

CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
Board of Aldermen Minutes
Monday, August 15, 2022

Members present; President Doenges, Aldermen Etori, Franco, Savage, Barbagallo, Talbott, Tadio, Whitcomb, Gillam and DePoy. Also present; Mayor Allaire, Attorney Bloomer and City Clerk Heck.

7:00 PM BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

President Doenges called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS (August 1, 2022)

A motion was made and seconded (Talbott, Savage) approving the minutes of the previous meeting.

Motion passed.

OUTSIDE THE RAIL

No one spoke outside the rail.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Remove from the Table Alderman Nomination, Joe Barbagallo

Mayor Allaire thanked the large contingent of Boy Scouts present and thanked them for coming. Mayor Allaire noted he had requested a nomination be tabled and asked for it to be removed from the table. That request was so moved and seconded (Talbott, DePoy). President Doenges asked Clerk Heck to gather all votes and presented them to Attorney Bloomer.

Mayor Allaire then gave his support to the Ideal Vermont Equality request and shared his thoughts. A motion was made and seconded (Talbott, Savage) to suspend the rules and take action on the request.

Motion passed. A motion was made and seconded (Talbott, Savage) to have Rutland City join the inaugural cohort. **Motion passed.**

President Doenges then noted the results of the nomination and noted Joe Barbagallo was approved 9-0 to the Board of Aldermen. Alderman Barbagallo thanked the Mayor and looks forward to working with all of the Aldermen.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

President Doenges asked the Board to approve the current agenda and read all items listed on the agenda. The request was so moved and seconded (Savage, DePoy). **Motion passed.**

Alderman Gillam asked the President if the Liquor request could be pushed to the front of the agenda as the applicant was present. The request was granted.

A motion was made and seconded (Gillam, Savage) to move into the Board of control commissioners. **Motion passed.**

BOARD OF CONTROL COMMISSIONERS

Request for 1st and 3rd Class Liquor License, West St Grill

President Doenges introduced the request. A motion was made and seconded (Gillam, Savage) approving the 1st & 3rd Class Liquor request and to circulate the application for signatures. Alderman DePoy noted his gratitude of the applicant for being present. **Motion passed.**

A motion was made and seconded (DePoy, Gillam) to move out of the board of control commissioners. **Motion passed.**

REPORTS AND LETTERS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OFFICIALS

Chief of Police KilCullen; Summary of Police Activity for July

Chief KilCullen was present with Nate Tibbadue who presented highlights of July police activity. Chief KilCullen noted almost 65% of calls were non-criminal incidents and stated the new position Matt Proudy has been hired for all these types of calls.

Treasurer Markowski; Proposal for Lease of 2022 Trackless Sidewalk Tractor

President Doenges asked Treasurer Markowski to present her request. Treasurer Markowski presented a proposal and noted she had reached out to three (3) different leasing companies for financing options for a trackless sidewalk tractor. There was a motion made and seconded (Talbott, Savage) suspending the rules and taking action on the request. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Talbott, Savage) authorizing the Mayor and City Treasurer to execute the lease financing documents with Municipal Leasing Consultants for the financing of the 2022 Trackless Sidewalk Tractor with the total principal of \$360,998.90, 7-year term and interest rate of 3.62%, with the documents subject to review and approval of the City Attorney. Debate. **Motion passed.**

Treasurer Markowski; Treasurer's Report for July 31, 2022

Treasurer Markowski presented the first month of the new fiscal year, noting the setting of the tax rate and the closing of the past fiscal year have kept her very busy.

Barbara Spaulding, RRA; VCDP Public Hearing Request

President Doenges introduced the request and sought to set the public hearing request for Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at 6:30 PM. President Doenges noted a motion suspending the rules would be in order. That request was so moved and seconded, (Gillam, Savage). **Motion passed.** President Doenges then noted a motion setting the public hearing for Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at 6:30 PM. This request was so moved and seconded (Gillam, Savage). Alderman Etti noted his reasons for not supporting the motion. **Motion passed.**

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Alderman Etti; Public Works

Alderman Etti read his committee report from August 9, 2022, noting his committee met to discuss the proposed Forest Street Paving Project. DPW Commissioner Rotondo began the discussion with a presentation on the work completed and the considerations with a project so large. Commissioner Rotondo noted current road and sidewalk conditions in the neighborhood and presented before and after photos of recent similar projects. Commissioner Rotondo finished his presentation noting the current plans provide the best balance of safety, complete streets and stormwater management. A large contingent of residents from the neighborhood impacted by this project were present to share concerns and get questions answered. The biggest concerns came from parking, or lack of and with the proposed plans how that would impact businesses and tenants. Alderman Etti noted a motion out of committee to refer the winter parking ban to the parking committee that motion passed and Alderman Etti so moved. Alderman DePoy seconded. Debate. **Motion passed.**

Alderman Savage Charter & Ordinance

Alderman Savage read her committee report from August 10, 2022 noting her committee met to discuss the continued inadequacies of the current city noise ordinance, especially enforcement. Attorney Bloomer was present at this meeting and presented several ordinances from other municipalities prior to the meeting for comparison. Attorney Bloomer noted an ordinance from Schenectady, NY provided by Chief Kilcullen that he liked. The committee debated all ordinances provided looking for the best possible options for the City. The issue is to remain in committee with Attorney Bloomer and Chief Kilcullen working on draft language.

Alderman Whitcomb; Finance Committee

Alderman Whitcomb read his committee report from August 11, 2022 noting his committee met to discuss non-tax revenue and ARPA funds. Alderman Whitcomb reported the first item addressed was the non-tax revenues and reported that Zoning Administrator Andrew Strniste provided the committee with a memorandum outlining proposed fees for permit applications and registration fees. The committee discussed penalties for non-compliance before moving to recommend to the full Board the adoption of the building and zoning fee schedule as presented and to include a double certificate of occupancy fee for requests occurring within 24 hours and I so move. Alderman Talbott seconded. **Motion passed.**

Alderman Whitcomb then noted the second item referred to committee, ARPA funds review. The committee discussed items referred and removed several from their list. The committee also received updates as requests granted had been reduced in funds requested. Alderman Whitcomb noted the issue is to remain in committee with a plan to schedule meetings with the DPW, Fire Department and Police Department to discuss their requests.

REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES

There were no select committee reports.

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

There were no reports of representatives

PETITIONS, LETTERS, MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATION

There were no petition, letters, or miscellaneous communications to come before the Board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to come before the Board.

MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Tadio gave a shout out to the Boy Scouts present and thanked them for sitting through a long meeting and hoped some day they may participate in local government.

President Doenges then noted the items added to the agenda last meeting and sought to see if anyone had concerns or questions. Seeing none, he sought a motion to adjourn. Alderman Whitcomb so moved and Alderman Tadio seconded. **Motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

Henry A Heck
Rutland City Clerk