

**CITY OF LEWISTON**

**CITY COUNCIL**

**OCTOBER 20, 1998**

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

THE HONORABLE KAILEIGH A. TARA, MAYOR, PRESIDING.

PRESENT: Councilors Lynch, Kelly, Albert, Samson, Bilodeau, City Administrator Robert J. Mulready and Assistant City Administrator Peter Crichton.

ABSENT: Councilor Putnam

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Moment of Silence.

**VOTE (1)**

Motion by Councilor Samson, seconded by Councilor Bilodeau:

To dispense with the reading of the minutes of the October 6, 1998, meeting and to accept and place them on file as prepared by the Deputy City Clerk. Passed - Vote 5-0

**PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO  
NURSING HOMES**

The ordinance pertaining to nursing homes having had its first reading at the meeting of October 6<sup>th</sup>, received its second reading at this time.

**VOTE (2)**

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Samson:

That the ordinance pertaining to nursing homes, deleting the requirement that nursing homes be licensed, has final passage by a yea and nay vote. Passed - Vote 5-0

**PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO  
RELAXATION OF SPACE AND BULK STANDARDS**

A motion was made by Councilor Bilodeau and seconded by Councilor Kelly that the ordinance pertaining to relaxation of space and bulk standards has passage on first reading by a yea and nay vote.

**VOTE (3)**

Motion by Councilor Lynch, seconded by Councilor Albert:

To continue the public hearing on the ordinance pertaining to relaxation of space and bulk standards to the next regular meeting. Passed - Vote 5-0

**PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO MODIFICATIONS**

The ordinance pertaining to modifications received its first reading at this time.

**VOTE (4)**

Motion by Councilor Albert, seconded by Councilor Kelly:

That the ordinance pertaining to modifications, concerning the necessity of getting maintenance easements/agreements for minor changes, has passage on first reading by a yea and nay vote. Passed - Vote 5-0

**VOTE (5)**

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Albert:

That Section 7(c) of the Rules Governing the City Council be suspended to allow for a second reading at this time.  
Passed - Vote 5-0

The ordinance pertaining to modifications received its second reading at this time.

**VOTE (6)**

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Albert:

That the ordinance pertaining to modifications, concerning the necessity of getting maintenance easements/agreements for minor changes, has final passage by a yea and nay vote.  
Passed - Vote 5-0

**PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDER TO VACATE AND DISCONTINUE  
A SECTION OF HINES ALLEY**

Public Works Director Christopher Branch briefed the Mayor and Council on the reasons for discontinuing. Mr. Branch reported that the Street Committee recommends the requested action.

**VOTE (7)**

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Lynch:

That the order vacating and discontinuing a portion of Hines Alley beginning at the intersection of Hines Alley and Chestnut Street thence in a northerly direction a distance of four hundred and seven and 72 one hundredths (407.72) feet be adopted. Passed - Vote 5-0

**VOTE (8)**

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Lynch:

To authorize the City Clerk's Office to approve the liquor license application for Schemengee's, 15 Lincoln Street.  
Passed - Vote 5-0

**VOTE (9)**

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Samson:

ORDERED, That the following question be submitted to the voters of Lewiston at the Regular Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 2, 1999:

*"Shall the resolve, typed in full below, prohibiting the City from expending local tax funds from the general budget, proceeds of general obligation bonds, and/or funds from community development block grants to build a convention center or civic center or to purchase any additional real estate for the Bates Mill Redevelopment Project be adopted?"*

RESOLVE

No local tax monies shall be spent to build a convention center or civic center in the Bates Mill Redevelopment Project in the City of Lewiston, or shall be spent to purchase any additional real estate for the Bates Mill Redevelopment Project. The construction of a convention center or civic center in the Bates Mill Redevelopment Project, and /or the purchase of additional real estate for the Bates Mill Redevelopment Project, shall not be funded through the City's general budget, general obligation bonds, and/or community development block grants.

Passed - Vote 5-0

**VOTE (10)**

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Lynch:

To authorize the Library Director to apply to the Maine

Historical Records Advisory Board for a grant in the amount of \$3,190.00 to preserve the Libbey Mill records, and to administer the funds if successful. Passed - Vote 5-0

**VOTE (11)**

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Lynch:

To accept the recommendation of the Police Department and to amend the traffic schedule as follows:

**SECTION 41 - TRUCKS AND BUSES PROHIBITED**

MONTELLO STREET ~~East Ave~~ Main St to Central Ave  
Old Greene Rd between the hours of 11:00  
P.M. to 6:00 A.M. (Gross weight of over  
19,500 pounds)

Passed - Vote 5-0

During the presentation on the Downtown Lewiston Parking Study the Mayor left at approximately 7:45 p.m. and Council President Frank Kelly presided.

**PRESENTATION ON DOWNTOWN LEWISTON PARKING STUDY**

Jeremy Evans, Director of the Lewiston-Auburn Comprehensive Transportation Study (LACTS) and Transportation Division Director for the Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments, gave an overview of the parking study which included both short-term and long-term parking needs.

**UPDATE ON LOCAL PUBLIC ACCESS GOALS**

Peter Crichton, Assistant City Administrator and Tammy Greishaber, a member of the Lewiston-Auburn Cable Advisory Committee, provided an update regarding the ongoing activities to establish a local public access channel.

**VOTE (12)**

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Lynch:

To approve the Purchase & Sale Agreement for the H. E. Sargent Property on the River Road consisting of a rock quarry of approximately 7 acres and an adjacent gravel pit of approximately 25 acres, and to authorize the City Administrator to sign the agreement on behalf of the City of Lewiston. Passed - Vote 5-0

**VOTE (13)**

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Lynch:

To approve the amendment to the Lewiston-Auburn 9-1-1 agreement, deleting the following requirement:

"Any proposed disposal of real property or of personal property having value in excess of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) shall be first approved by the City Councils of Lewiston and Auburn."

Passed - Vote 5-0

**VOTE (14)**

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Lynch:

To adopt the Internet and Electronic Mail Policy as drafted by the Finance Department. Passed - Vote 5-0

**VOTE (15)**

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To ratify the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Lewiston and the Maine State Employees Association (MSEA) said agreement being for the period July 1, 1998 to June 30, 2000, and to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement on behalf of the City of Lewiston.

Passed - Vote 5-0

**VOTE (16)**

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Albert:

That all administrative, supervisory and professional/technical employees covered by the Salaried Employees Pay Plan be granted a merit pay increase, not to exceed 3%, effective the first pay period of July 1998, and that the Pay Plan be adjusted by increasing the minimum and maximum by 3%.

Passed - Vote 5-0

**VOTE (17)**

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Lynch:

That section 1 (a) of the Rules Governing the City Council be suspend to hold only one regular meeting during the month of December, said meeting to be held on Tuesday, December 15, 1998. Passed - Vote 5-0

**VOTE (18)**

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To adjourn at 8:25 P.M. Passed - Vote 5-0

A true record, Attest:

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Kelly J. Mercier  
Deputy City Clerk  
Lewiston, Maine