

CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
Board of Aldermen Minutes
Monday, December 20, 2021

Members present; President Whitcomb, Aldermen Gorruso, Franco, Savage, Doenges, Gillam, DePoy and Davis. Also present, Mayor Allaire and City Clerk Heck. Absent were Attorney Bloomer and Aldermen Neary, Talbott and Clifford.

7:00 PM BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS (December 6, 2021)

A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Gorruso) approving the minutes of the previous meeting. **Motion passed.**

OUTSIDE THE RAIL

No one spoke outside the rail.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Allaire gave a very brief update on a new mask mandate within City government, effective on December 21, 2021. Mayor Allaire noted that DPW had a positive COVID person and there was close contact with approximately 18 other workers. The City was mandating anyone entering or working within city owned building needed to mask up.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Clerk Heck sought to add the setting of FY23 Water & Sewer rates. The request was so moved and seconded (Davis, Gorruso), **Motion passed.**

REPORTS AND LETTERS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OFFICIALS

Brennan Duffy; RRA Director, BIAP Recommendation

Brennan Duffy, Director of the RRA was present to present the Board's recommendation. Dennis Piper, applicant to the request was also present and briefed the Board on his business. A motion was made and seconded (Davis, DePoy) suspending the rules and taking action on the request. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Davis, DePoy) approving the BIAP Grant in the amount of \$5,000 for the Green Mountain Liquidation Center, LLC. There was brief debate on the location of the new business. **Motion passed.**

Treasurer's Markowski; Treasurer's Report, November 30, 2021

Treasurer Markowski gave her report for November 30, 2021 noting highlights from her report. Treasurer Markowski noted several funds and stated that she has been busy working with the auditors on year end. Treasurer Markowski noted she felt positive about the closing of FY 22 and felt that we were on course to providing financial help with tax payers when setting new rates for FY 23. There were a fair amount of questions from the BOA.

Chief Lovett; Update, RFP Contaminated Soil

Chief Lovett noted that he was having no luck with RFP bids and sought permission from the BOA to solicit bids.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

There were no reports of standing committees.

REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES

There were no reports of select committees.

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

Alderman Gillam noted the RCSWD was holding their budget meeting and all information could be found on line.

PETITIONS, LETTERS, MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATION

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

BOARD OF CONTROL COMMISSIONERS

There were no items for the Board of Control Commissioners.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Setting of FY23 Water & Sewer Rates.

President Whitcomb noted this addition to the agenda. A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Gorruso) suspending the rules and taking action on the request. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Davis Gorruso) to approve the water and sewer rates as presented in the handout. There was brief debate. **Motion passed.**

MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Franco requested a mask update. Clerk Heck noted 7000 had been ordered and 3000 had been distributed to the Chamber. Clerk heck noted that he was working closely with Lyle Jepson and stated that mask are available to distribute if requested.

After extending yuletide greetings and cheer, a motion was made and seconded (Davis, Gorruso) to adjourn. **Motion passed.**

The meeting ended at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry A Heck
Rutland City Clerk