for noting and taking Norm's observation seriously and for moving this concern along to us for verification. Given the circumstance and sad to say -- Nicely done!!

Best Regards,

Leif Erik

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