

CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
Board of Aldermen Minutes
Monday, April 1, 2013

Members present; President Allaire, Alderman Kiernan, Romeo, Notte, Donahue, Siliski, Cassarino, Larson, Wallstrom, *DePoy, and Davis, City Clerk Heck and Mayor Louras. Attorney Costello was absent. Alderman DePoy arrived at 7:12 PM

President Allaire called the meeting to order at 7PM.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (March 18, 2013)

A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Romeo) to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.
Motion passed.

OUTSIDE THE RAIL

Beth Barra of Rutland wanted to speak on the Wennberg nomination. President Allaire stated that the appointments as presented by the mayor were on the agenda and she could speak during that portion on the meeting.

Lorraine Bishop spoke on tree issues.

Chief Baker gave a brief update on police issues and potential grants. He explained the effects those grants would have on the City. He spoke on Project Vision and the direction he would like the City and its allies to take if this grant comes to fruition.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Untable Mayoral Appointments

A motion was made and seconded (Wallstrom, Notte) to untable the Mayoral appointments. **Motion passed.**

Alderman Romeo noted his abstention to voting on police appointments and his own appointment.

There was brief debate as to how the Board would cast their votes. The decision was made to have the Clerk distribute a list of appointments for Board members to vote on. That list was distributed and collected by the Clerk, Assistant Clerk; Susan Clark proceeded to tally the votes.

Beth Barra spoke against the appointment of Jeff Wennberg as he would add chloramine to the drinking water.

President Allaire asked the Board to hear the request of Donald Billings for a Special Events Permit. A motion was made and seconded (DePoy, Davis) to suspend the rules and take the issue up that evening. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Notte, Davis) to approve the Special Events permit. **Motion passed.**

President Allaire noted that Charles Romeo was appointed as the new City Attorney. Alderman Romeo resigned effectively as a Rutland City Alderman. Mayor Louras swore in Charles Romeo as the new City Attorney. Attorney Romeo took his seat as City Attorney. Mayor Louras then presented the name Melinda Humphrey to take the place of Alderman Romeo. A motion was made and seconded (DePoy, Davis) to table the appointment of Melinda Humphries to the Board of Alderman for two weeks. **Motion passed.** Mayor Louras also presented the appointment of Mary Moran to the Rutland Housing Authority. He asked for the appointment to be tabled. The request was so moved and seconded (Davis, Notte). **Motion passed.**

REPORTS AND LETTERS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OFFICIALS

Barbara Allen; RRA, VCDP Planning Grant

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, DePoy) to approve the grant of \$2,500 from the Maples RLF as a match for the City's VCDP Planning Grant application to hire a consultant to provide a strategic strategy for revitalization of the North West targeted neighborhood. **Motion passed.**

Barbara Allen; RRA, VCDP Planning Grant Resolution

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, Donahue) to circulate the resolution for signatures.

Acting Chief Brad LaFaso, Purchase Request Engine #2

Chief LaFaso inquired as to the status of the purchase of engine #2 that is presently in committee. After brief debate, the new chair of Public safety stated that he would be holding a meeting on the issue.

Acting Chief Brad LaFaso, Proposed Ordinance Change

Mark Lazarus of the RFD spoke on the proposed ordinance change referred to Charter and Ordinance Committee. This request deals with the new fire alarm emergency forces notification. New Chair Notte stated that his committee is planning to meet to discuss the request.

Evan Pilachowski; DPW Commissioner, Request to Sell Items

A motion was made and seconded (Wallstrom, Davis) to suspend the rules and take the issue up that evening. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Wallstrom, DePoy) to approve the request authorizing DPW to sell a wide format scanner and approximately 2 cords of firewood.

Wendy Wilton; Treasurer, Audit Reporting with Randall Northrup

Treasurer Wilton introduced Auditor Randall Northrup who gave the Board a brief overview of the 2012 audit and the direction, financially of the City. Randall stated the City's second unqualified report and continued improvement of the audit. Debate. A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Notte) to refer the audit to the Finance Committee. Treasurer added that the City had seen improvement from last year and listed areas for future work. Treasurer Wilton noted accolades for her staff and thanked John Coffin and outgoing Assistant Treasurer James Manning for their tireless work.

At 8PM President Allaire read the appointments, tabulated by Deputy-Clerk, Susan Clark. All nominations presented by Mayor Louras were confirmed. (List attached)

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

There were no Standing Committee reports.

REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES

There were no Select Committee reports.

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

William Notte, RRA Report

Alderman Notte gave a brief report as representative to the RRA, stating that the RRA had hosted a business summit at the Howe Center. The summit detailed ways to establish and assist new business. It also discussed the tax stabilization opportunities offering a two pronged approach to a fertile business environment.

PETITIONS, LETTERS, MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATION

Request for abatement; Ron Gottier, Cold River Frameworks

President Allaire asked for the Board to approve the committee of Aldermen Wallstrom, DePoy and Davis as Chair, and to report back to the full Board on May 6, at 6:45 PM. The request was so moved and seconded (Davis, Larson) **Motion passed.**

Request for Abatement; William Beckham, 197 West Street

The request was to receive and file (Davis, Larson). Debate. A request was also made to give a copy of the request to the City Assessor. **Motion passed.**

S.E.P. Roots Benefit Pig Roast, Wonderfeet Museum

Approved earlier.

S.E.P. Cairo Shriner; 5K Run/Walk

A motion was made and seconded (Davis, DePoy) to suspend the rules and take the issue up that evening. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Davis, DePoy) approving the Walk/Run on May 5th. **Motion passed.**

A motion was made and seconded (Davis, DePoy) to move into the Board of Control Commissioners. **Motion passed.**

Alderman Cassarino abstained from participating in the Board of Control Commissioners as he sits as a member of the State Board of Liquor Commissioners.

BOARD OF CONTROL COMMISSIONERS

New 1st Class Request for Nacho Mama

A motion was made and seconded (Davis, DePoy) to circulate the application for signatures.

New 2nd Class Request for Same Sun Choice

A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Notte) to circulate the application for signatures.

New 1st & 2nd Class Request for Green Mountain Fresh

A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Wallstrom) to circulate the application for signatures.

New 1st Class Request for Clems/Coffee Exchange

A motion was made and seconded (Davis, DePoy) to circulate the application for signatures.

2013 – 2014 Entertainment Requests

A motion was made and seconded (Wallstrom, Notte) to approve the list as provided on page 49 of the agenda. The list included, Center Street Saloon, CJ's Suds South, Downtown Tavern, Kelvan's, Rutland Bowlerama, Rutland Country Club, Saints of Pub 42, The Local, and Uncle Sam's Pub. **Motion passed.**

2013 – 2014 Outside Consumption Requests

A motion was made and seconded (Notte, Wallstrom) to approve the list as provided on page 50 of the agenda. The list included, The Rutland Country Club, Italian American Club, Uncle Sam's Pub, Italian Aid Society, Downtown Tavern, CJ's Suds South, Root's the Restaurant, and The Local. **Motion passed.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, NEW BUSINESS

There were no miscellaneous motions, resolutions or new business for the Board

At 8:20 PM a motion was made and seconded (DePoy, Wallstrom) to Adjourn. **Motion passed.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Henry A. Heck
Rutland City Clerk