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

Members present; President Allaire, Aldermen Kiernan, Humphrey, Notte, Cassarino, Larson, *DePoy and Davis. Also present were Attorney Romeo, Mayor Louras and City Clerk Heck. Aldermen Siliski and Wallstrom were absent. Alderman DePoy arrived at 7:11 PM.

President Allaire called the meeting to order at 7:09 PM.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (June 17, 2013)
A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Larson) to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. **Motion passed.**

OUTSIDE THE RAIL
Kam Johnston rose to speak; President Allaire acknowledged Mr. Johnston and read a statement advising Mr. Johnston that he would not be allowed to speak as he had not been receptive to the chairs advice two weeks earlier. The President stated that outside the rail was not the place to vent his personal vendetta on a City employee. Mr. Johnston refused to sit down and the President asked for the broadcast to be turned off for a recess. After a 4 minute recess the President continued with the agenda.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR
Mayor Louras brought the issue of I.C.S. Training (Instant Command Training) to the Board and offered and explained his request to have everyone trained including the BOA on this very important issue.

REPORTS AND LETTERS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OFFICIALS
Wendy Wilton; Treasurer, Treasurer's report
Treasurer Wilton noted a very positive May report stating the City was in good shape. Wendy spoke briefly on delinquencies and her concern, as she has seen a new list of names not seen before. Wendy did note that the Sewer Fund account was still not generating enough revenue at this time to be solvent. The Treasurer spoke briefly on the setting of the tax rate that would take place at the next meeting.

Treasurer Wilton also asked the Board to refer the issue of vehicle and equipment funding for FY 2013 for the Sewer Fund to the appropriate committee. The Treasurer noted that the Fund was not generating enough revenue and the $10,000 approved in the replacement fund needed to be discussed. A motion was made and seconded (Larson, Notte) to refer the issue to the Finance Committee. **Motion passed.**

Wendy Wilton; Treasurer, Internal Control Checklist – FY 2013
Treasurer Wilton spoke on State Statue requirements of completing an internal control checklist. The Treasurer noted that the States' checklist was very simplistic and that her office has developed a more indepth check list. Treasurer Wilton asked for both checklists to be referred to committee for review. A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Notte) to refer the request to the Finance Committee. **Motion passed.**

Charles Romeo; City Attorney, (2) Request for Executive Sessions to discuss "Consideration of contract" & "Consideration of a labor relations agreement with employees". President Allaire asked the Board to move both request to the end of the meeting.

<u>REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES</u>

Jon Kiernan; Chair, General Committee; Sale of Dana School

Alderman Kiernan read his committee report on the sale of Dana school to the Giancola Family and how the proceeds should be handled. His committee discussed the past practice of the sale of school property and how the proceeds were distributed. A motion was so moved and seconded (Kiernan, Notte) to approve the sale of Dana School with all proceeds to be given to the school district. **Motion passed.**

William Notte; Chair, Charter and Ordinance Committee

This meeting was postponed to a later date.

Tom DePoy; Chair Public Works Committee

Alderman DePoy read his committee report on options for fixing the Crescent St. Bridge. His report listed four (4) options; each more detailed in there repairs as well as increased cost. A motion was made and seconded (DePoy, Notte) to recommend option #2 with more extensive surface repairs at a cost of $164,000. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (DePoy, Larson) authorizing DPW to spend up to $12,000 for structural analysis and test borings. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (DePoy, Notte) authorizing DPW to extend the contract on services for bridge analysis and repairs with Hoyle, Tanner, to the end of the design phase. **Motion passed.**

<u>REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES</u>

There were no reports from Select Committees

<u>REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES</u>

There were no reports from Representatives

<u>PETITIONS, LETTERS, MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATION</u>

Request for Tax Abatement; General Electric Credit Corp

Request for Tax Abatement; Healthcare Equipment Funding LLC also GE

President Allaire asked the Board to approve the committee of Aldermen Larson as chair, Wallstrom and DePoy and to report back to the full Board on August 5 at 6:45 PM on both issues requested. The request was so moved and seconded (Davis, Notte). **Motion passed.**

Request for Abatement; Lee Ann Bruso, 154 River St

President Allaire noted the request from Lee Ann Bruso. He also noted that the request for abatement was for a utility (Water & Sewer). The president stated that the Board did not abate utilities as set by their criteria. He noted that a letter would be sent explaining the Boards denial of the request.

SEP Request; Special Olympics – VT Rutland Eagles, Coin Drop

A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Cassarino) to suspend the rules and take the issue up that evening. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Larson) to approve the request for the Special Olympics-VT, Rutland Eagles Coin Drop, held on September 7, 2013 from 10 – 2 PM. **Motion passed.**

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

BOARD OF CONTROL COMMISSIONERS

Request for 1st Class Liquor License; Tokyo House Restaurant

A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Larson) to circulate the application for signatures. **Motion passed.** Alderman Cassarino noted his abstention from the BOCC.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to come before the Board.

MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, NEW BUSINESS

Housing Trust; Request City to Apply for VCDF for Watkins School Project

A motion was made and seconded (Davis, DePoy) to refer the issue to the Community and Economic Development Committee. **Motion passed.** Alderman Davis stated that she spoke with Elisabeth Kulas who would not be available until the first week of August and noted the meeting would happen in early August.

Alderman Donahue asked for a motion to refer the issue of the Dana School sale with the proceeds to the School Department sent to the Charter and Ordinance Committee. Alderman Donahue wanted to look at the Charter vs. the Statue, noting two conflicting set of laws, he felt it was a mess and wanted some answers. Alderman Cassarino seconded. There was brief debate. **Motion passed.**

At 8:03 PM a motion was made and seconded (Larson, Notte) to move into executive session to discuss a labor contract where premature or general knowledge could place the City at a substantial disadvantage. **Motion passed.**

At 8:45 PM a motion was made and seconded (Notte, Davis) to come out of executive session. **Motion passed.**

At 8:46 PM a motion was made and seconded (Davis, DePoy) to go back into executive session to discuss a potential contract where premature or general knowledge could place the City at a substantial disadvantage. **Motion passed.**

At 8:55 PM a motion was made and seconded (Davis, Kiernan) to come out of executive session. **Motion passed.**

At 8:55 PM a motion was made and seconded (Davis, Cassarino) to adjourn. **Motion passed.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Henry A. Heck
Rutland City Clerk