

CITY OF LEWISTON

CITY COUNCIL

JANUARY 7, 1997

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

THE HONORABLE JOHN T. JENKINS, MAYOR, PRESIDING.

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

ABSENT: Councilor Begert

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Moment of Silence.

Plaques were presented by Mayor Jenkins and Council President Kelly to Richard Martel, Paul Caron, Mike Rosenthal and Lynne Geiger in recognition of their creative contributions to the Award-Winning Play, "Lewiston - A New Home", commemorating the City of Lewiston Bicentennial Celebration.

Members of the committee presented the City with the Moss Hart Memorial Award Certificate & Plaque presented by the New England Theatre Conference along with a historical photo album of the staff, actors, crew & event and a poster of the event autographed by all involved.

VOTE (1)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To dispense with the reading of the minutes of the meeting of December 17, 1996, and to accept and place them on file as prepared by the City Clerk. Passed - Vote 6-0

The City Clerk presented the letter of resignation from Ward Three City Councilor James Begert due to his moving from the ward.

Members of the City Council praised Mr. Begert for his work and dedication to the City and indicated he would be missed as a member of the City Council.

VOTE (2)

Motion by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To accept, with regret, the resignation of Ward Three City Councilor James Begert. Passed - Vote 6-0

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

The Mayor made the following appointments.

VOTE (3)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To confirm the Mayor's appointment of Philip Meldrum, 19 Novella Street, to a 3 year term on the Historic Preservation Review Board, said term to expire 1/3/2000.

Passed - Vote 6-0

VOTE (4)

Motion by Councilor Lynch, seconded by Councilor Albert:

To confirm the Mayor's appointment of Steve Kottler, 23 White Street, to a 6 year term and Jan Phillips, 40 Jefferson Street, to a 2 year term on the Board of Library Trustees, said terms to expire on 1/6/2003 and 1/4/1999 respectively. Passed - Vote 6-0

VOTE (5)

Motion by Councilor Samson, seconded by Councilor Bilodeau:

To confirm the Mayor's appointment of Kenneth Wolf, 20 Brentwood Avenue, to a 3 year term on the Auburn-Lewiston Airport Committee, said term to expire 1/3/2000.

Passed - Vote 6-0

VOTE (6)

Motion by Councilor Putnam, seconded by Councilor Bilodeau:

To confirm the Mayor's appointment of Roland Breton, City Auditor, to a 2 year term on the 9-1-1 Committee, said term to expire 1/4/1999. Passed - Vote 6-0

VOTE (7)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Albert:

To confirm the Mayor's appointment of Robert Schulz, 238 Dyer Road, of ward 6 to a 4 year term as an associate member of the Board of Appeals, said term to expire 1/2/2001.

Passed - Vote 6-0

VOTE (8)

Motion by Councilor Albert, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To confirm the Mayor's appointment of Robert Bruder, 53 Webster Road, of ward 7 to a 3 year term as an associate member of the Board of Appeals, said term to expire 1/3/2000. Passed - Vote 6-0

VOTE (9)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Kelly:

To confirm the Mayor's appointment of Scott Lynch, 18 Nimitz Street, to a 2 year term on the Lewiston-Auburn Water Pollution Control Authority, said term to expire 1/4/1999. Passed - Vote 6-0

VOTE (10)

Motion by Councilor Albert, seconded by Councilor Bilodeau:

To confirm the Mayor's appointment of Frank Kelly to replace James Begert on the Lewiston-Auburn Economic Growth Council, said term to expire 1/5/1998. Passed - Vote 6-0

VOTE (11)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Putnam:

To confirm the Mayor's appointment of Joseph Grube, Chief Assessor, to a 3 year term on the Lake Auburn Watershed Committee, said term to expire 1/3/2000.

The Mayor also made the following appointments.

FINANCE COMMITTEE - 3 Year Term (Expires 1/3/2000)
Edward Given, 34 Lemay Avenue

PERSONNEL BOARD - 5 Year Term (Expires 1/7/2002)
Lucy Bisson, 1026 Sabattus Street

BOARD OF APPEALS - 5 Year Term (Expires 1/7/2002)
Paula Mortensen, 174 Montello Street, ward 2
Bruce Damon, 22 Buttonwood Lane, ward 1

Council President, Frank Kelly, appointed Councilor Richard Albert of ward 4 to replace Councilor James Begert on the Finance Committee.

PUBLIC HEARING ON A LOAN ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$750,000.00 FOR THE LEWISTON MILL REDEVELOPMENT - PEOPLES HERITAGE BANK PROJECT

A motion was made by Councilor Bilodeau to adopt the Loan Order in the amount of \$750,000.00 for the Lewiston Mill Redevelopment Corporation - Peoples Heritage Bank Project.

A brief discussion was held on the Peoples Heritage Bank Project and the number of jobs created and retained as a result of the project.

Robert Mulready, City Administrator, advised the Council that figures on the work which needs to be done have not been finalized and will not be available until the next regular meeting. He reviewed the work which is to be done by LMRC and the renovations which are the responsibility of Peoples Heritage. A brief discussion was also held on the proposed terms of the lease with Peoples Heritage Bank.

The Council also heard comments from members of the public on the proposed project.

VOTE (12)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Putnam:

To continue the public hearing on the Loan Order in the amount of \$750,000.00 for the Lewiston Mill Redevelopment Corporation - Peoples Heritage Bank Project to the meeting of January 21, 1997. Passed - Vote 6-0

A motion was made by Councilor Kelly to approve the amendment to the Cooperation Agreement between the City of Lewiston and the Lewiston Housing Authority which provides for payments in lieu of taxes, and to authorize the City Administrator to sign the agreement on behalf of the City of Lewiston.

Councilor Kelly advised the Council that this matter has not been acted upon by the Directors of the Housing Authority and the following action was taken.

VOTE (13)

Motion by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To table until the meeting of February 4, 1997, for a recommendation from the Housing Authority, the amendment to the Cooperation Agreement between the City of Lewiston and the Lewiston Housing Authority, which provides for payments in lieu of taxes. Passed - Vote 6-0

VOTE (14)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Samson:

That the State of Maine Department of Transportation be advised that the Municipal Officers of the City of Lewiston have elected to proceed with plans for the replacement of the Stetson Brook Bridge on College Street.
Passed - Vote 6-0

Mr. Richard Metivier, Finance Director, and representatives from the firm of Runyon, Kersteen, Ouellette, reviewed the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996, and answered questions.

VOTE (15)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To accept and place on file the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996.
Passed - Vote 6-0

The Council agreed to meet with the School Committee on either January 18th or 25th.

VOTE (16)

Motion by Councilor Lynch, seconded by Councilor Bilodeau:

To go into executive session to discuss negotiations.
Passed - Vote 6-0

Reconvened into open session.

VOTE (17)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Lynch:

To adjourn at 9:42 P.M. Passed - Vote 6-0

A true record, Attest:

Gerald P. Berube, CMC
City Clerk
Lewiston, Maine