

CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
Board of Aldermen Minutes
Monday, May 19, 2014

Members present; President Allaire, Alderman Humphrey, Notte, Siliski, Larson, Wallstrom, and Davis. Also present, City Clerk Heck. Attorney Romeo was absent. Aldermen Kiernan, Donahue, Brodowski, and DePoy were absent.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (May 5, 2014)

A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Larson) to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. **Motion passed.**

OUTSIDE THE RAIL

Cindi Wight, Recreation Superintendent brought the issue of the new Carriage Trail opening before the Board. Ms. Wight brought a map of the new trail that will be posted at Pine Hill Park in their kiosk for all to view and use.

Kam Johnston brought a recommendation of utilizing a "cost associated stamp" to be placed on all publications generated within the city. Mr. Johnston asked for a resolution so stating his request. Mr. Johnston then noted no one ever seconds his request but this issue was so easy and he formally asked the Board to adopt his proposal. There was no action taken.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Louras had presented the Board with a request for a referral to committee on the issue of renewing the RRA contract. A motion was made and seconded (Larson, Siliski) to refer the issue to the Community and Economic Development Committee. **Motion passed.**

REPORTS AND LETTERS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OFFICIALS

Cindi Wight, Superintendent of Parks & Recreation, Giorgetti Architect Proposals

Superintendent Wight noted there were three proposals and recommended Wiemann Lamphere. Ms. Wight noted their solid rink experience, excellent proposal and a clear understanding of what the City wanted to accomplish. A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Notte) to suspend the rules and take the issue up that evening. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Larson) approving Wiemann Lamphere from Colchester Vt. for the architectural proposal work at Giorgetti Park. There was brief debate from Kam Johnston on the cost. Ms. Wight addressed the question. **Motion passed.**

Commissioner Wennberg; Referral Request, City Drug & Alcohol Policy for CMV Operators

President Allaire introduced the request for a referral from Commissioner Wennberg. A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Larson) to refer the issue to the HR Committee. There was a good deal of debate on the referral to the HR Committee and not to Public Works Committee. **Motion Failed** to refer to the HR Committee. A motion was made and seconded (Notte, Siliski) to refer the issue to Public Works. There was brief debate. President Allaire called the question, all voted yes except Alderman Davis. The President noted that the **motion failed**, (Lack of Majority). Alderman Davis changed her vote to "yea". The President recalled the vote, all members present voted yes. **Motion passed.**

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Sharon Davis; Chair, Community & Economic Development

Alderman Davis read her report on three (3) requests for tax stabilization and water/waste water incentives. Alderman Davis stated her committee reviewed the request from Wally Sabotka owner of the Southside Steak House on his request for water and wastewater incentive program. Alderman Davis reviewed the request and then moved the approval from her committee to the full board. This

motion was seconded by Alderman Larson. There was brief debate. Alderman Davis restated the outline for the incentive program. Kam Johnston then spoke on several issues, from policies, job creation and non-advertisement of the incentive. Mr. Johnston also made a remark related to "Good Ole Boys network" that drew the ire of several aldermen. Several members who responded to Mr. Johnston's comments did so to refute any and all of his allegations. **Motion passed.**

Alderman Davis continued with her report, moving onto the next applicant. Vermont Tap House owner Sam Handy had applied for both tax stabilization and water/waste water incentives. Alderman Davis noted the information associated with the request and the application process. A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Larson) to approve the request for tax stabilization (Personal Property) as outlined. **Motion passed.** A motion was then presented for approving the request on the waste water incentive proposal as outlined before. There was no debate. **Motion passed.**

Alderman Davis then moved on to a request from the Hop'n Moose Brewing Co. owner Dale Patterson via a phone call. Alderman Davis noted a request for both tax stabilization and water/waste water incentives. Alderman Davis again briefed the Board on the application and the process with the request. A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Larson) approving the request for tax stabilization to begin April 1, 2014. There was brief debate. **Motion passed.** Alderman Davis then moved on to approve the request for the water/waste water incentive, but asked the Board to do so in two motions. A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Larson) approving the request for water/wastewater incentive for the Hop'n Moose. **Motion passed.** The second part of the motion was related to the allocation fee paid on January 15th, 2014 in the amount of \$5136.00. Alderman Davis noted in committee that it recommended refunding this fee. A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Larson) to refund the allocation fee of \$5,136.00 to the Hop'n Moose. **Motion passed.**

Alderman Davis made one final request that the record show that the Vermont Tap House tax stabilization request will begin April 1st, 2015, per the Assessors time table.

Alderman Davis then noted a request from Brennan Duffy on language changes associated with the application for these incentives. A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Larson) to suspend the rules and take the request up that evening. **Motion passed.** Mr. Duffy presented his request to the Board noting several word changes for both tax stabilization and the water/waste water incentive policies. A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Larson) to amend the language as proposed by Mr. Duffy. **Motion passed.**

REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES

There were no reports from any select committees.

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

There were no representative reports.

PETITIONS, LETTERS, MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATION

S.E.P. Request, Buddy Walk & Family Fun Day, Oct. 4th from 10AM – 3PM

President Allaire read the request for a Special Events Permit for the Buddy Walk and sought a rules suspension. That request was so moved and seconded (Wallstrom, Notte). **Motion passed to suspend.** A motion was made and seconded (Wallstrom, Davis) approving the Special Events Permit request for Down Right Special of Rutland County 9th annual Buddy Walk and Family Fun Day on October 4th, 2014 from 10AM to 3PM pending proof of insurance and the City Attorney's signature. **Motion passed.**

S.E.P. Request, Tony Romeo, Memorial Day Service, West St. Cemetery, May 26th, 10AM –12:30

President Allaire read the request on a prior approved Special Events Permit. A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Larson) to suspend the rules and take the issue up that evening. **Motion passed.** The President then noted a motion to approve was in order. That request was so moved and seconded (Davis, Larson). President Allaire spoke of the sponsorship change as the reason for the new request, noting issues with the VFW and thanked the American Legion for stepping up. **Motion passed.**

BOARD OF CONTROL COMMISSIONERS

There was no business to come under the Board of Control Commissioners

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to come before the Board.

MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business, resolutions or motions from the Board. President Allaire did speak on a previous issue during the night specific to the comment made by Kam Johnston and his "Good Ole Boy Network" comment. President Allaire took exception to the comment and sought to comment stating to be transparent that he does not even know two of the applicants and Mr. Sabotka was a fellow classmate.

At 7:40 PM a motion was made and seconded (Davis, Larson) to adjourn. **Motion passed.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Henry A. Heck
Rutland City Clerk