

Regular Meeting Minutes
City Council of the City of Bath, Maine
Wednesday, February 2, 2000 7:00pm
City Council Chambers, Bath City Hall

Present: Councilors Williams, James, Blake, Wyman, Hayden, Tibbetts, Rogers, Reed and Chairman Hall.

Also in attendance were the City Manager - John Bubier, City Solicitor - Roger Therriault and City Clerk - Mary White.

Special Recognition Presentation: Eric London for his five years of service to the Bath Recreation Commission.

A. Pledge of Allegiance:

B. Roll Call

C. Public Hearings: 7:06 PM #205

- 1) Liquor License for the Asian Restaurant at #5 Coastal Plaza, Sole Proprietor - Ninia B. Juntura.
No Public or Council Comment.

VOTE:

Yeas: 8

Nays: 0

Liquor License passed unanimously.

- 2) CDBG Housing Assessment Planning Grant Application.

Al Smith, Director of Community Development, gave an overview of the purpose for this application and the assistance it would give to the future planning of community development in housing.

Joanne Troy, Executive Director of Bath Housing Authority, and John Bubier, City Manager, spoke in favor of the grant application.

Doris Ford of Whiskeag Road, spoke against this application.

VOTE:

Yeas: 8

Nays: 0

Council voted unanimously to proceed with the grant application.

D. Consent Agenda: 7:25 PM #1007

Motion by Councilor James, seconded by Councilor Reed to put this item on the floor for discussion.

Under the Consent Agenda, the Minutes for the January 5, 2000 Council Meetings were passed as presented.

VOTE:

Yeas: 8

Nays: 0

Consent Agenda passed unanimously.

E. Time Devoted to Residents to Address the City Council: 7:30 PM #1012

William Truesdell, Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals, spoke to Council regarding the proposed modifications to the Land Use Code.

F. Ordinances, Resolutions and Orders: 7:25 PM #1007

The following items were passed under the Consent Agenda:

Item F4 -

ORDER

In City Council
February 2, 2000

BE IT ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BATH, THAT;
the Notice of Presidential Preference Primary Election *Democratic & Republican Parties* be prepared and issued to notify and summons the inhabitants of the City of Bath qualified to vote that the Primary Election will be held at their respective Ward Rooms 1-7 inclusive, on Tuesday, March 7, 2000, then and there, to cast their votes at the Primary Election in their respective Wards for:

Office To Be Voted On:
President of the United States

Absentee Ballots shall be processed Election Day at: 10:00AM, 11:00AM, 1:00PM, 2:00PM, 3:00 PM and 7:00PM.

The polls shall be opened at 9:00AM and closed at 8:00PM.

Item F5

ORDER

Be It Ordered by the City Council of the City of Bath, that the hourly schedule for the office of the Registrar of Voters shall be from 8:30AM to 4:30PM (February 29, March 1, 2, 3, and 6) prior to the State of Maine Presidential Preference Primary Election to be held Tuesday, March 7, 2000 except for Election Day when the Office will be opened from 8:30AM to 8:00PM.

Item F6

ORDER

Be It Ordered by the City Council of the City of Bath, that the following be appointed for the State of Maine Presidential Preference Primary Election *Democratic & Republican Parties* to be held on Tuesday, March 7, 2000:

<u>Ward</u>	<u>Warden</u>	<u>Ward Clerk</u>
1	Cynthia Mitchell	Marion Craige
2	Paula Adam	Donna Hays
3	Betsy McPhee	Dorothy McKenna
4	Carol Duehring	Marie Peaslee
5	Cindy Gabelmann	Judith Lemoine
6	Kathy Cameron	Laura Brill
7	Jackie Dwinal	Rachel Bennett

G. Petitions and Communications: 7:34 PM #1080

Chocolate Church Art's Center sent a communication requesting a Wavier of Tipping Fees in regards to the disposal of debris from the renovations at the property on the corner of Washington and Centre Streets. The City Manager was directed to approve this request.

H. City Manager's Report: 7:35 PM #1133

City Manager Bubier spoke regarding the following items:

- Communications from many of the senior citizens of Bath regarding the Shuttle Bus schedule.
- Contest for naming the bus system.
- The intermediate cover for the landfill.
- Thornes Head proposal.
- William Michaud, Superintendent of Schools, attending Department Head Meetings.
- Recent flight aboard a P3 from BNAS.
- Conveyance of pool fund.
- Meeting with Jeff Shiers, Harbor Master, about projected activities in the Kennebec River.
- Support of DOT Transportation Initiative and the Revenue Sharing II.
- BBA concerns with the snow removal in the downtown.
- Meeting concerning putting a community college in the old hospital facility.
- Metropolitan Planning Organization in regards to the 2000 Census.
- Meeting with DOT concerning the Six-Year Plan.
- Meeting concerning the Heritage Days Celebration.
- Projected schedule for street paving and sidewalk construction for 2000.
- CSO update.

I. Committee Reports: 8:00 PM #1943

Chairman Hall read a letter from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Washington D.C. congratulating the Executive Director Joanne Troy and the Bath Housing Authority Board of Directors for their outstanding work in providing housing and support services to low income residents of Bath.

The Council also recognized this outstanding work and thanked Ms. Troy and her Board for their efforts on behalf of the Bath Community.

Councilor James reported that the Bath Board of Education will be holding their Budget Hearings on February 29, March 1, 6, 7 and 8, 2000.

Councilor Williams reported that the Youth Activities Commission is now redefining their organization and will be reporting back to Council soon on their findings.

Councilor Wyman reported that the Skate Board Committee is in the research stage and moving along on schedule.

J. Old Business: 8:06 PM #2301

There was no old business.

K. New Business: 8:06 PM #2303

Motion made by Councilor Williams, seconded by Councilor Blake to Waive the Rules in order to consider a committee appointment.

VOTE:

Yeas: 8

Nays: 0

Waiving of Rules passed unanimously.

Motion made by Councilor Williams, seconded by Councilor Reed to appoint James Larson of 119 North Street to the Bath Community Forestry Committee.

VOTE:

Yeas: 8

Nays: 0

Appointment of James Larson to the Bath Community Forestry Committee passed unanimously

At 8:10 PM Council recessed into Workshop on the Proposed Land Use Code with a motion made by Councilor Tibbetts, seconded by Councilor Hayden. All in favor.

At 9:46 PM there was a motion made by Councilor James, seconded by Councilor Rogers to go into Executive Session on a Personnel Matter. All in favor.

At 10:15 PM there was a motion made by Councilor James, seconded by Councilor Reed to come out of Executive Session. All in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 10:16 PM with a motion made by Councilor Tibbetts and seconded by Councilor Rogers. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted:

Mary J. White, City Clerk

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