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**City of Belfast
Council Chambers-Belfast City Hall
Tuesday, October 17, 2023**

6:00 p.m. Request to go into an Executive Session on a Legal matter with the City Attorney pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) E.

Councilor Harkness, seconded by Councilor Hurley, made a motion to go into Executive Session on a Legal matter with the City Attorney pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) E at 6:00 p.m. This motion was approved, 5-0.

Councilor Harkness, seconded by Councilor Dean, made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session on a Legal matter with the City Attorney pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) E at 6:47 p.m. This motion was approved, 5-0.

*Mayor Sanders noted that no action was taken following the Executive Session with the City Attorney.

7:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting

All City Council Meetings and City Committee Meetings will be conducted in-person at Belfast City Hall, effective May 3, 2022.

Public Hearing #1

Pursuant to Belfast Victualer License ordinance a public hearing will held on October 17, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter in the Council Chambers at Belfast City Hall on the following applications for a New Victualer License, due to expire May 31, 2024.

Brittani Bass d/b/a Yin-Yang Nutrition

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

Regular Council Meeting No. 8

1) Call to order

2) Present: Mayor Eric Sanders, Councilors Mary Mortier, Neal Harkness, Brenda Bonneville, Michael Hurley and Paul Dean; City Manager Erin Herbig and Human Resources Administrator Nancy Driscoll.

Absent: Deputy City Manager Manda Cushman.

3) Pledge of Allegiance

4) Adoption of the agenda

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

5) Acceptance of the minutes

Regular Council Meeting of October 3, 2023.

Councilor Harkness, seconded by Councilor Hurley, made a motion to accept the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of October 3, 2023. This motion was approved, 5-0.

6) A. Open to the public

City Manager Erin Herbig noted that Council received two emails and no postal mail, prior to noon today which were shared with Council before the start of the Council meeting to be included as part of the Open to the Public.

1. Aynne Ames of Belfast discussed accessibility issues within the City of Belfast and thanked Senator Chip Curry and Neal Harkness for their responses, and to the City of Belfast and Public Works Department for their current and planned work to address certain areas.
2. Russell Workman, CEO of the Waldo County YMCA provided an organizational update.

B. Organization and Department Reports

1. Larry Theye representing the Parks and Recreation Commission discussed the proposal to expand pickle ball in Belfast City Park and requested that the City Park restrooms remain the top priority.
2. City Manager Erin Herbig noted the hiring of Austin Toole as a part-time EMT and an on-call firefighter for the Belfast Fire and Ambulance Department on the Consent Agenda and welcomed Austin to the team.

7) Communications

Councilor Dean reminded the public to check their smoke detectors.

The Mayor, Councilors and City Manager recognized Councilor Hurley and thanked him for his years of service to the City of Belfast.

8) Old Business and City Committee Reports

Councilor Hurley discussed the Planning Board listening session last week at the Shrine Club.

9) Permits, Petitions and Licenses - Consent Agenda

A. Request to approve a New Victualer License, due to expire May 31, 2024, on the following applications:

Brittani Bass d/b/a Yin-Yang Nutrition

B. Request to approve an Incorporated Civic Organization License for Bagaduce Music for the Bagaduce Music Fundraiser with Johnny Hoy and the Bluefish event located at the American Legion Post #43, 143 Church Street, Belfast, Maine on October 28, 2023, from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

C. Request from the Fire Chief to confirm Austin Toole as a part-time EMT and an on-call firefighter for the Belfast Fire and Ambulance Department.

Councilor Hurley, seconded by Councilor Harkness, made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. This motion was approved, 5-0.

10) Business

A) Request from the Police Chief to confirm Noah Lang as a full-time Officer for the Belfast Police Department.

Police Chief Robert Cormier introduced Officer Noah Lang to the community and discussed his qualifications for the position.

City Manager Erin Herbig welcomed Officer Lang and his family.

Councilor Mortier, seconded by Councilor Bonneville, made a motion to appoint Noah Land as full-time Officer for the Belfast Police Department. This motion was approved, 5-0.

City Clerk Angie Crosby conducted the Swearing-In.

B) Request from the Police Chief to accept a \$25.00 donation to the Belfast Police Department.

No Council discussion.

Councilor Hurley, seconded by Councilor Mortier, made a motion to accept the donation to be placed into account (police revenue account). This motion was approved, 5-0.

C) Request from the Police Chief to accept a \$300.00 donation to the Belfast Police Department.

No Council discussion.

Councilor Hurley, seconded by Councilor Dean, made a motion to accept the donation to be placed into account (police revenue account). This motion was approved, 5-0.

D) Request from the Parks and Recreation Director to expend an additional \$103.00 for the purchase of memorial benches.

Parks and Recreation Director Zach Dozier reviewed the request to expend an additional amount for the purchase of memorial benches along the Harbor Walk.

Councilor Mortier, seconded by Councilor Hurley, made a motion to approve the expenditure of an additional \$103.00 for the purchase of memorial benches, to come out of account # 730-770. This motion was approved, 5-0.

E) Request from the Director of Code and Planning to approve the Shore Stabilization Permits for property located at Map 36, Lot 102.

Director of Code and Planning Bub Fournier and Tom Fowler engineer representing the property owners discussed the Shore Stabilization Permits proposal for the property located at Map 36, Lot 102.

Councilor Hurley, seconded by Councilor Mortier, made a motion to authorize the work as described for the Shore Stabilization Permits for the Property located at Map 36, Lot 102 and authorize the City staff to sign any necessary paperwork for permitting. This motion was approved, 5-0.

F) Further discussion of a proposal by Belfast Pickleball to construct new pickleball courts at Belfast City Park.

City Manager Erin Herbig discussed the quote received by the City Engineer regarding surveying the City Park for this proposal.

Councilors discussed the presented information; no action was taken.

G) Request from the Climate, Energy and Utilities Committee to accept the Climate Action Plan (CAP).

Climate, Energy and Utilities Committee Member Bernard Baker reviewed the revisions to the Climate Action Plan completed on October 10th, 2023, and answered Council questions.

Councilor Mortier, seconded by Councilor Bonneville, made a motion to accept the Climate Action Plan (CAP) as presented with amendments incorporated following the Work Session. This motion was approved, 5-0.

H) Request from the Third Act Midcoast Maine for endorsement of the International Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty Initiative.

David “Cletis” Boyer discussed the International Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty Initiative and answered Council questions.

Councilor Harkness, seconded by Councilor Dean, made a motion to endorse the International Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty Initiative. This motion was approved, 3-1 (Councilor Dean opposed), Councilor Mortier abstained.

I) Request to approve in substance and authorize the City Manager to finalize and sign a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the purchase of the former Waldo County Superior Court Building from the County of Waldo.

City Manager Erin Herbig briefly reviewed the request to finalize and sign the Purchase and Sale Agreement for the purchase of the former Waldo County Superior Court Building from the County of Waldo.

Councilors discussed their support and reason for approval of the request.

Councilor Mortier, seconded by Councilor Hurley, made a motion to authorize the City Manager to finalize and sign the Purchase and Sale Agreement for the former Waldo County Superior Court Building from the County of Waldo and to authorize the City Manager and City Treasurer to expend up to \$140,000.00 as the downpayment with funds to come from the Undesignated Fund Balance. This motion was approved, 5-0.

J) Request to extend a lease agreement for the City-owned house located at 54 Crocker Rd.

City Manager Erin Herbig reviewed the lease agreement for the City-owned house located at 54 Crocker Road and answered Council questions.

Councilor Hurley, seconded by Councilor Harkness, made a motion to extend the lease agreement for the City-owned house located at 54 Crocker Rd. This motion was approved, 5-0.

K) Signing of Council Orders and housekeeping items.

11) Open to the Public

No comments.

12) Communications

Councilor Hurley thanked everyone for their kind words at the beginning of the meeting.

13) Adjourn

Councilor Harkness, seconded by Councilor Dean, made a motion to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. This motion was approved, 5-0.

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IS A TRUE COPY OF INFORMATION
ON THE RECORD WHICH IS IN MY
OFFICIAL CUSTODY

ATTEST

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amanda Cushman', is written over a horizontal line.

AMANDA CUSHMAN, BELFAST MAINE