

CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT

Board of Aldermen Minutes

Monday, October 15, 2012

Members present; President Allaire, Aldermen Kiernan, Romeo, Notte, Donahue, Siliski, Robinson, Sargeant, Wallstrom, DePoy and Davis, City Attorney Costello, and City Clerk Heck.

At 7:00 PM President Allaire Called the Meeting to Order.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Monday, October 1, 2012)

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

OUTSIDE THE RAIL

Chief James Baker was present to inform the Board and public of the follow up meeting on Thursday, October 25th at 7PM in regards to public safety and the tragedy that occurred on September 27th. He stated that David Wolk would facilitate the meeting that would be held at the Howe Center.

Alis Headlam and Beth Barra spoke on the chloramine issue.

Steve Costello of GMP presented the City with a lease option for a piece of property at the Gleason Rd. landfill for the purpose of a solar farm. A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Romeo) to refer the issue to the Community and Economic Development Committee. **Motion passed.**

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

President Allaire read a notice from Mayor Louras on the second forum about the chloramine vs. GAC facility.

REPORTS AND LETTERS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OFFICIALS

Wendy Wilton; Treasurer, Treasurer's Report Qtr. #1

Treasurer Wilton gave an in depth report on , bank account balances, delinquency report, pooled cash allocation, balance sheets for all funds and RRA and the year to date budget vs. actual reports for all funds and RRA. A motion was made and seconded (Robinson, Wallstrom) to refer the issue of function/dysfunction of the sewage disposal fund to the Finance Committee. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Siliski, Robinson) to refer the issue of portfolio mix of the Giorgetti fund to the Finance Committee. **Motion passed.**

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Sharon Davis; Intermunicipal Committee; Meadows Water Request

Alderman Davis read her report on the water request from the Meadows, located in the town. The motion from her committee was to approve the request of an additional 1,107 gallons of water per day and she so moved. Motion was seconded by Alderman Robinson. **Motion passed.**

Sharon Davis; Chair, Community & Economic Development, RRA Grants

Audit issues prevented the meeting from taking place and it will be rescheduled in early November.

REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES

There were no reports

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

Alderman Wallstrom gave a very brief update on the Solid Waste District, noting that they are working on the budget and stated that haulers will be significantly affected by ACT 148.

Alderman Kiernan gave a brief update from the Marble Valley Transit District noting a significant increase in ridership, up 13% from last year. He also noted a grant that would enable the district to order a new fleet of large and small buses. Alderman Kiernan also noted a clean audit that was just performed.

PETITIONS, LETTERS, MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATION

Special Events Permit; Rutland City Halloween Parade

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) to approve the request. **Motion passed.**

Special Events Permit; Crop Walk for Hunger 2012

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Motion passed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the request. The motion was so moved and seconded (DePoy, Davis). **Motion passed.**

Abatement Request; Marguerite Sommer

President Allaire stated that the request for abatement was for water, classified as a utility and non-abatable by the BOA as determined by their criteria. The President asked the Clerk to forward a letter to Ms. Sommer explaining this ruling and to have her forward her request to the Treasurer.

Abatement Request; Byron and Susan Searle

The President asked the Board to approve the committee of Aldermen Wallstrom as Chair, Sargeant and DePoy to hear the abatement request of Byron and Susan Searle, and to report back to the full Board on November 19th at 6:45 PM. The request was moved and seconded (Robinson, DePoy). **Motion passed.**

BOARD OF CONTROL COMMISSIONERS

There were no items for the Board of Control Commissioners.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business came before the Board.

MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Donahue asked to present a motion asking Mayor Louras to include Annette Smith at the head table for the Water Forum on October 23rd, to at least give the illusion of fairness. President Allaire noted that the motion would be in order as soon as a motion to suspend the rules was passed. A motion to suspend the rules and take the issue up was made and seconded (Romeo, Wallstrom). Upon hearing the outcome, the President was unsure and asked for a show of hands, 6-3. Needing three quarters (seven votes) of those present, **Motion failed to suspend.**

City Attorney Costello asked for a referral to the General Committee the issue of ownership of a parcel of land in the City forest known as the "Stebbins Parcel". Attorney Costello stated a dispute on ownership. He also noted that the parcel had been sold and the purchaser has raised ownership rights with the City. The request was so moved and seconded (Davis, Robinson). **Motion passed.**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Henry A. Heck
Rutland City Clerk