

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
City Council of the City of Bath, Maine
Wednesday, June 12, 2002 7:00 PM
City Council Chambers, Bath City Hall

Present: Councilors Hall, Banks, James, Hart, Tibbetts, Reed and Chairman Wyman

Absent: Councilor Blake

Late: Councilor Rogers

Also Present: City Manager Bubier, Acting City Solicitor Mike Therriault and City Clerk White

Chairman Wyman called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Clerk White called the Roll.

I. Approval of Tabulation Results from the State of Maine Primary/Referendum Election - 7:01 PM #72

Motion by Councilor Hart, second by Councilor Banks to put this item on the floor for discussion.

No public or Council comment.

Chairman Wyman asked for a Roll Call Vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Hall, Banks, James, Hart, Tibbetts, Reed

Nays: None

VOTE: Passed Unanimously 6-0

II. Resolution establishing interest rate on all delinquent taxes at the rate of 8.75% per annum - 7:03 PM #103

Chairman Wyman read the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS₁ pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. Section 505(4) the City of Bath has the authority to specify an interest rate which shall be applied to the delinquent taxes, and

WHEREAS, Section 7-101 of the Code of the City of Bath determines that the rate of interest is to be established yearly by Resolution of this Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Bath, that the interest rate due and payable for all delinquent taxes shall be at the rate of 8.75% per annum, from July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003.

Motion by Councilor Banks, second by Councilor Reed to put this Resolution on the floor for discussion.

No public or Council comment.

Chairman Wyman asked for a Roll Call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Hall, Banks, James, Hart, Tibbetts, Reed

Nays: None

VOTE: Passed Unanimously 6-0

Councilor Rogers took his seat on Council at this time.

**III. Resolution establishing interest rate on delinquent sewer bills at the rate of 8.75% per annum -
7:05 PM #151**

Chairman Wyman read the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Bath, as follows:

That, the interest rate payable on delinquent sewer bills shall be at the rate of 8.75% per annum, from July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003.

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

No public or Council comment.

Chairman Wyman asked for a Roll Call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Hall, Banks, James, Hart, Tibbetts, Rogers and Reed

Nays: None

VOTE: Passed Unanimously 7-0

IV. Resolution establishing interest rate on refunds due to tax abatements at the rate of 4.75% per annum - 7:07 PM #199

Chairman Wyman read the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Bath, as follows:

That any taxpayer who pays an amount in excess of what is finally assessed (as in the case of a taxpayer who pays under protest, appeals the assessment, and is granted an abatement) must be repaid the amount of the overpayment plus interest back to the date of the overpayment at a rate of four and three-quarters percent (4.75%) per annum, from July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003.

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

No public or Council comment.

Chairman Wyman asked for a Roll Call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Hall, Banks, James, Hart, Tibbetts, Rogers and Reed

Nays: None

VOTE: Passed Unanimously 7-0

V. Order continuing the Bath Tax Club - 7:08PM #233

Chairman Wyman read the following Order

ORDER

BE IT ORDERED by the City Council of the City of Bath, as follows:

That, the City Treasurer and Tax Collector be authorized and empowered to continue a monthly or quarterly payment plan now in force, and known as the "Bath Tax Club", making regular monthly or quarterly payments in accordance with the rules of said Club. All Tax Club members must join during the month of July 2002.

Membership in said Tax Club is restricted to those accounts which represent residential taxpayers and club membership shall specifically not be available to commercial, industrial, personal or rental properties.

Motion by Councilor Banks, second by Councilor Reed to put this item on the floor for discussion.

There was a brief discussion between the Finance Director and Council regarding the feasibility of extending the Tax Club option to businesses.

Chairman Wyman asked for a Roll Call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Hall, Banks, James, Hart, Tibbetts, Rogers and Reed

Nays: None

VOTE: Passed Unanimously 7-0

VI. Order establishing School Budget Component - 7:17 PM #469

Chairman Wyman read the following Order

**ORDER ESTABLISHING
SCHOOL BUDGET COMPONENT**

BE IT ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BATH, PURSUANT TO SECTION 609(D) OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF BATH, THAT THE SCHOOL BUDGET COMPONENT, EXCLUSIVE OF THE SCHOOL BUDGET CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET, IS SPECIFIED AS AN APPROPRIATION IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$15,495,572.00.

Motion by Councilor Banks, second by Councilor James to put this item on the floor for discussion.

No public or Council comment.

Chairman Wyman asked for a Roll Call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Hall, Banks, James, Hart, Tibbetts, Rogers and Reed

Nays: None

VOTE: Passed Unanimously 7-0

VII. Resolution adopting the School Department Budget Component for the FY July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003 - 7:19 PM #515

Motion by Councilor Reed, second by Councilor James to waive the reading of this Resolution.

Chairman Wyman asked for a Roll Call vote.

Roll Call Vote on Waiving of Reading:

Yeas: Banks, James, Hart, Tibbetts, Rogers and Reed

Nays: Hall

VOTE: Passed 6-1

The original of this Resolution is contained in the agenda materials for June 12, 2002 in the City Clerk's Office.

Motion by Councilor Hart, second by Councilor James to put this item on the floor for discussion.

No public or Council comment.

Chairman Wyman asked for a Roll Call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Hall, Banks, James, Hart, Tibbetts, Rogers and Reed

Nays: None

VOTE: Passed Unanimously 7-0

VIII. Resolution approving and appropriating the School Special Purpose Fund - 7:21 PM #548

Chairman Wyman read the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BATH, MAINE, THAT, THE CITY OF BATH'S PORTION OF THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET OF SPECIAL PURPOSE FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON JULY 1, 2002, AND TERMINATING ON JUNE 30, 2003, BE AND HEREBY ARE APPROPRIATED FOR THE PURPOSES INDICATED UP TO THE TOTAL REVENUES OF \$1,748,910. SUMMARIES OF THESE ESTIMATED REVENUES ARE ATTACHED TO THIS RESOLUTION AS EXHIBIT "D"

Exhibit "D" is with the agenda materials for June 12, 2002 in the City Clerk's Office.

Motion by Councilor Banks, second by Councilor Reed to put this item on the floor for discussion.

Greg L'Heureau, Finance Director, explained where the Special Purpose Funds come from and how they are listed in the Budget.

Chairman Wyman asked for a Roll Call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Hall, Banks, James, Hart, Tibbetts, Rogers and Reed

Nays: None

VOTE: Passed Unanimously 7-0

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM with a motion made by Councilor Reed and second by Councilor Banks.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Banks, James, Hart, Tibbetts, Rogers and Reed

Nays: Hall

VOTE: Passed 6-1

Respectfully submitted:

Mary J. White, City Clerk

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