

CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
Board of Aldermen Minutes
Monday, February 19, 2019

Members present; President Davis, Aldermen Humphrey, Ryan, Etori, Tommola, Mattis, Clifford, DePoy and Whitcomb. Also present; Mayor Allaire and City Clerk Heck. Attorney Bloomer and Alderman Gillam were absent.

7:00 PM BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS (February 4, 2019)

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

OUTSIDE THE RAIL

Mayor Allaire spoke about Jim Mumford, a DPW employee, who was called into work this past Friday night to lay salt on the roads. On his way to work Mr. Mumford came across an accident on River Street, where a car was on fire with the driver still in the vehicle. Mr. Mumford pulled the driver from the car and extinguished the flames. Mayor Allaire thanked Mr. Mumford for his heroic act.

Chief Larson was present to introduce three (3) new full-time firefighters. Chief Larsen gave a brief history of each fireman, their background and who would be pinning their badge on during the swearing in ceremony. After the introduction, Mayor Allaire was present to swear in each candidate. Following the ceremony, the large contingent of fire men and their families gathered for photos in chambers.

Betty Parker of Killington Avenue spoke about her dog being attacked and killed by a Pitbull. Ms. Parker then noted six (6) days later a neighbor's dog was attacked by the same dog. She wants her and her neighbors to feel safe when out with their pets. President Davis spoke briefly on the issue and stated there was a dog hearing with requirements made for the owner and the dog. Alderwoman Humphrey spoke on the issue and sought to get input from the Animal Control Officer (ACO) and moved to have the ACO update the Board on this issue. Alderwoman Ryan seconded. **Motion passed.**

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Allaire spoke on the Food Network coming to Rutland in early March to film a segment of their series of the Great Food Truck Race. Mayor Allaire stated it would be great for the City and looked forward to the event.

Mayor Allaire noted that the annual reports were in and stated they would be available on Election Day. This concluded communications from the Mayor.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

REPORTS AND LETTERS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OFFICIALS

Brennan Duff, Director RRA, Zambias Fund Request

Brennan Duffy of the RRA and Steve Peters of the Partnership were present to introduce their request of \$10,000 from the Zambias Fund to help offset a \$60,000 pedestrian wayfinding signage project downtown. Both Mr. Peters and Mr. Duffy reviewed the project and available grant to help finance the project. There was a fair amount of debate on the request. A motion was made and seconded (Whitcomb, DePoy) suspending the rules and taking action on the request. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Whitcomb, Ryan) supporting the request for a \$10,000 financial commitment from the Zambias fund to contribute to the required local match of the 50/50 Downtown Transportation Fund (DTF) grant program. **Motion passed.**

Treasurers Report; Treasurer Markowski, January

Treasurer Markowski was present to update the Board on the City finances for the end of January 2019. Treasurer Markowski spoke at length about the unassigned fund balance per President Davis' request to explain what that fund was. Treasurer Markowski was also asked how the new parking meter kiosks were effecting that fund and updated the Board on the continued FATHOM project.

Georgetti Fund – Investment Management Proposals, Refer to Finance Committee

Treasurer Markowski introduced and explained her request to refer the issue to the Finance Committee. A motion was made and seconded (Etori, Humphrey) to refer the issue to the Finance Committee. **Motion passed.**

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

There were no standing committee reports.

REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES

There were no select committee reports.

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

There were no representative reports.

PETITIONS, LETTERS, MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATION

SEP Rave Car Show; July 13-14, 2019, VT State Fair Grounds

President Davis introduced the request and sought the Boards pleasure. A motion was made and seconded (DePoy, Whitcomb) suspending the rules and taking action on the request. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (DePoy, Whitcomb) approving the RAVE Car Show request for July 13 & 14, 2019 from 9AM to 3PM at the Rutland Fair Grounds. There was brief debate on missing signatures and no need for the request, as the function is held on private property and no permit is required. **Motion passed.**

BOARD OF CONTROL COMMISSIONERS

There were no items to come before the board of Control Commissioners.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Tommola brought the issue of the 911 dispatch and the horrible response citizens are getting when they use the 911 emergency number. Alderman DePoy noted as the new chair he would hold a meeting very soon on the issue as it is still sitting in committee.

Alderman DePoy spoke on the vicious dog incident reported earlier by Betty Parker and asked Chief Kilcullen to update the Board if he could. Chief Kilcullen spoke on the issue noting requirements set by the Animal Control Board.

MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, NEW BUSINESS

There were no miscellaneous motions, resolutions or new business to come before the Board.

At 7:52 PM a motion was made and seconded (Clifford, DePoy) to adjourn. **Motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

Henry A Heck
Rutland City Clerk