

CITY OF LEWISTON

CITY COUNCIL

JANUARY 6, 1998

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

THE HONORABLE KAILEIGH A. TARA, MAYOR, PRESIDING.

PRESENT: Councilors Kelly, Gray, Albert, Samson, Bilodeau, Putnam, City Administrator Robert J. Mulready, Assistant City Administrator Peter Crichton, and Deputy City Clerk Kelly J. Mercier.

ABSENT: Councilor Lynch and City Clerk Gerald P. Berube.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Moment of Silence.

VOTE (1)

Motion by Councilor Samson, seconded by Councilor Albert:

To dispense with the reading of the minutes of the meetings of December 2 & 8, 1997, and to accept and place them on file as prepared by the City Clerk. Passed - Vote 6-0

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

The Mayor made the following appointments.

VOTE (2)

Motion by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Gray:

To confirm the Mayor's appointment of Natalie Dunlap, 316 Webster Street, to a 6 year term on the Board of Library Trustees, said term to expire on 1/6/2004. Passed - Vote 6-0

VOTE (3)

Motion by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Gray:

To confirm the Mayor's appointment of Councilors Frank Kelly and Paul Samson to the Lewiston Mill Redevelopment Corporation. Passed - Vote 6-0

VOTE (4)

Motion by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Gray:

To confirm the Mayor's appointment of Councilor Barry J. Putnam, to a 2 year term and Heather Hunter, Acting City Auditor, to replace Roland Breton on the 9-1-1 Committee, said terms to expire on 1/4/2000 and 1/5/1999 respectively.
Passed - Vote 6-0

VOTE (5)

Motion by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Gray:

To confirm the Mayor's appointment of Councilor Joyce A. Bilodeau to a 2 year term on the Auburn-Lewiston Airport Committee, said term to expire on 1/4/2000.
Passed - Vote 6-0

VOTE (6)

Motion by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Gray:

To confirm the Mayor's appointments of the following to the Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments:

Executive Committee:

Richard T. Metivier, Finance Director
Peter Crichton, Assistant City Administrator

General Assembly:

Joyce A. Bilodeau, Councilor Ward 6
Pauline D. Gray, Councilor Ward 3

Associate Members:

James Lysen, Planning Director
Christopher C. Branch, Public Works Director

Passed - Vote 6-0

VOTE (7)

Motion by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Gray:

To confirm the Mayor's appointment of Councilor Paul A. Samson on the L & A Transit Committee.
Passed - Vote 6-0

VOTE (8)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Samson:

That the ordinance pertaining to Development Review and Standards has passage on first reading by a yea and nay vote and that the public hearing on said ordinance be continued to the next regular meeting for final passage.

Passed - Vote 6-0

Finance Director Richard Metivier and Kathy Tyson, a representative from Runyon Kersteen Ouellette, reviewed the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

VOTE (9)

Motion by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To accept and place on file the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997.

Passed - Vote 6-0

VOTE (10)

Motion by Councilor Samson, seconded by Councilor Bilodeau:

To accept the recommendation of the Land Committee and to authorize the School Department to purchase the property located at 347-349 Montello Street and to authorize Robert Mulready, City Administrator, to sign the necessary documents on behalf of the City of Lewiston.

Passed - Vote 6-0

VOTE (11)

Motion by Councilor Samson, seconded by Councilor Bilodeau:

To recommend to the School Committee that they explore the possibility of a joint venture for parking with Stanton Bird Club for the Thorncrag Bird Sanctuary. Passed - Vote 6-0

VOTE (12)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To accept the recommendation of the Land Committee and

Planning Board and to authorize the purchase of the property located at 43 Knox Street, demolition of the building, and sale of the land in accordance with established city policy. Passed - Vote 6-0

VOTE (13)

Motion by Councilor Samson, seconded by Councilor Bilodeau:

To adopt the Hatch Act Policy as recommended by the Personnel Board. Passed - Vote 5-0 Councilor Bilodeau was not present when the vote was taken.

VOTE (14)

Motion by Councilor Samson, seconded by Councilor Bilodeau:

To adopt the Threats and Violence Policy as recommended by the Personnel Board. Passed - Vote 5-0 Councilor Bilodeau was not present when the vote was taken.

VOTE (15)

Motion by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Gray:

To request a recommendation from the Planning Board on an amendment to the Zoning and Land Use Code to allow the conversion of existing non-conforming single-family dwellings in lawful existence at the effective date of this amendment to a two-family dwelling as long as the conversion is done within the existing building envelope. Passed - Vote 6-0

VOTE (16)

Motion by Councilor Albert, seconded by Councilor Putnam:

That the Traffic Schedule be amended as follows:

SECTION 38 - STOP SIGNS

~~FARWELL STREET~~ ~~1 sign at Webster Street~~

SECTION 40 - TRAFFIC SIGNALS

FARWELL STREET Webster Street - r/y/g traffic lights
WEBSTER STREET Farwell Street - r/y/g traffic lights

NOTE:(Additions are underlined; deletions are ~~struck-out~~). Passed - Vote 6-0

A motion was made by Councilor Samson and seconded by Councilor Putnam to amend the Traffic Schedule to add traffic control signals on Sabattus Street at Farwell and Fairlawn Streets.

Some Councilors stated they did not feel comfortable voting for the amendment in view of the large number of complaints received in reference to the traffic light and after a lengthy discussion on the effects of the traffic signal on area residents and businesses the following action was taken.

VOTE (17)

Motion by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To table, until the meeting of January 20, 1998, the amendment to the Traffic Schedule to add traffic control signals on Sabattus Street at Farwell and Fairlawn Streets.
Passed - Vote 6-0

VOTE (18)

Motion by Councilor Albert, seconded by Councilor Bilodeau:

To grant Special Amusement Permits for Dancing and Entertainment to the following:

- Acme Social Club, 255 Park Street
- Hurricane Club, Inc., 308 Lisbon Street
- Lewiston Social Club, Inc., 339 Lisbon Street
- Midtown Athletic Club, 315 Lisbon Street
- Ramada, 490 Pleasant Street
- South End Social Club, 327 Lisbon Street
- Sportsman's Athletic Club, Inc., 2 Bates Street

Passed - Vote 6-0

VOTE (19)

Motion by Councilor Albert, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To adopt the Lewiston Mill Redevelopment Corporation By-Laws as amended and recommended by the LMRC Board of Directors.
Passed - Vote 6-0

VOTE (20)

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Motion by Councilor Albert, seconded by Councilor Gray:

To authorize the City Clerk to approve the liquor license application for Sabattus Street Billiards, 703 Sabattus Street, subject to the approval of all required municipal departments. Passed - Vote 6-0

VOTE (21)

Motion by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To adjourn at 9:17 P.M. Passed - Vote 6-0

A true record, Attest:

Kelly J. Mercier
Deputy City Clerk
Lewiston, Maine