

CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT

Board of Aldermen Minutes

Monday, October 21, 2013

Members present; President Allaire, Aldermen Kiernan, Humphrey, Notte, Siliski, Donahue, Wallstrom, DePoy and Davis. Aldermen Larson and Cassarino were absent.

At 7:03 PM President Allaire called the meeting to order.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (October 7, 2013)

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

OUTSIDE THE RAIL

No one spoke from outside the rail.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayoral Appointments, Mayor Louras presented the Board with a list of three names for various appointments. Cindi Wight as Recreation Superintendent, Stephanie Peters to the RRA and Michael McClallen to the DRB. A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Notte) to table the appointments until the next meeting. **Motion passed.**

REPORTS AND LETTERS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OFFICIALS

Wendy Wilton; Treasurer, Waiver of Late Homestead Filing Fee of 3%

Treasurer Wilton presented the issue of late homestead filing fee of 3% to the Board looking for a referral to the Finance Committee to further discuss that issue. A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Notte) to refer the request to the Finance Committee. **Motion passed.**

Evan Pilachowski; City Engineer, Efficiency VT Wastewater Treatment Energy Audit RFP

Engineer Pilachowski noted that the Board had given prior authorization for an RFP on an energy audit of the wastewater treatment plant. Engineer Pilachowski noted the review of those proposals and recommended awarding the audit to Process Energy Services, LLC. A motion was made and seconded (DePoy, Davis) to suspend the rules and take the issue up that evening.

Motion passed. A motion was then made and seconded (DePoy, Davis) to enter into a contract with Process Energy Services, LLC, with the amount not to exceed \$19,450. **Motion passed.**

Charles Romeo; City Attorney, Request for Executive Session to discuss a Civil Matter

The President asked for the request to be held until the end of the meeting. There was no objection.

Charles Romeo; City Attorney, Amendment to Dana School Sales Agreement

Attorney Romeo explained the request, noting a request to reduce the asking price of the Dana School property from \$50,000 to \$40,000 as a result of a break in and theft of over \$20,000 of copper piping.

A motion was made and seconded (Notte, Davis) to suspend the rules and take the issue up that evening. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Notte, Donahue) to approve the amended sale as specified by the City Attorney and to authorize the Mayor to sign the amended deed. There was a fair amount of debate from Alderman Kiernan on the issue. **Motion passed.**

Cindi Wight; Acting Recreation Superintendent, Request to Sell Bike Equipment

Ms. Wight noted that the bike shop at Pine Hill Park was not generating enough revenue to continue operation and asked for approval from the Board to sell off all remaining inventory for that business. A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Wallstrom) to suspend the rules and take the issue up that evening. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Davis, DePoy) authorizing the sale of equipment as listed. **Motion passed.**

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Dave Wallstrom; Chair, Recreation Committee

Alderman Wallstrom read his report noting that his committee met to discuss the findings of Harold Mayhew of Bear Mtn. Design on the recommended upgrades to Giorgetti Arena. There was a scope of work needed for the arena to comply with State and Federal guidelines.

The committee heard details of other facilities that were closed for poor air quality mold and moisture conditions. It was noted at present that Giorgetti rink has no air quality issues because the rink has one end still not enclosed, but as the City looks to upgrade the facility it will become an issue if nothing is done to improve the air issues.

There was no action taken by the committee other than to ask the Recreation Department as to what actions they planned to use based on the information and work completed by Bear Mtn. Design. The committee felt it had an excellent assessment of Giorgetti Arena and looked forward to an action plan from the Recreation Department. The issue is to remain in committee and was for information only.

William Notte; Chair, Charter & Ordinance Committee

Alderman Notte read his committee report noting they were there to discuss Bicycle Ordinance 49-90 as referred by Alderman Larson. Alderman Notte noted that in 2010 Act 114, to protect vulnerable users, became Vermont Law. The committee discussed the definition of vulnerable user and the potential of the City enacting a mandatory helmet law for 15 years and under and how it would be enforced and associated details with such law. The issue remains in committee as further work needs to be done prior to any motions being presented to the full Board. Kam Johnston brought the issue of skate boarders to be included in the discussion as well.

REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES

There were no Select Committee Reports

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

There were no Representative Reports

PETITIONS, LETTERS, MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATION

There were no Petitions, Letters or Miscellaneous Communication items.

BOARD OF CONTROL COMMISSIONERS

There were no items for the Board of Control Commissioners.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business to come before the Board.

MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Davis moved to send the issue of Sign Ordinances to the Charter and Ordinance Committee. This motion was seconded by Alderman Notte. **Motion passed.**

At 7:40 PM a motion was made and seconded (Davis, Notte) to move into executive session to discuss a civil matter where premature or general knowledge could place the City at a substantial disadvantage. **Motion passed.**

At 8:07 PM a motion was made and seconded (Davis, Notte) to come out of executive session. **Motion passed.**

At 8:08 PM a motion was made and seconded (Davis, DePoy) to adjourn. **Motion passed.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Henry A. Heck
Rutland City Clerk