

CITY OF LEWISTON

CITY COUNCIL

MAY 15, 2018

REGULAR MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL ROOM AT 7:00 P.M.

THE HONORABLE SHANE D. BOUCHARD, MAYOR, PRESIDING.

PRESENT: Mayor Bouchard, Councilors Lysen, Pettengill, Rea, Lajoie, Cloutier, Beam and Marcotte, City Administrator Edward Barrett and City Clerk Kathleen Montejo.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PRESENTATION OF THE LEWISTON FIRE ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP TO A LOCAL GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR

Lt. Caron of the Lewiston Fire Association presented a \$1,000 check to Isha Mohamed who will be studying nursing in the fall.

PRESENTATION FOR A SPONSORSHIP DONATION TO THE LEWISTON YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL FROM THE LEWISTON FIRE ASSOCIATION

LYAC president Emma Williams received the \$1,500 donation from Lt. Caron representing the Lewiston Fire Association.

LEWISTON YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL UPDATE

Emma reported the group is working on a youth survey for 4th graders regarding recycling efforts and that applications to serve on LYAC for next year are due soon. She also noted June 8 is graduation for Lewiston High School.

VOTE (140-2018)

Motion by Councilor Cloutier, seconded by Councilor Lysen:

To dispense with the reading of the minutes of the meeting of May 15, 2018 and to accept and place them on file as prepared by the City Clerk. Passed - Vote 7-0

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No members of the public offered comment at this time.

AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT TRANSFER OF FORFEITURE FUNDS

VOTE (141-2018)

Motion by Councilor Lajoie, seconded by Councilor Cloutier:

That pursuant to Title 15, Maine Revised Statutes Annotated, Section 5824(3) and Section 5822(4)(A), the City Council hereby acknowledges and approves of the transfer of \$1,184.00, or any portion thereof, in the case of the State of Maine vs. William Scardoni, CR-17-3308 Court

Records, being funds forfeited pursuant to the court process. It is further acknowledged that these funds shall be credited to the 'City of Lewiston Drug Enforcement Program' account.

Passed - Vote 7-0

ADOPTION OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST

VOTE (142-2018)

Motion by Councilor Lajoie, seconded by Councilor Cloutier:

To suspend Section 1,(a) of the Rules Governing the City Council, and to only hold one regular meeting during the month of July, said meeting to be held on Tuesday, July 10th at 7:00pm and to hold only one regular meeting during the month of August, said meeting to be held on Tuesday, August 14th at 7:00pm. Passed - Vote 7-0

PUBLIC HEARING FOR APPROVAL OF OUTDOOR CONCERTS SPONSORED BY L/A ARTS AT DUFRESNE PLAZA AND KENNEDY PARK

Mayor Bouchard opened the public hearing to receive citizen input and comment. No members of the public spoke for or against this issue. The Mayor then closed the hearing.

VOTE (143-2018)

Motion by Councilor Lysen, seconded by Councilor Cloutier:

To conduct a public hearing on an application from L/A Arts for the evening outdoor concerts to be held at Dufresne Plaza and Kennedy Park on May 25, June 29, July 27, August 31, September 28 and October 26 and to authorize a permit for an Outdoor Entertainment Event, as required by the City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 10, Article 1, Section 10-3, to L/A Arts for the outdoor concerts, contingent upon positive recommendations from the Police Department, Fire Department, Code/Land Use Officer and Code/Health Officer regarding compliance with all regulations, and compliance with all City ordinances. Passed - Vote 7-0

PUBLIC HEARING FOR APPROVAL OF OUTDOOR CONCERTS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE GREAT FALLS BREWFEST AT SIMARD PAYNE PARK

Mayor Bouchard opened the public hearing to receive citizen input and comment. No members of the public spoke for or against this issue. The Mayor then closed the hearing.

VOTE (144-2018)

Motion by Councilor Lysen, seconded by Councilor Pettengill:

To conduct a public hearing on an application from Baxter Brewing Company for the outdoor music concert to be held at Simard Payne Park on Saturday, June 23, and to authorize a permit for an Outdoor Entertainment Event, as required by the City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 10, Article 1, Section 10-3, to Baxter Brewing Company for the outdoor concerts, contingent upon positive recommendations from the Police Department, Fire Department, Code/Land Use Officer

and Code/Health Officer regarding compliance with all regulations, and compliance with all City ordinances. Passed - Vote 7-0

PUBLIC HEARING FOR APPROVAL OF AN OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT FOR A MUSICAL CONCERT IN KENNEDY PARK

Mayor Bouchard opened the public hearing to receive citizen input and comment. No members of the public spoke for or against this issue. The Mayor then closed the hearing.

VOTE (145-2018)

Motion by Councilor Cloutier, seconded by Councilor Lajoie:

To conduct a public hearing on an application for an outdoor entertainment event in Kennedy Park, and to grant a permit for an Outdoor Entertainment Event, as required by the City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 10, Article 1, Section 10-3, for an outdoor music concert to be held at Kennedy Park on Saturday, June 28, contingent upon positive recommendations from the Police Department, Fire Department, Code/Health Officer and Land Use Inspector regarding compliance with all regulations and compliance with all City ordinances. Passed - Vote 7-0

PUBLIC HEARING FOR APPROVAL OF AN OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT FOR THE PRIDE L/A FESTIVAL CELEBRATION

Mayor Bouchard opened the public hearing to receive citizen input and comment. No members of the public spoke for or against this issue. The Mayor then closed the hearing.

VOTE (146-2018)

Motion by Councilor Cloutier, seconded by Councilor Rea:

To conduct a public hearing on an application for an outdoor entertainment event for the Pride LA Festival, and to grant a permit for an Outdoor Entertainment Event, as required by the City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 10, Article 1, Section 10-3, to the Pride LA Festival Committee for outdoor music concerts for the Festival to be held at Simard-Payne Memorial Park on June 30, 2018 contingent upon positive recommendations from the Police Department, Fire Department, Code/Health Officer and Land Use Inspector regarding compliance with all regulations and compliance with all City ordinances. Passed - Vote 7-0

PUBLIC HEARING ON A NEW APPLICATION FOR A NEW LIQUOR LICENSE FOR THE PUB AT BAXTER BREWING, 160 MILL STREET

Mayor Bouchard opened the public hearing to receive citizen input and comment. No members of the public spoke for or against this issue. The Mayor then closed the hearing.

VOTE (147-2018)

Motion by Councilor Rea, seconded by Councilor Pettengill:

To authorize the City Clerk's Office to approve a new liquor license application for The Pub at Baxter Brewing, 160 Mill Street. Passed – Vote 7-0

**PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL PASSAGE REGARDING AN AMENDMENT TO THE
FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION ORDINANCE**

Mayor Bouchard opened the public hearing to receive citizen input and comment. No members of the public spoke for or against this issue. The Mayor then closed the hearing. Chief Stockdale provided some brief background on this item, noting the purpose of the Code amendment is to streamline the process and to make the Lewiston Code language consistent with recent changes in the State Code.

VOTE (148-2018)

Motion by Councilor Lysen, seconded by Councilor Cloutier:

That the proposed amendments to the City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 38, “Fire Prevention and Protection”, Article I, “In General”, Article II, “Fire Prevention Code” and Article III, “Permits”, receive final passage by a roll call vote. Passed - Vote 7-0

**PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF THE FY2019 LEWISTON CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BOND ISSUE ORDER**

VOTE (149-2018)

Motion by Councilor Lysen, seconded by Councilor Cloutier:

ORDERED, That \$16,772,000 be appropriated for financing the following FY2019 projects in the Lewiston Capital Improvement Program:

PROJECT	AMOUNT
CITY:	
Airport Wildlife Control Equipment - Tractor	200,000
Radio Replacement Project	511,000
Riverfront Island Implementation	320,000
Fire Pumper/Aerial Replacement - Engine #3	975,000
BLDG 3 - Sabattus Street Fire Station Replacement Project	3,300,000
Street Maintenance Program	2,718,000
Landfill Intermediate Cover	280,000
	8,304,000
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT:	
Lewiston Middle School Auditorium Workshop Addition	50,000
Lewiston Middle School Electrical Upgrade	50,000
Lewiston High School Parking Lot Expansion	220,000
Dingley Building Roof Replacement	300,000
School District-wide Roof Access	96,000
Longley School Renovations	450,000
Lewiston High School Mechanical Systems Upgrades	47,000
	1,213,000
WATER DIVISION:	
Distribution Water Main Replacement/Rehabilitation	2,000,000
	2,000,000

SEWER DIVISION:

Rehabilitation of Old Sanitary Sewer Mains	1,000,000
Pump Station Replacement	135,000
Collection System Inspection & Rehabilitation	480,000
CSO Master Plan Update	100,000
CSO Storage in Franklin Pasture for Gully Brook CSO Area	1,000,000
	<u>2,715,000</u>

STORM WATER DIVISION

Lisbon Street Storm Drain Rehabilitation	140,000
Culvert Replacement Program	350,000
Storm Drain Inspection	350,000
CSO Storage in Franklin Pasture for Gully Brook CSO Area	1,000,000
CSO Master Plan Update	100,000
Jepson Brook Channel Upgrades	600,000
	<u>2,540,000</u>

TOTAL

16,772,000

FURTHER ORDERED, That to meet this appropriation, \$16,772,000 shall be raised by Public Improvement Bond Issue(s);

FURTHER ORDERED, That the City Council instruct the Finance Director to advertise for bids for \$16,772,000 or increments thereof, Public Improvement Bonds; to award the loan; and to employ Locke Lord LLP to furnish the legal opinion for the same; provided that in the alternative, the Finance Director is authorized to award the loan to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank;

FURTHER ORDERED, That the bonds shall be signed by the City Treasurer and Mayor;

FURTHER ORDERED, That the date, maturities, denominations, interest rate or rates, place or places of payment, form or other details of the bonds and of the provisions for the sale thereof shall be determined by the Finance Director under the advice of UniBank Fiscal Advisory Services Inc.;

FURTHER ORDERED, That bonds issued hereunder may be subject to call for redemption on such terms as may be determined by the Finance Director; and

FURTHER ORDERED, On or before the call date, the Finance Director is authorized to refund/advance refund this bond series if a net present value benefit is derived.

Mayor Bouchard opened the public hearing to receive citizen input and comment. No members of the public spoke for or against this issue. The Mayor then closed the hearing. Superintendent Webster requested two changes to the LCIP – 1) lowering the amount for renovations at Longley School from \$450,000 to \$175,000 and 2) removing the School Roof Access project in the amount of \$96,000, to allow time for additional research regarding the OSHA requirements. The City Administrator also recommended removing the \$200,000 from the Airport project from the LCIP bond and having that project addressed via fund balance. Councilor Marcotte stated he would like to cut an additional \$162,000 from the LCIP bond to bring it down to 100% of the bonded debt limit. Councilor Marcotte suggested authorizing funding for some of the Fire Station replacement project in the following fiscal year. He strongly supported moving the

project forward and not delaying the station replacement but wondering if \$162,000 could be delayed from the project costs until next year. The City Administrator felt this was possible giving the timing of architectural drawings, land acquisitions and so forth. The Fire Chief stated he was fine with adjusting the funding as long as the project keeps moving forward and remains on track.

The Council agreed to support these proposed cuts to the LCIP bond:

- 1) Remove \$275,000 – Longley School project
 - 2) Remove \$96,000 – School Roof Access project
 - 3) Remove \$200,000 – Airport project
 - 4) Remove \$162,000 – Fire Station Replacement
- Grand Total – Reduction of \$733,000 from proposed LCIP bond item

Motion as amended:

ORDERED, That \$16,039,000 be appropriated for financing the following FY2019 projects in the Lewiston Capital Improvement Program:

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CITY:	
Radio Replacement Project	511,000
Riverfront Island Implementation	320,000
Fire Pumper/Aerial Replacement - Engine #3	975,000
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Street Maintenance Program	2,718,000
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SCHOOL DEPARTMENT:	
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	842,000
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SEWER DIVISION:	
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TOTAL	16,039,000

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FURTHER ORDERED, That the City Council instruct the Finance Director to advertise for bids for \$16,039,000 or increments thereof, Public Improvement Bonds; to award the loan; and to employ Locke Lord LLP to furnish the legal opinion for the same; provided that in the alternative, the Finance Director is authorized to award the loan to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank;

FURTHER ORDERED, That the bonds shall be signed by the City Treasurer and Mayor;

FURTHER ORDERED, That the date, maturities, denominations, interest rate or rates, place or places of payment, form or other details of the bonds and of the provisions for the sale thereof shall be determined by the Finance Director under the advice of UniBank Fiscal Advisory Services Inc.;

FURTHER ORDERED, That bonds issued hereunder may be subject to call for redemption on such terms as may be determined by the Finance Director; and

FURTHER ORDERED, On or before the call date, the Finance Director is authorized to refund/advance refund this bond series if a net present value benefit is derived.

Passed - Vote 7-0

At this time, the City Administrator noted there is a new item that is related to the LCIP that he would like to have the City Council review and consider at this time.

VOTE (150-2018)

Motion by Councilor Lysen, seconded by Councilor Lajoie:

To suspend the Rules of the City Council and to add an item to the agenda. Passed - Vote 7-0

VOTE (151-2018)

Motion by Councilor Lysen, seconded by Councilor Rea:

To approve the Resolve Authorizing the Transfer of \$501,000 from various capital projects and accounts to fund identified projects in the FY19 Lewiston Capital Improvement Plan (LCIP):

Whereas, the City Council approved the amended FY19 LCIP, which includes funding identified projects with surplus bond proceeds from the City’s FY16 LCIP; and

Whereas, the identified FY19 projects include: Birch Street Road and Sidewalk Rehabilitation at \$100,000, the Street Crosswalk Evaluation and Implementation Project at \$100,000, and Sidewalk Maintenance and Rehabilitation at \$301,000; and

Whereas, the FY16 bond sale generated a surplus of \$336,080 in net premium and investment earnings, and project surpluses totaling \$175,605; and

Whereas, the City has an immediate need to spend outstanding bond proceeds derived from closed or delayed projects in order to avoid potential arbitrage rebates to the Internal Revenue Service;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lewiston that the amount of \$501,000 is hereby transferred from the following 2016 projects in the specified amounts: Street Amenities Project at \$108,275; Municipal Garage Vehicles Project at \$23,225; Landfill Road Maintenance Project at \$33,420; and the Fund Balance Accumulated Investment Earnings and Premium of \$336,080; to Birch Street Road and Sidewalk Rehabilitation at \$100,000; the Street Crosswalk Evaluation and Implementation Project at \$100,000; and Sidewalk Maintenance and Rehabilitation at \$301,000.

Passed - Vote 7-0

RESOLVE INDICATING THE SUPPORT OF THE LEWISTON CITY COUNCIL FOR AN 800 MHZ REPLACEMENT RADIO SYSTEM FOR LA911

Paul LeClair, Director of LA911, made a brief presentation regarding this item.

VOTE (152-2018)

Motion by Councilor Marcotte, seconded by Councilor Cloutier:

To approve the Resolve Indicating the Support of the Lewiston City Council for an 800 Mhz Replacement Radio System for LA911:

Whereas, LA911’s radio system is in excess of twenty years old, is no longer supported by the manufacturer, and replacement parts are becoming difficult to locate; and

Whereas, a robust and reliable emergency communications system is necessary for the operation of Lewiston’s and Auburn’s emergency services; and

Whereas, LA911 is in the second year of a three year radio replacement and upgrade program; and

Whereas, in the coming year, LA911’s dispatch radio consoles are scheduled to be replaced; and

Whereas, the core radio system is scheduled for replacement in FY20; and

Whereas, staff and officials of the cities of Lewiston and Auburn and LA911 have been evaluating alternative radio systems based on VHF and 800 Mhz frequencies; and

Whereas, while dispatch center radio consoles can be purchased that will function with either frequency system, a choice of frequency prior to console purchase may provide for some cost savings; and

Whereas, following several joint meetings between the Councils of Lewiston and Auburn, LA911 staff, and the public safety staffs of the cities, a working group of the Mayors, Managers and their Assistants, Police and Fire Chiefs, and Councilors on the 911 Committee recently met to further explore and discuss the radio replacement project; and

Whereas, while recognizing the valid concerns raised by some regarding the affordability of the 800 Mhz system, the majority of those present favored the 800Mhz option given that system's ability to meet the needs of the public safety agencies by delivering quality radio communications over multiple radio channels; and

Whereas, given that the City Council of the City of Lewiston is expected to approve the funding needed to move forward with LA911's console replacement project, it would be appropriate for the Council to indicate support for its preferred radio frequency system at the same time;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Lewiston that the proposed 800Mhz radio system is the preferred replacement option for LA911 because it will provide the additional radio frequencies required for effective public safety operations and will enhance communications ability from within buildings of a certain construction type.

Passed - Vote 7-0

ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO SELL THE CITY-OWNED PROPERTIES AT 12 ANGER STREET, 91 CROWLEY ROAD, 12 JACK COURT, 147 SABATTUS STREET

VOTE (153-2018)

Motion by Councilor Lajoie, seconded by Councilor Beam:

To approve the Order, authorizing the City Administrator to take the necessary steps to sell the city-owned properties at 12 Anger Street, 91 Crowley Road, 12 Jack Court, 147 Sabattus Street:

Whereas, the City acquired ownership of these properties on the basis of matured property tax liens; and

Whereas, all of these properties are vacant lots; and

Whereas, a request for bids was issued for the sale of these properties, which resulted in a number of offers to purchase from residents of abutting properties; and

Whereas, the Planning Board has reviewed all of these properties and has recommended that the City dispose of them;

Now, therefore, be It Ordered by the City Council of the City of Lewiston that the City Administrator is authorized to sell the following City-owned properties to the parties and for the amounts shown below:

Parcel	Bid	Bidder	Reuse
12 Anger St	\$ 2,000	Wallace and Diane Haugen	Abutter, owns 48 Stanley
91 Crowley Rd	\$ 2,000	Nicole Savage	Abutter, owns 95 Crowley Road
12 Jack Court	\$ 2,500	Denise and Richard Vincent	Abutter, owns 11 and 13 Jack Court
147 Sabattus St	\$ 2,000	Suzanne Blais	Abutter, tenant parking 133 Sabattus, 3 Shawmut

Amounts received from these sales shall be credited to the General Fund toward taxes previously owed to the City.

Passed - Vote 7-0

RESOLVE AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A FENCE AGREEMENT WITH MILL 6 DEVELOPMENT, CO, LLC

Councilor Pettengill asked about having the fence agreement filed with the property deed for future reference.

VOTE (154-2018)

Motion by Councilor Lysen, seconded by Councilor Pettengill:

To approve the Resolve, authorizing the City Administrator to enter into a Fence Agreement with Mill 6 Development Co. LLC:

Whereas, the owners of Fishbones Restaurant are installing a patio at their restaurant that abuts the City’s canal property to provide an outside dining area and additional event space for catered functions; and

Whereas, as part of these improvements, they intend to replace the existing fencing and guardrail along the canal with decorative security fencing and to improve and maintaining the landscaping on the City’s property between the fence and the canal wall; and

Whereas, since the Fishbones property is leased from Mill 6 Development Co LLC, the agreement to install the fence and other improvements on City property must be with Mill 6; and

Whereas, this project will benefit a local business while improving a section of the City’s canal and minimizing the level of City maintenance required.

Now, therefore, be it ordered by the City Council of the City of Lewiston that the City Administrator is hereby authorized to enter into a fence agreement with Mill 6 Development Co. LLC in a form substantially as attached hereto.

Passed - Vote 7-0

RESOLVE AUTHORIZING THE \$59,000 RECENTLY APPROPRIATE FROM FUND BALANCE FOR THE LOCAL SHARE OF THE MAINE DOT EAST AVE. PROJECT TO BE REALLOCATED TO THE LOCAL SHARE OF THE MAINE DOT PROJECT TO RESURFACE CROWLEY ROAD (SOUTH LISBON RD TO TOWN LINE)

VOTE (155-2018)

Motion by Councilor Lysen, seconded by Councilor Cloutier:

To approve the Resolve, authorizing the \$59,000 recently appropriate from Fund Balance for the Local Share of the Maine DOT East Ave Project to be reallocated to the Local Share of the Maine DOT Project to Resurface Crowley Road (South Lisbon Rd to Town Line):

Whereas, the Maine DOT 2018 Work Plan included a project to do Highway Paving on Crowley Road in Lewiston, Lisbon, and Sabattus beginning at the Bowdoin Town Line and extending 5.67 miles; and

Whereas, this project is 100% Federal and State funded; and

Whereas, Maine DOT officials communicated with the City that this included the part of Crowley Road in Lewiston from South Lisbon Road to the town line; and

Whereas, the project is now in the preparation phase, and City staff noticed the signs showed the end of construction to be at the town line and did not include the portion of the road in Lewiston; and

Whereas, City staff questioned Maine DOT, and they apologized for their miscommunication and offered to pay for all of the preparation work and labor for the Lewiston section of the road if the City would pay for the asphalt mix; and

Whereas, this section of Crowley Road is within the Urban Compact Area and, as a result, does not qualify for the 100% state/federal funding; and

Whereas, the cost to the City would be ~\$60 per ton installed, which is much less than the ~\$75 per ton the City is paying for similar work and which also includes all the preparation and contract administration costs; and

Whereas, a recently approved fund balance expenditure for \$59,000 was designated for the local share of the Maine DOT East Ave project included in the City's Capital Improvement Plan, which City staff recently learned will not be funded by Maine DOT until FY2020 at the earliest, making this funding available for other projects;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Lewiston that the amount of \$59,000 previously designated for the local share of the Maine DOT East Ave project is hereby repurposed to the local share of the Maine DOT project resurfacing Crowley Road (South Lisbon Rd to Town Line).

Passed - Vote 7-0

At this time, the Mayor took Other Business out of order and it was addressed at this time.

OTHER BUSINESS

The City Clerk noted the City is seeking volunteers to assist with the placement of flags at veteran's graves throughout the City. Information regarding dates and locations are available on the City's website. The City Administrator noted the Council will be meeting on May 22 in a workshop session to review their goals for the next two years.

PRESENTATION ON RANKED CHOICE VOTING

City Clerk Kathy Montejo reviewed the sample ballots for the State Primary Election and provided a brief demonstration on the various scenarios for marking a ballot under the Ranked Choice Voting method. It was also noted the Secretary of State will be making a presentation about Ranked Choice Voting on Tuesday, May 29 at 6m at the City Library.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION TO REVIEW APPLICATION SUBMITTED UNDER
TITLE 36, SECTION 841 (2)**

VOTE (156-2018)

Motion by Councilor Lysen, seconded by Councilor Rea:

To enter into an Executive Session to review an application submitted under MRSA Title 36, Section 841 (2). Passed - Vote 7-0

Executive Session began at 8:41pm and ended at 9:38pm

**REQUEST FOR ABATEMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES FOR APPLICATION
SUBMITTED UNDER TITLE 36, SECTION 841 (2)**

VOTE (157-2018)

Motion by Councilor Marcotte, seconded by Councilor Lysen:

To approve a six-month abatement in the amount of \$1,048.51 of property taxes for Case Number 2018-01; said application submitted under MRSA Title 36, section 841(2).

Passed - Vote 4-3 (Councilors Rea, Cloutier and Pettengill opposed)

REPORTS AND UPDATES

Councilor Rea thanked the residents for voting to support the school budget during last week's Referendum Election. It was noted there will be a public meeting on May 21 at 6pm at the Dingley Building regarding the Lewiston Education Fund grant application.

VOTE (158-2018)

Motion by Councilor Lysen, seconded by Councilor Cloutier:

CITY COUNCIL

MAY 15, 2018

To adjourn at 9:46P.M. Passed - Vote 7-0

A true record, Attest:

Kathleen M. Montejo, MMC
City Clerk
Lewiston, Maine