

CITY OF LEWISTON

CITY COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 17, 1998

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

THE HONORABLE KAILEIGH A. TARA, MAYOR, PRESIDING.

PRESENT: Councilors Lynch, Kelly, Gray, Albert, Samson, Putnam, City Administrator Robert J. Mulready, and City Clerk Gerald P. Berube.

ABSENT: Councilor Bilodeau.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Moment of Silence.

VOTE (1)

Motion by Councilor Lynch, seconded by Councilor Kelly:

To dispense with the reading of the minutes of the meeting of February 3, 1998, and to accept and place them on file as prepared by the City Clerk. Passed - Vote 6-0

The City Clerk at this time recommended that Shannon Voigt, Deputy in charge of elections, be appointed as Registrar of Voters.

VOTE (2)

Motion by Councilor Putnam, seconded by Councilor Kelly:

That in accordance with Title 21A this City Council hereby accepts the recommendation of the City Clerk and appoints Shannon Voigt as Registrar of Voters. Passed - Vote 6-0

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO REGULATIONS IN THE HIGHWAY BUSINESS DISTRICT

An ordinance pertaining to Regulations in the Highway Business District, to allow existing non-conforming single family dwellings to be converted to two-family dwellings, having had first reading at the meeting of February 3rd, received its second reading at this time.

VOTE (3)

Motion by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Samson:

That the ordinance pertaining to Regulations in the Highway Business District, to allow existing non-conforming single family dwellings to be converted to two-family dwellings has final passage by a yea and nay vote. Passed - Vote 6-0

**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 1999 LEWISTON
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Richard Metivier, Finance Director, reviewed the projects contained within the 1999 LCIP, their estimated costs, and the sources of funding. He also reviewed charts on the following for the years 1998 thru 2003 and answered questions.

1. Projected bonded indebtedness and borrowing capacity.
2. Actual and projected per capita assessed value and bonded debt.
3. Debt service schedule for the general fund.

After discussion and assurance that adoption did not constitute approval and/or funding of the various projects within the program, and that each project would require funding approval from the City Council at a later date, the following action was taken.

VOTE (4)

Motion by Councilor Putnam, seconded by Councilor Kelly:

That pursuant to Article VI, Section 6.07(d) of the City Charter, the City Council hereby adopts the 1999 Capital Improvement Program, as prepared by the City Administrator. Passed - Vote 6-0

VOTE (5)

Motion by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To authorize the City Clerk to approve the liquor license application for The Central Maine Athletic Club, 74 Westminster Street. Passed - Vote 6-0

VOTE (6)

Motion by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To accept the recommendation of the Police Department and to amend the Traffic Schedule as follows:

SECTION 9 - PARKING PROHIBITED ALL TIMES - FIRE LANES

UNION STREET	Odd numbered side southwest side beginning at the southeast corner of Union St & Main St and extending easterly on Union St a distance of 50'. <u>between Main St & Oak St.</u>
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NOTE:(Additions are underlined; deletions are ~~struck-out~~).
Passed - Vote 6-0

VOTE (7)

Motion by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Samson:

That the resolution supporting a homestead exemption and an increase in general purpose aid to education be adopted.
Passed- Vote 6-0

VOTE (8)

Motion by Councilor Albert, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To authorize the City Administrator to enter into an agreement with Women Unlimited to conduct a Building Renovation course at the city owned building located at 269-271 Park Street. Passed - Vote 6-0

Mr. Jeremy Evans, LACTS Director, discussed the proposed Downtown Parking Study. The Study, which will look at both on and off street parking will take into consideration a large part of the downtown area including the Bates Mill Complex. The study is expected to be completed in April.

VOTE (9)

Motion by Councilor Samson, seconded by Councilor Lynch:

To authorize the Public Works Department to post the following roads prohibiting vehicles having a gross weight of over 23,000 pounds.

From 3/2/1998 to 5/1/1998:

Ferry Road - From Cottage Road to River Road
River Road - From Ferry Road to Solid Waste Facility
Dyer Road - From Lisbon Road to Ferry Road
Pinewoods Road - From Ferry Road to Town Line
Gayton Road - From Lisbon Road to Town Line
Webster Road - From Old Lisbon Road to Crowley Road
Merrill Road - From College Road to Main Street
Sleeper Road - From Merrill Road to Town Line
Randall Road - From Sunrise Lane to Grove Street
Grove Street - From Randall Road to Town Line
Old Greene Road - From N. Temple Street to Town Line
No Name Pond Road - From Old Greene Road to Town Line
Pond Road - From Old Greene Road to No Name Pond Road

From 5/1/1998 to 5/1 1999: Cotton Road - From Ferry Road to Town Line
Passed - Vote 6-0

VOTE (10)

Motion by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To request a recommendation from the Planning Board on the acquisition of land on Lincoln Street to be used for parking for employees and customers of tenants of the Bates Mill Complex. Passed - Vote 6-0

VOTE (11)

Motion by Councilor Albert, seconded by Councilor Putnam:

To request a recommendation from the Planning Board on amending the Zoning and Land Use Code and the Policy Manual for the sale and acquisition of land to delete the requirement that the Planning Board make recommendations on the sale or acquisition of public land in order to streamline the process and eliminate duplication of effort.
Passed - Vote 6-0

Due to concerns raised by Councilor Lynch, the City Council was advised that these amendments have been under consideration for a long time and are not as a result of recent statements by a Planning Board Member.

The majority of the parcels are sold for less than \$1,000.00 and the present process is lengthy and cumbersome.

VOTE (12)

Motion by Councilor Albert, seconded by Councilor Putnam:

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To adopt the resolution in support of the Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline's application to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to build a natural gas pipeline through Lewiston. Passed - Vote 6-0

VOTE (13)

Motion by Councilor Albert, seconded by Councilor Putnam:

To confirm the Mayor's appointment of Stavros J. Mendros, 135 Hogan Road to complete the unexpired term of Bruce Croteau on the Personnel Board, said term to expire on January 3, 2001.

Passed - Vote 6-0

VOTE (14)

Motion by Councilor Lynch, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To adjourn at 9:00 P.M. Passed - Vote 6-0

A true record, Attest:

Gerald P. Berube, CMC
City Clerk
Lewiston, Maine