

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
City Council of the City of Bath, Maine
Wednesday, March 7, 2001 7:00pm
City Council Chambers, Bath City Hall

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

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

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

C. Public Hearings:

There were no Public Hearings.

D. Consent Agenda: 7:02PM #78

1) Under the Consent Agenda, Councilor Wyman made a motion to accept the minutes for the February 7 and 21, 2001 Council Meetings, which was seconded by Councilor Hayden.

VOTE on Consent Agenda:

Yeas: 6

Nays: 0

Consent Agenda passed unanimously.

E. Time Devoted to Residents to Address the City Council: 7:03PM #94

No one from the public spoke at this time.

F. Ordinances, Resolutions and Orders: 7:04PM

Item F2 - Order: Exercising the Alewife Fishing Rights at Winnegance Lake to be administered by the Winnegance Alewife Commission as per Harvest Plan #102

Chairman Hall read the following Resolution:

ORDER

Be It Ordered by the City Council of the City of Bath, Maine, that the Alewife Fishing Rights at Winnegance Lake be operated by the Winnegance Alewife Commission as per Ordinance adopted August 28, 1985, and the municipal rights to take alewives will be sold by the Commission. The Harvest Plan will be submitted by the Commission setting forth in detail the exact conditions, under which alewives may be taken, all in accordance with good conservation practices. The Commission with City of Bath approval will submit this plan to the Department of Marine Resources.

Motion by Councilor James, second by Councilor Blake to put this Order on the floor for discussion.

VOTE on the Order:

Yeas: 6

Nays: 0

VOTE: Order Passed Unanimously 6-0

Item F3 - Order: Exercising the Alewife Fishing Rights at Whiskeag Creek to “rod and Line” only #160

Chairman Hall read the following Order:

ORDER

Be it Ordered by the City Council of the City of Bath, as follows:

that the taking of alewives at Whiskeag Creek will be restricted to "Rod and Line" only.

Motion by Councilor James, second by Councilor Blake to put this Order on the floor for discussion.

VOTE on the Order:

Yeas: 6

Nays: 0

VOTE: Order Passed Unanimously 6-0

Item F4 - Issuing warrant for prosecuting unlicensed dog owners-keepers #200

Chairman Hall read the following Order:

ORDER

Be it Ordered by the City Council of the City of Bath, as follows:

that a warrant for prosecuting unlicensed dog owners-keepers be prepared and issued in accordance with the provisions of Title 7 MRSA Section 3943.

Motion by Councilor Wyman, second by Councilor Hayden to put this Order on the floor for discussion.

VOTE on the Order:

Yeas: 6

Nays: 0

VOTE: Order Passed Unanimously 6-0

Item F5 - ORDINANCE: Electric Service Contract with AES NewEnergy, Inc. (first passage) #327

Chairman Hall read the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the City of Bath has the opportunity to renew its Energy Service Agreement with AES NewEnergy, Inc. for electrical power for City needs for a period of nineteen (19) months, and

WHEREAS, the City has an opportunity to enter into a Similar Agreement for the Customs House property for a twenty-one (21) month period, and

WHEREAS, the proposed Agreements are Contracts that exceed one (1) year in duration and involve the expenditure of funds, and

WHEREAS, the Charter of the City of Bath requires that each such Agreement be approved by Ordinance by this Council pursuant to Section 1102 of the Charter, and

WHEREAS, the ability to determine on a certain basis for this period of time, the actual costs for

generation of electrical power to be utilized by the City, is of benefit to the City, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Bath that the proposed Agreements by and between the City and AES NewEnergy, Inc. be and hereby are approved and the City Manager is authorized to execute the Contracts on behalf of the City of Bath.

Motion by Councilor Reed, second by Councilor James to put this Ordinance on the floor for discussion.

Greg L'Heureux, Finance Director, gave an overview for the reasons this agreement would be financially advantageous to the City at this time.

VOTE: on the Ordinance: (first passage)

Yeas: Banks; James; Blake; Wyman; Hayden; Reed

Nays: 0

VOTE: Ordinance Passed Unanimously 6-0

Chairman Hall set second passage for this Ordinance on March 21, 2001 at 7:01PM.

G. Petitions & Communications 7:16 PM #493

Councilor James stated that he had been contacted by a resident as to the availability of parking spaces in a public parking lot to residents that are unable to park in their driveways due to the large amount of snow.

City Manager, Bubier, replied that the Municipal Lot on Water Street would have only temporary spots open for those residents needing space during parking bans. There were no spots for more permanent parking.

H. City Manager's Report: 7:20 PM #600

John Bubier, City Manager gave the following report:

- Update on snow removal efforts
- Update on Budget Report
- Update Chaudierre Trail Meeting
- Update Renovation of the Train Station Project
- Working on an opportunity for the City to receive land on Bernard Street
- Working with a group within MCBDD Planning trying to connect Lincoln/Sagadahoc Counties for the purpose of forming an Economic Development District
- Have been interviewing applicants to replace Chris Shrum as he is leaving to join the Farnsworth Museum in Rockland
- Update on the Old Bath Hospital Higher Education Project
- Meeting with Woolwich Selectman, David King, to discuss solutions to the speeding problems on Route One corridor from West Bath town line to the Taste of Maine Restaurant to present to the DOT
- Update on Hotel Project at the Coal Pocket
- Talking with Virtual Impact Technologies on the prospect of locating to the Bath area
- Update on upcoming legislation that could impact the Joint Dispatch Center

I. Committee Reports: 7:38 PM #1270

There were no Committee Reports

J. Old Business: 7:38 PM #1273

There was no Old Business.

K. New Business: 7:39 PM #1276

There was no New Business.

The meeting adjourned to Workshop at 7:40 PM with a motion made by Councilor James and seconded by Councilor Blake. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted:

Mary J. White, City Clerk

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