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**City of Belfast
Council Chambers-Belfast City Hall
Tuesday, August 6, 2024**

6:00 p.m. Request to go into an Executive Session on a Real Estate matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) C.

Councilor Mortier, seconded by Councilor Dean, made a motion to go into Executive Session on a Real Estate matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) C at 6:00 p.m. This motion was approved, 4-0.

*Councilor Harkness arrived at 6:06 p.m.

Councilor Mortier, seconded by Councilor Dean, made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session on a Real Estate matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) C at 6:36 p.m. This motion was approved, 5-0.

6:30 p.m. Request to go into an Executive Session on a Personnel matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) A.

Councilor Bonneville, seconded by Councilor Harkness, made a motion to go into Executive Session on a Personnel matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) A at 6:37 p.m. This motion was approved, 5-0.

Councilor Harkness, seconded by Councilor Bonneville, made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session on a Personnel matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) A at 6:50 p.m. This motion was approved, 5-0.

7:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting

Regular Council Meeting No. 3

- 1) **Call to order**
- 2) **Present:** Mayor Eric Sanders, Councilors Mary Mortier, Neal Harkness, Brenda Bonneville, Chris Bitely, Paul Dean and Deputy City Manager Manda Cushman.

Absent: City Manager Erin Herbig.

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 July 16, 2024.

Councilor Dean, seconded by Councilor Harkness, made a motion to accept the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of July 16, 2024. This motion was approved, 5-0.

6) A. Open to the public

Deputy City Manager Manda Cushman noted that Council received no emails and no postal mail, prior to noon today, which if received, would be shared with Council before the start of the Council meeting to be included as part of the Open to the Public.

1. John Krueger of Northport discussed Nordic Aquafarms litigation and requested information regarding how much money the City of Belfast is spending on legal fees.
2. Andy Stevenson of Belfast requested that the City Council read and respond to the letter sent from attorney Kim Ervin Tucker.

B. Organization and Department Reports

No comments.

7) Communications

Councilor Harkness thanked the public who spoke, noted that the Council is listening and will do their best to respond to what they can.

Mayor Sanders requested to place on the next Council agenda the acceptance of a sentiment from the Senate and House of Representatives recognizing the City of Belfast's 250th year.

8) Old Business and City Committee Reports

Bruce Snider Chair of the Pedestrian, Transportation and Accessibility Committee provided a committee update.

9) Permits, Petitions and Licenses - Consent Agenda

- A. Request to approve a Facility Use Application by Heather Susee representing Little River Church for use of Steamboat Landing Park for the Annual Kite Day event on Saturday, September 14, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- B. Request to approve a Facility Use Application by Dorothy Havey representing the Belfast Area Chamber of Commerce for use of Heritage Park for the Annual Passy Pete Prediction on Monday, September 2, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- C. Request to approve an application by Delvino LLC d/b/a Delvino's Grill & Pasta House located at 52 Main Street, Belfast, Maine for a renewal Malt, Spirituous and Vinous Class Restaurant (Class I, II, III, IV) liquor license.
- D. Request to approve an off-premises catering permit for The Otis Group Incorporated d/b/a Rollie's Bar & Grill for a private anniversary celebration on July 13, 2024, from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. located at the Belfast Yacht Club & Event Center, 15 Front Street, Belfast, Maine.
- E. Request to approve an Incorporated Civic Organization License for Belfast Rotary for the Belfast Harbor Fest event located at Steamboat Landing Park, Belfast, Maine on August 17 and 18, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- F. Request to approve an application by The Otis Group Incorporated d/b/a Rollie's Bar and Grill located at 37 Main Street, Belfast, Maine for a renewal Malt, Spirituous and Vinous Class A Restaurant/Lounge (Class XI) liquor license.
- G. Request to approve an application for a BYOB permit for a private rehearsal dinner and wedding located at the Belfast Yacht Club & Event Center, 15 Front Street, Belfast, Maine on October 18 and 19, 2024, from 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- H. Request to approve a Qualified Catering Organization permit for Lisa's White Flour Catering for a private wedding on August 24, 2024, from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. located at 12 Fairview Street, Belfast, Maine.

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

10) Business

A) Update from Waldo County General Hospital and Pen Bay Medical Center President Denise Needham.

Waldo County General Hospital and Pen Bay Medical Center President Denise Needham provided an update, noting the Community Forum tomorrow, Wednesday, August 7th starting at 5:00 p.m. at the Belfast Area High School gym and answered Council questions.

B) Request from the Police Chief to confirm Michael Bousquet of Belfast as a full-time Police Officer for the Belfast Police Department.

Police Chief Bobby Cormier reviewed the request to confirm Michael Bousquet of Belfast as a full-time Police Officer for the Belfast Police Department and introduced him to the City Council and public.

Councilor Dean, seconded by Councilor Bonneville, made a motion to confirm Michael Bousquet of Belfast as a full-time Police Officer for the Belfast Police Department. This motion was approved, 5-0.

C) Request from the Police Chief to accept a donation of a bullet and stab proof vest for our K9 Spud.

Police Chief Bobby Cormier briefly reviewed the request to accept a donation of a bullet and stab proof vest for our K9 Spud and answered Council questions.

Councilor Bitely, seconded by Councilor Bonneville, made a motion to accept a donation of a bullet and stab proof vest for our K9 Spud. This motion was approved, 5-0.

D) Request to appoint Ava Kelley of Searsmont as the Executive Assistant for the City of Belfast.

Deputy City Manager Manda Cushman reviewed the request to Ava Kelley of Searsmont as the Executive Assistant for the City of Belfast and introduced her to the City Council and public.

Councilor Dean, seconded by Councilor Bonneville, made a motion to appoint Ava Kelley of Searsmont as the Executive Assistant for the City of Belfast. This motion was approved, 5-0.

E) Approval of a Facility Use Request and request for Council consideration of a Boathouse Rental fee waiver for September 7th and 8th, 2024, for Maine WienerFest.

Parks and Recreation Director Pam Salokangas reviewed the request to approve the Use Request and request for Council consideration of a Boathouse Rental fee waiver for September 7th and 8th, 2024, for Maine WienerFest and answered Council questions.

Councilor Mortier, seconded by Councilor Harkness, made a motion to approve the Facility Use Request for Steamboat Landing Park and a fee waiver to the Belfast Boathouse for the 20th Annual Maine WienerFest, as presented. This motion was approved, 5-0.

F) Request from the Wastewater Superintendent to expend up to \$26,500 to replace approximately 300' of sewer line that serves 145 Charles Street.

Wastewater Superintendent Travis Jones reviewed the request to expend up to \$26, 500 to replace approximately 300' of sewer line that serves 145 Charles Street.

Councilor Dean, seconded by Councilor Mortier, made a motion to authorize \$26,500.00 to be allocated from the Wastewater Department's Capital Reserves to the Wastewater's operating budget line Outside Services account #990-613 for the emailed quote dated 7-9-24 from Rancourt's Superior Landscaping for replacement of approximately 300' of Orangeburg sewer line that serves 145 Charles Street. This motion was approved, 5-0.

G) Presentation on proposed amendments to the City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 58 Traffic and Vehicles, Article II Stopping, Standing and Parking, Section 58-44 Stop Signs.

City Planner Alexandra Sykes presented the proposed amendments to the City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 58 Traffic and Vehicles, Article II Stopping, Standing and Parking, Section 58-44 Stop Signs.

H) Public Hearing on proposed amendments to the City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 58 Traffic and Vehicles, Article II Stopping, Standing and Parking, Section 58-44 Stop Signs.

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

Director of Code and Planning Bub Fournier noted that one written comment was received prior to the hearing and provided to the City Council.

I) First Reading on proposed amendments to the City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 58 Traffic and Vehicles, Article II Stopping, Standing and Parking, Section 58-44 Stop Signs.

City Planner Alexandra Sykes and Director of Code and Planning Bub Fournier answered Council questions on the proposed ordinance amendments.

Councilor Harkness, seconded by Councilor Mortier, made a motion to approve the proposed amendments to the City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 58 Traffic and Vehicles, Article II Stopping, Standing and Parking, Section 58-44 Stop Signs as presented and to waive the Second Reading and Public Hearing. This motion was approved, 4-1 (Councilor Dean opposed).

G) Signing of Council Orders and housekeeping items.

11) Open to the Public

No comments.

12) Communications

Councilor Mortier reminded the public of the upcoming Harbor Fest on August 16, 17, and 18, 2024.

Councilor Dean noted that the community is getting older and how this impacts the community and services.

Mayor Sanders encouraged the public to come out to enjoy Harbor Fest and support all the good that Rotary does for the community.

13) Adjourn

Councilor Bonneville, seconded by Councilor Dean, made a motion to adjourn at 8:43 p.m. This motion was approved, 5-0.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE
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', written over a horizontal line.

AMANDA CUSHMAN, BELFAST MAINE