

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
City Council of the City of Bath, Maine
Wednesday, May 3, 2000 7:00pm
City Council Chambers, Bath City Hall

ROLL CALL: Councilors Williams, Blake, Hayden, Tibbetts, Rogers, Reed and Chairman Hall.

ABSENT: Councilors James and Wyman

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

Chairman Hall led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance and City Clerk White called the Roll.

C. Public Hearings - 7:02 PM #50

There were no public hearings.

D. Consent Agenda - 7:03 PM #100

Motion by Councilor Blake, second by Councilor Williams to accept as presented the Minutes to the April 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2000 Council Meetings.

Vote on Consent Agenda:

Yeas: 6

Nays: 0

Passed 6-0

E. Time Devoted for Residents to Address the City Council - 7:04 PM #135

No residents spoke at this time.

F. Ordinances, Resolutions and Orders - 7:05 PM #143

F2 - Proclamation for Arbor Week

Chairman Hall read the following Proclamation:

ARBOR WEEK PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world (more often as a weekly observance), and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife, and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and

WHEREAS, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and

WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal,

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BATH, MAINE, HEREBY PROCLAIMS THE WEEK OF MAY 21-27 AS

ARBOR WEEK

in the City of Bath, and we urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Week and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and

FURTHER, We urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

DATED this 3rd day of May 2000.

Motion by Councilor Blake, second by Councilor Williams to place the item on the floor for discussion and consideration.

Vote on Proclamation:

Yeas: 5

Nays: 1 (Rogers)

Passed 5-1

F3 - Order: Approving Transfer for City Hall Auditorium Cable TV setup

Chairman Hall read the following Order:

ORDER

**APPROVING TRANSFER
- City Hall Auditorium Cable TV Setup**

Be It Hereby Ordered By the City Council of the City of Bath, pursuant to Section 611 (D) of the Charter of the City of Bath, that the transfer of the sum of Three Thousand Seven Hundred and no/ 100 Dollars (\$3,700.00) from the Council Contingencies Account 012-402 to the Cable PEG Services Other account 018-242 be and hereby is approved.

Motion by Councilor Reed, second by Councilor Hayden to put this order on the floor for discussion and consideration.

Vote on Order:

Yeas: 6

Nays: 0

Order Passed 6-0

F4 - Approving Amendments to the Bath Television Policies and Guidelines

Motion by Councilor Rogers, second by Councilor Williams to put this item on the floor for discussion and consideration.

Laura Brill, Acting Studio Manager of Bath Cable TV, gave an overview of the amendments to the document.

Councilor Blake suggested that there be one other amendment to page 8, section 5.4 Underwriting, paragraph 2, sentence 7, change the word “will” to “could”. City Solicitor Therriault then suggested that they use the word “may” instead of “could”, it was the Council’s unanimous decision to make that amendment.

Vote on amendments to Guidelines and Policies:

Yeas: 6

Nays: 0

Passed 6-0

G. Petitions and Communications - 7:22 PM #712

There were no petitions or communications.

H. City Manager’s Report - 7:23 PM #720

City Manager Bubier presented the 2000-2001 City of Bath Budget to Council.

Chairman Hall set the time for the Budget Hearings with the City Departments to begin May 8, 2000 at 5:00 PM in the Basement Conference Room at City Hall and the Public Hearing on the Budget for May 24, 2000 in the City Hall Auditorium.

I. Committee Reports - 7:39PM #1310

There were no Committee Reports.

J. Old Business - 7:40 PM #1368

There was no old business.

K. New Business - 7:41PM #1418

There was no new business.

The Executive Session was pulled from the Agenda.

Motion by Councilor Williams, second by Councilor Reed to adjourn the meeting. All in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Mary J. White, City Clerk

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