

CITY OF HALLOWELL, MAINE
City Council Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2020
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1. **MAYOR WALKER CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER at 6p.m.**
2. **COUNCILORS-AT-LARGE LAPOINTE AND AU COIN, COUNCILORS DUFOUR, FRETT, SCULLY, CIRCO, AND WYNNE WERE PRESENT.**
3. **COMMENTS/QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC CONCERNING MATTERS NOT RELATED TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:** Bob McIntire, 6 Perkins Lane, invited everyone to both Bicentennial events on Saturday March 14th; viewing of Hallowell’s Declaration of Independence Broadside at the Hall Dale Elementary School and a party at Old South Congregational Church.
4. **ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** AuCoin-Circo – Motioned to Add 6d: A Resolution calling on the Legislature to Pass LD 433, “The Maine ERA” Unanimously approved
AuCoin-Lapointe – Motioned to Add 12b: Executive Session under Maine Revised Statutes Section 405.6.A. for a personal matter. Unanimously approved
AuCoin-Lapointe – Motioned to Add 12c: Executive Session under Maine Revised Statutes Section 405.6.C. for a real estate matter. Unanimously approved
5. **OTHER BUSINESS:** None
6. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
 - a. City Council Minutes for February 10, 2020 Regular Meeting.
 - b. Roll of Accounts for March 9, 2020.
 - c. Department/Office Reports: Treasurer, Public Works, Police, Code Enforcement, Fire.Lapointe-AuCoin – Motioned to accept the consent agenda as presented. Unanimously approved
 - d. A Resolution calling on the Legislature to Pass LD 433, “The Maine ERA”. Representative Charlotte Warren spoke of the history and the importance of the passage of LD 433. She urged the Council to pass a resolution to send to the Legislature.
Scully-AuCoin- Motioned- that Council adopt Resolution 01-20-R. Unanimously approved
7. **ALL-AGE FRIENDLY COMMITTEE TRANSPORTATION AND OUTDOOR SPACES PLANS:**

Bob McIntire, 6 Perkins Lane, Chair of the Hallowell All Age Friendly Committee, spoke to the Council of the Committee’s charge from AARP Network of Age- Friendly Communities, an affiliate of the World Health Organization’s Age-Friendly Cities and Communities program to create an All –Age Friendly Action plan for Hallowell. Bob presented two sections, Transportation and Outdoor Spaces, of this action plan and wishes to present two more sections of this action plan at the next City Council meeting. Bob recommended that the City Council Highway Committee be renamed City Council Transportation Committee.

AuCoin-Lapointe – Motioned to move 13a. to 7a. Unanimously approved

7a. Public Works Plow Funding Request

Highway Foreman Chris Buck advised the Council that the plow on PW8 needs to be replaced; it would cost more to repair than to buy a new one.

Lapointe-Frett- Motioned to direct the City Manager to purchase a replacement plow for the 2015 F250. Unspent funds of up to \$5,200 will be transferred from the Winter Road Maintenance Salt budget line to the Vehicle Maintenance budget line for this purchase. Unanimously approved

8. CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP ON SECOND STREET FIRE STATION:

Mayor Walker and the City Council commented on the Council workshop held on March 7, 2020 regarding the future of the Second Street Fire Station.

State Representative Charlotte Warren asked the Council to consider Resolution 02-13-R; Regarding Fire Station Building; that states any uses of the building be consistent with its historic value, and that it remains under the care and supervision of the City by ownership or covenant.

Roger Pomerleau, 223 Water Street, made the comment the Council should consider the ultimate cost of all the factors which include the future locations of the police and public works departments before making a final decision.

Councilor Dufour believed that the Council should “codify” the aforementioned straw poll decisions made at the March 7, 2020 Workshop with an action at this meeting. Mayor Walker suggested these motions be made after the executive session.

9. 2020-2021 STAFF BUDGET REQUEST REVIEW:

City Manager Rudy presented Budget requests from City Department Leads in advance of the first reading of the 2020-2021 (FY 21) Budget, which will be presented at a future City Council meeting.

No action required. Mayor Walker commented that the first reading will be in April.

10. CULVERTS

The Finance Committee and City Manager Rudy presented a proposal to City Council for funding replacement of the Outer Central Street culvert.

Lapointe-Frett – Motioned to direct the City Manager to negotiate a contract for replacement of the Outer Central Street culvert with St. Laurent and Sons, Inc., direct the Public Works department to assist with the project, and appropriate funds from a DEP grant, the City’s LRAP fund, and the FY17 general obligation bond funds in the manner as presented to pay for the project subject to final approval from the Finance Committee. Unanimously approved

11. PRESENTATION OF COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. All-Age-Friendly – See report on file
- b. Finance – Councilor Lapointe asked the Council to review the TIF expenditure policy draft.
- c. Highway – No report
- d. Property and Public Lands – See report on file.
- e. Protection report was distributed to Council members at the meeting. No Votes were taken.

12. MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS / REPORT:

- a. Appointment of Election Clerks for 2020–2021

Lapointe-Scully – Motioned that Council ratify the Mayor’s appointments of Election Clerks for 2020- 2021. Unanimously approved

Mayor Walker appointed David Thornton and Martha Thornton to the “Green Team”, Solid Waste Committee by request of Susan Farnsworth, Chair.

Lapointe-Frett – Motioned that Council ratify the Mayor’s appointment of David Thornton and Martha Thornton to the “Green Team”, Solid Waste Committee. Unanimously approved

Mayor Walker announced attended a planning session with the mayors of Augusta and Gardiner. A Bicentennial celebration event “Regional People of the Kennebec” is being planned August 8, 2020 at Capital Park in Augusta. Communities along the Kennebec River are invited. They have available funding. The planning is ongoing.

- b. Council entered into executive session under Maine Revised Statutes Section 405.6.A. for a personnel matter.

AuCoin-Wynne – Motioned for Council to enter into executive session under Maine Revised Statutes Section 405.6.A for a personnel matter at 8:43 p.m.

Lapointe-Sully – Moved to exit executive session under Maine Revised Statutes Section 405.6.A for a personnel matter at 8:48 p.m.

- c. Council entered into executive session under Maine Revised Statutes Section 405.6.C for a Real Estate matter.

AuCoin-Lapointe – Motioned for Council to enter into executive session under Maine Revised Statutes Section 405.6.C for a real estate matter at 8:49 p.m. Unanimously approved

Lapointe-Frett – Moved that Council exited out of executive session under Maine Revised Statutes Section 405.6.C for a real estate matter at 9:17 p.m. Unanimously approved

Dufour-Scully – Motioned Move the Police Department into the Second Street Fire Station and maintain the building as a public building.

1 Yea (AuCoin) 6 Nay (Lapointe, Dufour, Frett, Scully, Circo, Wynne) Motion failed

Scully-Frett – Motioned to direct the City Manager to prepare a RFP with minimal covenants and restrictions. This RFP will have a turnaround timeline of 30 days.

6 Yea (Lapointe, Dufour, Frett, Scully, Circo, Wynne) 1 Nay (AuCoin) Motion passed

The Property Committee has set a date of March 19, 2020 to review this RFP.

13. CITY MANAGER’S APPOINTMENTS / REPORT:

- a. Public Works Plow Funding Request. See 7a.

- b. Police Chief

Lapointe-Sully – Motioned that Council table this appointment until the next meeting. Unanimously approved

Lapointe-AuCoin – Motioned that Council refer discussion of the role and duties of the Health Officer to the Personnel and Policy Committee. Unanimously approved

14. Lapointe-Frett – motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 p.m. Unanimously approved

Diane Polky
City Clerk