

CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
Board of Aldermen Minutes
Monday, March 1, 2010

Members present; President Allaire, Aldermen Dress, Barrett, Notte, Tilden, Robinson, Slattery, Coleman, DePoy, and Davis. City Attorney Costello and City Clerk Heck. Alderman Thomas was absent.

President Allaire called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Tuesday, February 16, 2010)

A motion to approve the minutes was made and seconded (Robinson, Davis) Motion passed.

OUTSIDE THE RAIL

Jamie Pemrick spoke on the road conditions on Evergreen Ave. Ms. Pemrick came before the Board earlier this year in regards to this same issue. There was brief debate on a motion put forth by Alderman Notte and seconded by Alderman Dress to refer to Public Works Committee. Alderman Robinson commented that Commissioner Shelvey was working on the issue and he felt confident that the issue would be resolved. The motion passed to refer. Shawn Pemrick questioned the Board on the issuance of weight permits for trucking.

Mike Coppinger from the partnership asked the Board to sign a resolution for Downtown Streetlights. A motion to suspend the rules was made and seconded (Robinson, Dress). Motion passed. A motion to circulate the resolution for signatures was made and seconded (Robinson, Dress). Motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

None to Report

REPORTS AND LETTERS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OFFICIALS

Evan Pilachowski; City Engineer, Request for authorization RLF Application

A motion to suspend the rules was made and seconded (Davis, Notte). Motion passed. A motion to circulate the authorization for signatures was made and seconded (Davis, Notte). Motion passed.

Ejay Bishop; Superintendent of Parks & Recreation, Equipment Replacement Fund Request

A motion to receive and place on file was made and seconded (Davis, Notte) Motion passed.

Barbara Allen, RRA, Request for BOA to sign Resolution to apply for Grant

A motion to suspend the rules was made and seconded (Davis, Tilden). Motion passed. A motion to circulate the resolution for signatures was made and seconded (Davis, Tilden). Motion passed.

Barry Keefe, City Assessor, Request for Referral

A motion to refer to Finance Committee was made and seconded (Davis, Notte). Motion passed.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Sharon Davis; Co-Chair Form of Government

Alderman Davis stated that her committee met on 2-18-2010. The committee discussed the Mayor vs. City Manager roles. They discussed roles of the Mayor and their involvement in economic development. Alderman Davis stated that the committees' initial support was towards a Mayoral form of government.

Dave Dress; Chair, Charter & Ordinance

Alderman Dress stated that Charter and Ordinance Committee met on 2-23-2010 to discuss several issues. First issue was a zoning request from the MVRTD. The MVRTD was requesting a MF Zone be changed to Industrial. Property on either side of those MF properties are zoned Industrial. The request from Charter and Ordinance was to set a public hearing on the issue. A motion to set a Public Hearing for March 15th at 6:30 was made and seconded (Davis, Notte). Motion passed. There was brief debate from Attorney Costello on the timeframe of the hearing. It was determined that there was not enough time to have the hearing warned in the Rutland Herald. The hearing was moved to April 5th, 2010, that motion was made and seconded by (Davis, Barrett). Motion passed.

The next several issues dealt with Housing Codes, Parking Spots, and Vacant Building Ordinance. A panel of Alderman Davis, Attorney Costello, Jim Simonds and a citizen to be named would review housing codes that need to be updated. Parking Spots will be addressed in the amended zoning by-laws, the issue is now considered closed. Finally Vacant Building Ordinance, where language provided by the Mayor's office to the Vermont State Legislature regarding municipal maintenance of vacant structures was discussed. This issue is to remain in committee.

William Notte, Chair, Public Works

Alderman Notte stated that his committee met on 2-25-2010. The issue in committee centered on honorary street signs. After a brief debate a motion was made and seconded (Notte, Davis) to approve the posting of two commemorative Christopher Columbus street signs, with the requester to cover the costs, pending approval of the Chief of Police, with the DPW to install the signs and with the final location and appearance of the signs determined by the Chief of Police and DPW Commissioner. Motion passed.

REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES

None to Report

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

President Allaire spoke on the Rutland Regional Transportation Committee and discussion on rail service from Massachusetts boarder to the Canadian border. The committee also discussed a road being built behind the Green Mountain Shopping plaza down towards the old Hannaford shopping complex to relieve some congestion on route 7.

PETITIONS, LETTERS, MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATION

RAVE Car Show 2010; Request for Exemption of fees

A motion to suspend the rules was made and seconded (Dress, Davis). Motion passed.

A motion to waive the fees was made and seconded (Dress, Notte) Attorney Costello stated that the organization was a charitable organization and was already exempt. Alderman Dress stated that exact question of who was a charitable organization was in committee and unresolved. The Board decided to approve the motion for exemption. Motion passed.

Abatement Request; Joann Prout, 7 Oak St Ext

President Allaire asked for a motion to approve the committee of Aldermen Tilden, Coleman and DePoy with Alderman DePoy as chair to report to the full board on April 5th, 2010. Motion passed.

A Motion to go into the Board of Control Commissioners was made and seconded (Robinson, Notte). Motion passed.

BOARD OF CONTROL COMMISSIONERS

2010-2011 Liquor License Renewals

A motion to approve and authorize the Clerk to sign was made and seconded (Notte, Davis). Motion passed. The following is the list of approved Liquor License renewals.

xx liquor renewals for aldermen		
BUSINESS NAME D/B/A	BUSINESS LOCATION	Liquor License Class
Bellomo's Market	31 Forest Street	Second Class
Bob's Shell	93 Woodstock Avenue	Second Class
Cumberland Farms #8004	212 South Main Street	Second Class
Italian Aid Society	415 West Street	First Class Club
Italian American Club	73 Grove Street	First Class Club
Jiffy Mart	100 State Street	Second Class
Rite Aid	West Street	Second Class
Rutland Natural Food Market	77 Wales Street	Second Class

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Saints of Pub 42	12 Wales Street	First Class Liquor
Short Stop #138	129 Grove St.	Second Class
Submuloc, Inc. (Knights of Columbus)	21 Merchants Row	First Class Club
Terrill Street Discount Beverage	11 Terrill St.	Second Class
Three Tomatoes Trattoria	88 Merchants Row	First Class Restaurant
VFW Post #648	15 Wales St.	First Class Club
Wal-Mart Store #2530	1 Rutland Plaza	Second Class
West Street Corner Store	379 West St.	Second Class

2010-2011 Tobacco License Renewals

A motion to approve and authorize the Clerk to sign was made and seconded (Notte, Davis). Motion passed. The following is the list of approved Tobacco Licenses renewals.

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BUSINESS NAME D/B/A	BUSINESS LOCATION	Tobacco
Bellomo's Market	31 Forest Street	Tobacco w/Liquor License
Bob's Shell	93 Woodstock Avenue	Tobacco w/Liquor License
Cumberland Farms #8004	212 South Main Street	Tobacco w/Liquor License
Granger St. Market & Deli	172 Granger St.	Tobacco w/Liquor License
Gus' Tobacco Shop	15 Center Street	Tobacco
Jiffy Mart	100 State Street	Tobacco w/Liquor License
Price Chopper #131	38 Rutland Shopping Plaza	Tobacco w/Liquor License
Rite Aid	7 West Street	Tobacco w/Liquor License
Short Stop #138	129 Grove St.	Tobacco w/Liquor License
Stewart's Shop #194	81 State St.	Tobacco w/Liquor License
Tenney Brook Market	217 North Main Street	Tobacco w/Liquor License
Terrill St. Discount Beverage	11 Terrill St.	Tobacco w/Liquor License
West Street Corner Store	379 West St.	Tobacco w/Liquor License

A motion to go out of the Board of Control Commissioners was made and seconded (Robinson, Tilden). Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None to Report

MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Barrett presented a motion to have all Department heads gather a list of all City computers by make and serial numbers in their departments. This information is to be back to the full Board within a two week time period. There was debate on others issues regarding who would be responsible for keeping the information and if added language should be placed within the computer and internet usage policy. Alderman Robinson questioned if the rules needed to be suspended, it was determined that the rules would need to be suspended. A motion to suspend the rules was made and seconded (Robinson, Tilden). Motion passed. President Allaire questioned the members on the motion at hand to make sure all members understood the original motion. With no more debate the motion passed.

President Allaire stated that he wanted to present Alderman Thomas with a plaque thanking him for his past ten years of service. Alderman Thomas was not present and was not running for re-election. Alderman Davis also thanked Alderman Thomas for his dedicated work on Recreation Committee.

President Allaire wanted to wish all running for re-election good luck tomorrow at the polls. He stated that a motion to adjourn was in order.

At 7:58 PM a motion to adjourn was made and seconded (Davis, Robinson). Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Henry Heck

Henry A. Heck
Rutland City Clerk