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City of Belfast
Council Chambers-Belfast City Hall
Tuesday, July 5, 2016
6:30 p.m. Committee Interviews
7:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting

Public Hearing #1

In accordance with Title 28A Section 653 MRSA 1964 a public hearing will be held on July 5, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter in the Council Chambers of Belfast City Hall to hear an application by American Cruise Lines, Inc. d/b/a w/the following vessels - American Spirit, American Star, Independence, American Glory and American Eagle docked at the Belfast Harbor Pier, Belfast, Maine for a renewal Malt, Spirituous and Vinous Public Service, Class I liquor license.

Councilor Sanders asked for proponents and opponents and hearing none declared the hearing closed.

Regular Council Meeting No. 1

1) Call to order

2) Present: Councilors Mary Mortier, Neal Harkness, Eric Sanders, Michael Hurley and John Arrison; City Manager Joseph Slocum and Admin. Assistant to the City Manager Manda Cushman.

Absent: Mayor Walter Ash, Jr.

3) Pledge of Allegiance

4) Adoption of the agenda

Councilor Harkness, seconded by Councilor Mortier, made a motion to adopt the agenda. This motion was approved, 5-0.

5) Acceptance of the minutes

Special Council Meeting of June 20, 2016 and Regular Council Meeting of June 21, 2016.

Councilor Hurley, seconded by Councilor Harkness, made a motion to accept the minutes from Special Council Meeting of June 20, 2016 and Regular Council Meeting of June 21, 2016. This was approved, 5-0.

6) Open to the public

1. Jan Dodge of Belfast invited the Council and public to attend Waldo County Triad's presentation "A Scam Jam" on Wednesday, July 27th at the Hutchinson Center from 9:00 a.m. to noon.
2. City Planner Wayne Marshall informed the Council that he and Parks and Recreation Director Norm Poirier have attended recent Aging in Place Meetings and expect to update the Council in late August.
3. Harbor Master Kathy Pickering discussed safety on the water for both boaters and swimmers.

7) Communications

Councilor Hurley discussed the following:

- Updated the Council on the Our Town Belfast Annual Street Party on Monday, August 1st.
- Informed the Council and public that the Our Town Belfast Annual Auction is tomorrow, July 6th at the Belfast Boathouse starting at 6:30 p.m.
- Discussed concerns with increase motorcycle noise.

Councilor Harkness informed Council of recent citizen concerns brought to his attention regarding the lack of July 4th celebrations in Belfast.

City Manager Joseph Slocum discussed the following:

- The Public Hearing on the proposed draft 2016-2017 Budget will be held on July 19th at 7:00 p.m.
- Handed out additional Committee Applications that have been received by the City Clerk since the last Council Meeting for Council consideration.
- Informed the public that Arts in the Park will be held this weekend at Heritage Park.

8) Old Business and Council Committee Reports

No discussion.

9) Permits, Petitions and Licenses - Consent Agenda

- A. Request to approve an application by American Cruise Lines, Inc. d/b/a w/the following vessels- American Spirit, American Star, Independence, American Glory and American Eagle docked at the Belfast Harbor Pier, Belfast, Maine for a renewal Malt, Spirituous and Vinous Public Service, Class I liquor license.
- B. Request to approve an application for coin operated machines for Bowen's Tavern LLC located at 181 Waterville Road, Belfast, ME.
- C. Request to approve an off premises catering permit for The Crusty Crab LLC d/b/a The Front Street Pub for the Maine Celtic Celebration located at the Belfast Commons from July 15, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. until July 17, 2016 at 6:00p.m.

Councilor Harkness, seconded by Councilor Mortier, made a motion to accept the consent agenda. This motion was approved, 5-0.

10) Business

- A) Update on negotiations with Penobscot McCrum to secure an easement across their property to connect the Rail Trail to Pierce and Front Streets.

City Manager Joseph Slocum discussed the negotiation meeting set for tomorrow, July 6th at 10:00 a.m. and briefly reviewed the updated map outlining the proposed easement which will create less of an imposition to Penobscot McCrum.

Councilors discussed the pace of negotiations and gave full support to the meeting tomorrow, noting that they will reexamine the pace after tomorrow's meeting.

B) Second Reading on amendments to the Cemetery Ordinances proposed by the Cemetery Trustees.

No discussion.

Councilor Hurley, seconded by Councilor Arrison, made a motion to accept the Second Reading on amendments to the Cemetery Ordinances as presented. This was approved, 5-0.

C) Consideration of accepting the bids for diesel fuel and possibly awarding the bid.

City Manager Joseph Slocum briefly reviewed the bids and the recommendation of the Public Works Director to award the bid to Tidewater Oil.

Councilor Mortier, seconded by Councilor Harkness, made a motion to accept the bids as presented and award the bid for diesel fuel to Tidewater Oil. This was approved, 5-0.

D) Confirmation of Ryan D. Jackson as a Reserve Officer for the Belfast Police Department and Mary Beth McGinley as the new Administrative Assistant for the Belfast Police Department.

Chief of Police Mike McFadden introduce Mary Beth McGinley and Ryan D. Jackson, recommending their confirmation.

Councilors welcomed Mary Beth McGinley and Ryan D. Jackson and thanked Diana Story for her many years of service to the City.

Councilor Hurley, seconded by Councilor Harkness, made a motion to confirm Ryan D. Jackson as a Reserve Officer for the Belfast Police Department and Mary Beth McGinley as the new Administrative Assistant for the Belfast Police Department. This was approved, 5-0.

E) First Reading of proposed amendments to Chapter 30 Harbor Ordinance, Section 30-32 and 30-159.

Harbor Master Kathy Pickering discussed the proposed amendments, informing the Council that the Harbor Committee has voted unanimously in support of these proposed amendments.

Councilor Arrison, seconded by Councilor Mortier, made a motion to accept the First Reading on amendments to Chapter 30 Harbor Ordinances, Section 30-32 and 30-159 with the Second Reading scheduled for July 19, 2016 Council Meeting. This was approved, 5-0.

F) Update on the status of the Front Street Project, the Washington Street Project and the Front Street Shipyard Project.

City Planner Wayne Marshall updated the Council on the progress of the Front Street Reconstruction, informed Council and public regarding the upcoming closure of Washington Street starting in August and reported that Front Street Shipyard is currently still working on the closing of their loan.

G) Further consideration of approval of a Union contract agreement covering the Public Works employees, Wastewater Treatment employees and one full-time employee at the Belfast Transfer Station.

City Manager Joseph Slocum briefly discussed the terms of the agreements.

Councilor Hurley thanked all the work that these Departments do on a daily basis for the City and thanked the City Manager for working on these agreements.

Councilor Mortier, seconded by Councilor Harkness, made a motion to accept the Union Contract Agreement covering the Public Works and Wastewater Treatment employees, and one full-time employee at the Belfast Transfer Station. This was approved, 5-0.

H) Request to go into Executive Session to discuss a Personnel matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) D.

Councilor Arrison, seconded by Councilor Harkness, made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) D at 8:44 p.m. This motion was approved, 5-0.

Councilor Sanders, seconded by Councilor Arrison, made a motion to adjourn Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) D at 9:30 p.m. This motion was approved, 5-0.

I) Signing of Council Orders and housekeeping items.
Council Order #42 Signed by Councilor Sanders, Ordered That:

The City Manager and the City Treasurer are authorized to expend up to \$125,000 from the Sewer Capital Project Reserve Account to be expended on the Front Street Reconstruction project, and the transfer of said amount to account 730-812, EDA Front Street Reconstruction. (Approved on June 21, 2016)

Council Order # 43 Signed by Councilor Sanders, Ordered That:

The City Manager and the City Treasurer are authorized to expend up to \$150,000 from the upcoming appropriation to the FY 2017 budget account for road paving, 450-577, to be expended on the Front Street Reconstruction project, and the transfer of said amount to account 730-812, EDA Front Street Reconstruction. (Approved on June 21, 2016)

Council Order #44 Signed by Councilor Hurley, Ordered That:

The City Manager and the City Treasurer are authorized to expend up to \$13,780.00 to replace two culverts, one on Perkins Road and one on Rolerson Road. Funding to come from the Culvert Capital Reserve. (Approved on June 21, 2016)

11) Open to the Public

No comments.

12) Communications

Councilor Hurley informed Council that if they would like to attend the City will be hosting the Our Town Belfast Coffee Club on July 13th at 8:00 a.m.

City Manager Joseph Slocum briefly discussed the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

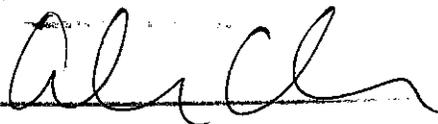
Councilor Sanders invited the public to attend the Our Town Belfast Auction and informed the Council of the upcoming Cal Ripken game.

13) Adjourn

Councilor Sanders, seconded by Councilor Arrison, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:31 p.m. This motion was approved, 5-0.

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OFFICIAL CUSTODY

ATTEST



AMANDA CUSHMAN, BELFAST MAINE