

CITY OF LEWISTON

CITY COUNCIL

JUNE 5, 2018

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

THE HONORABLE KRISTEN S. CLOUTIER, CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT, PRESIDING.

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

VOTE (159-2018)

Motion by Councilor Lysen, seconded by Councilor Lajoie:

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

Jay Allen, owner of Six Sigma Properties, spoke in support of the proposed Rental Registration program. He noted \$35 per year per unit is not high enough and suggested the Council consider increasing that amount. He noted many apartment building tenants are out of control due to the lack of control exercised by the landlords. He advised adding some enforcement language to the program, noting it is useless if it cannot be enforced strictly. Charles Soule of 135 Bartlett St spoke in support of gubernatorial candidate Mary Mayhew for next week's election. John Anctil of Leavitt requested that reclaim gravel be added during street repairs rather than top soil gravel, noting the rocks kick up and are dangerous to motorcycles. He urged public safety over cost savings.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL AMUSEMENT PERMIT FOR LIVE ENTERTAINMENT FOR RAILS, LLC, 103 LINCOLN STREET

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

VOTE (160-2018)

Motion by Councilor Lysen, seconded by Councilor Rea:

To grant a Special Amusement Permit for Live Entertainment to Rails. LLC, 103 Lincoln Street. Passed - Vote 7-0

AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL PARKS FEES POLICY TO INCREASE THE PARKING CARD FEE TO \$6.00

VOTE (161-2018)

Motion by Councilor Rea, seconded by Councilor Lajoie:

To approve the proposed amendment to the Parking Fees Policy, Policy Manual Number 42, as recommended by City Administration and the Finance Director. Passed - Vote 7-0

RESOLVE ACCEPTING DONATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF SPONSORING PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN WITHIN THE LEWISTON AND AUBURN AREA

VOTE (162-2018)

Motion by Councilor Pettengill, seconded by Councilor Lysen:

To adopt the Resolve accepting donations for the purpose of sponsoring performing arts programs for children in the Lewiston and Auburn area:

Whereas, The Lewiston Recreation Division and the Auburn Recreation Department combine efforts to bring the Wednesdays in the Park program to both Communities; and

Whereas, Wednesdays in the Park celebrates its thirty-ninth season of performing arts this year; and

Whereas, for four weeks during the summer months, various performers will entertain hundreds of children, at different sites throughout Lewiston and Auburn; and

Whereas, local businesses and organizations donate funds to support the entire operating budget for the Wednesdays in the Park program;

Now, therefore, be it Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lewiston that the City Administrator is authorized to accept the donations and promotion from the following local businesses and organizations that will allow the Wednesdays In The Park Program to operate.

2018 WEDNESDAYS IN THE PARK SPONSORS

Auburn Exchange Club	\$250
Evergreen Custom Printing Inc.	Printing of Posters
Central Distributors	\$50
Lewiston Housing Authority	\$30
LYAF Bingo	\$200
Moody's Collision Center	\$50
Past Time Club	\$300
Platz Associates	\$50
Total	\$930

Be it Further Resolved that the City Council expresses its thanks and appreciation to local businesses and organizations that have contributed funding and promotion to make this program possible.

Passed - Vote 7-0

RESOLVE ADOPTING THE 2018 ANDROSCOGGIN COUNTY-WIDE HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

VOTE (163-2018)

Motion by Councilor Lajoie, seconded by Councilor Beam:

To approve the Resolve, Adopting the 2018 Androscoggin County-Wide Hazard Mitigation Plan:

Whereas, natural and man-made disasters may occur at any time; and

Whereas, we recognize that lessening the impacts of these disasters we will save resources, property, and lives in Androscoggin County; and

Whereas, the creation of a Hazard Mitigation Plan is a necessary basis for developing a risk assessment and effective mitigation strategy; and

Whereas, the 2 cities and 12 towns, and Androscoggin County are committed to the mitigation goals and measures presented in this plan;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Lewiston that we join with the Androscoggin County Commissioners and the Boards of Selectmen or City Councilors of the 14 municipalities to hereby adopt the Androscoggin County Hazard Mitigation Plan – 2018 Update.

Passed - Vote 7-0

RESOLVE RECEIVING THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT FOR SPRING 2018

Public Works Director Dave Jones addressed some questions and provided some clarification for the Council regarding the work of the Committee.

VOTE (164-2018)

Motion by Councilor Lysen, seconded by Councilor Pettengill:

To approve the Resolve, Receiving the Public Works Committee Report for Spring 2018:

Whereas, on February 6, 2018, the City Council approved a resolve reauthorizing a Public Works Committee; and

Whereas, the Committee met four (4) times this spring to:

- Review the Lewiston Capital Improvement Program (LCIP) projects;
- Review and make recommendations on the Public Works New Programs and Services for the Fy2019 budget;

- Discuss increasing recycling within the City;
- Review the PW Department’s personnel and Worker Compensation summary; and
- Review and recommend approval of sidewalk plowing changes; and

Whereas, actions have already taken by the Council regarding the budget issues; and

Whereas, the Committee recommended adding 1,600 feet of sidewalk to one of the sidewalk plow routes to include the sidewalk on the right side of Lisbon Street from 1560 Lisbon St (Elmet Technologies) to Pleasant Street;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the City Council of the City of Lewiston that The Public Works Committee Report for Spring 2018 is hereby received and the recommendation to add approximately 1,600 feet of sidewalk on the North Side of Lisbon Street from 1560 Lisbon Street to Pleasant Street is hereby approved.

Passed - Vote 7-0

AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT TRANSFER FOR FORFEITURE FUNDS

VOTE (165-2018)

Motion by Councilor Marcotte, seconded by Councilor Pettengill:

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 \$1,221.00, or any portion thereof, in the case of the State of Maine vs. John Labbe, CR-18-1740 Court Records, the transfer of \$7,212.00, or any portion thereof, in the case of the State of Maine vs. Elijah Casey, CR-18-586 Court Records, and the transfer of \$2,195.00, or any portion thereof, in the case of the State of Maine vs. Bousley Baptiste, CR-18-221 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

REPORTS AND UPDATES

Councilor Rea reported that the School Committee will be working on improving the school budget process going forward and will be seeking input from the Council on that process in the future. She noted that both Adult Education graduation and the Lewiston High School graduation are this week. Councilor Lajoie requested a follow up on the recently adopted nuisance party ordinance.

OTHER BUSINESS

No Other Business was presented at this time.

VOTE (166-2018)

Motion by Councilor Lysen, seconded by Councilor Pettengill:

To adjourn at 7:48 P.M. Passed - Vote 7-0

A true record, Attest:

Kathleen M. Montejo, MMC
City Clerk
Lewiston, Maine