

**CITY OF HALLOWELL, MAINE**  
*City Council Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2019*  
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1. **Mayor Walker called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.**
2. **Councilor-at-Large AuCoin, Councilors Dufour, Frett, Circo, Wynne were present. Councilor-At Large Lapointe was absent. Councilor Walker arrived at 6:09 p.m. City Manager Rudy was absent.**
3. **PUBLIC HEARING – FY20 GENERAL FUND BUDGETS:**  
Mayor Walker opened the public hearing of the proposed Revenue Budget and proposed Expense Budget for FY20 for public comment at 6:01 p.m. Councilor Dufour summarized the Finance Committee’s consensus of revenue and expense items in the Budget called Scenario 4. Library Trustees and residents petitioned for an increase in funding for the Hubbard Free library from \$42,000 to \$60,000. Barbara Coriell petitioned for this year’s increased funding request of \$4,000 for the Harlow. Mayor Walker closed the public hearing at 6:30 p.m.
4. **COMMENTS/QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC CONCERNING MATTERS NOT RELATED TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:** None
5. **RECOGNITION OF THE OLD HALLOWELL DAY CITIZENS OF THE YEAR FOR 2019 AND THE BARRY TIMSON AWARD RECIPIENT FOR 2019:** Jane Orbeton, 59 Central Street, Old Hallowell Day Committee President welcomed everyone to Old Hallowell Day 2019. A change in the festivities this year is that the Capital Area New Mainers Project will host an International Kids Festival at Vaughan Field after the parade. Jane Orbeton recognized Rosemary Presnar as the 2019 Barry Timson Award recipient. Her interests and efforts are reflected in her vision for Hallowell: “to showcase our outdoor spaces, natural resources and parks.” She aims to connect volunteers and city resources to “figure out how to maintain and improve Vaughan Field, Granite City Park and Berry Conservation Area. Her goal “is to leave a place better than you found it-especially if it happens to be outdoors in nature.”  
Tony and Linda Masciadri, Old Hallowell Day Citizens of the year for 2019 have volunteered so much for the City of Hallowell and its various organizations: Mayor, City Councilor, Ballot clerk & Warden, members of the Cemetery Committee and Hallowell Community Development Committee, Board Officers of the Hallowell Centennial Burial Ground Association, Row House, Old Fort Western, Hubbard Free Library and Old Hallowell Day Committee and may more Council appointed committees too numerous to list. Being civic-minded is a way of life for the Masciadris. They believe that “When you notice something that’s needed, get involved and make it happen.”
6. **ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** None
7. **OTHER BUSINESS:** Councilor AuCoin requested that the Ordinance Rewrite Committee review the current City Ordinances on Cannabis establishments because the state has passed revised statues on adult use marijuana is almost ready to issue a license for recreational use. The Committee was asked to look into hours of operation for these establishments. Councilor Wynne requested to know the schedule date(s) of the next ORC meeting(s) because he wishes to attend. Councilor Dufour, ORC Chair agreed to these requests. ORC meetings will be scheduled soon. No motion taken

**8. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- a. City Council Meeting Minutes for June 10 Regular Meeting and Special Meeting June 25, 2019.
- b. Roll of Accounts for July 8, 2019.
- c. Department/Office Reports: Treasurer, Public Works, Police, Code Enforcement, Fire.

Dufour-Frett – Motioned to accept the consent agenda with correction of the City Council Minutes of June 10, 2019. Unanimously approved

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Lapointe-Circo – Motioned that Council approve the Third Reading of the proposed Ordinance amendments Chapter 9 Section 9-627 Noise Relating to Performance Standards for Noise as presented. Unanimously approved

*Correction: Vote: 6 Yea (Dufour, Frett, AuCoin, Walker, Circo, Wynne) 1 Nay (Wynne)  
Motion passed*

**9. TRASH CANS IN PUBLIC AREAS:** There was a discussion on whether or not to provide trash cans in public parks and public spaces:

Frett- Motioned – Put signage around the City promoting a “carry in, carry out” policy, so visitors would remove all trash they create and dispose of it elsewhere.

Motion failed because there was no second.

The City has six public trash cans: four on Water Street and two at the Res. PW Foreman Chris Buck noted that the trashcans presently on Water Street are not being misused as much and rarely overflow. The two trashcans located at the Res overflow often. Public Works previously provided trash cans at Granite City Park and Vaughan Field but removed them July 2018. Trash would overflow and create an eyesore at Granite City Park, and the trashcan located near the dog park at Vaughan Field could have been a health hazard.

Mayor Walker asked for public comment and said he would make notes from the evening’s discussion and report his notes to City Manager Rudy who was absent. Residents Cary Colwell, 120 Second Street and Stacey Mondschein Katz, 29 Academy Street requested trash cans in all city parks.

Resident Maggie Warren, 4 The Ledges, said trashcans in city parks would be helpful for recreational bikers who may not have room in their bike storage for carrying trash in and out. Susan Farnsworth, 100 Second Street, said people are bringing strange things to Northbay Recycling and agreed that there is a need for trashcans at the Waterfront and the dog park. Councilor AuCoin said she has received complaints about the lack of trash cans at Granite City Park, and has not heard complaints of overflowing trash cans. She was in favor of trashcans at city parks.

Councilor Circo was told by PW Forman Chris Buck that the removal the trashcans has reduced levels of litter in City’s parks. Councilor Wynne said he was not in favor of taking any action because he didn’t think the issue needed to be “on the City Manager’s plate.” Councilor Walker said trash cans could be placed in areas further away from parked vehicles to discourage disposal of trash in public trashcans. Councilor Dufour said she was “OK with the current practice of not including the trash cans at the park.”

**10. SECOND READING – FY20 EXPENSE AND REVENUE BUDGETS:**

Dufour-Circo – Motioned to approve the Second Reading of the FY20 Municipal Expense and FY20 Revenue Budgets as described in (1)Trio Custom Budget Report Expense 2020 Elected, (2) Trio Custom Budget Report Revenue 2020 Elected and (3) Potential TIF Fund Allocations Scenario 4 7/2/2019 meeting. These reports are in the Council packet. Unanimously approved

*Correction: Vote: 5 Yea (Dufour, Frett, Walker, Circo, Wynne) 1 Nay (AuCoin) Motion passed*

**11. ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS:**

Walker-Circo – Motioned that the Council accept a \$10,000 grant from the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation for an extrication tool for the Hallowell Fire Department. Unanimously approved

Circo-Wynne – Motioned that the Council accept a \$10,000 grant from the Maine Office of Tourism in support of advertising the Luthiers Festival and Music Showcase. Unanimously approved

**12. PRESENTATION OF COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- a. Age-Friendly – Report submitted Bob McIntire
- b. Finance – Councilors referenced this report at tonight’s public hearing and regular meeting.
- c. Highway – Councilor AuCoin briefed the Council on highlights of the last meeting.
- d. Property – The Committee agreed to recommend endorsing storage of Maggie Warren’s Quadcar for its intended use, if neither exposes the City to any liability. The Committee agreed to recommend the Pride Committee's request to keep the wooden steps at Granite City Park painted in “Pride” colors be approved. The Committee reviewed a presentation from Dan Laflin, concerning the contracted survey of the RES conducted by MLDC.
- e. Protection – Councilor Circo brought forward the Committee’s recommendations to the Council that support the HPD recommendations of new parking restrictions on lower Central Street between Water Street and Second Street and a change in the Ordinance concerning bow hunting.
- f. Hubbard Free Library / City Council working group – Report in Council packet

**13. MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS / REPORT:** No action taken

*Councilor Circo requested that Mayor Walker appoint a second Councilor to the Recreation Commission as required by Ordinance.*

**14. CITY MANAGER’S APPOINTMENTS / REPORT:** No action taken

**15. AuCoin-Dufour- Motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 pm. Unanimously approved**

*Diane Polky  
City Clerk*