

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BATH, MAINE
Wednesday, July 2, 2014 6:00 PM
City Council Chambers, Bath City Hall**

Present: Councilors Brackett, Merrill, Paulhus, Lockwood, Wyman, Sinclair, Mitchell, Winglass and Madame Chair Eosco.

Also in attendance were the City Manager – William Giroux, City Solicitor and City Clerk - Mary White.

Madame Chair Eosco led the Pledge of Allegiance and City Clerk White called the Roll.

Madame Chair Eosco presented Chief Stephen Hinds of the Bath Fire Department with a City Chair and read the following Proclamation:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the City of Bath wishes to recognize the 33 years of service by Chief Stephen Hinds in the Bath Fire Department, and

WHEREAS Steve is from Bath, ME, the son of John and Norma Hinds, husband of Sandra Hinds for 37 years, father of Eric and Amy, and grandfather of Abigail, Lucas, Matthew, Ryleigh and Hunter, and

WHEREAS Steve graduated from Morse High School and then from SMVTI with an Associates Degree of Applied Science Fire Technology in 1977, and

WHEREAS Steve was hired by the Bath Fire Dept. in October 1981 and progressed through the ranks as Lieutenant in May 1982, Captain in July 1985, Assistant Chief in Sept. 1987, Deputy Chief in July 1999, and Chief in February 2002, and

WHEREAS Steve has been an instructor with the Maine Fire Service and the International Society of Fire Service, has been a member of and received certificates from the Maine Fire Chiefs Association, the New England Fire Chiefs Association and the International Fire Chiefs Association and received the Fire Chief I and II National Pro Board Certificate, and

WHEREAS Steve served as Legislative Committee Chair of the Maine Fire Chiefs Association for 10 years, was appointed to the Workplace Hazardous Materials Committee by Speaker Pingree, and was appointed by Governor Baldacci to the Bureau of Labor Standards Committee and the Emergency Scene Safety Committee, and

WHEREAS Steve received valor decorations for rescuing people from fires on 11/26/81 at 1237 Washington St., on 1/30/85 at 1069 High St., on 2/27/88 at 24 Summer St., on 3/21/89 at 49 Corliss St., on 5/8/86 at 3 Gerald St., and on 2/20/14 at 62 South St., and

WHEREAS Steve has been an active and vital member of our community serving as the Bath Fire Dept. representative to the United Way from 1996 to 2008, served on the Sagadahoc County Triad from 1996 to the present, has served as Bath Emergency Management Director from 2001 to the present, and is known for “playing the field”, serving as Coach for all levels of boys and girls in baseball, softball, football, basketball and soccer for almost the past 40 years, and has been seen in numerous locations on dangerously hot summer days hosing down children and dispensing popsicles to nursery schools and daycare centers;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that Steve Hinds’ long and productive career of public service to the citizens of Bath has been marked by his integrity and professionalism and that with the thanks of a grateful community, the Bath City Council wishes to thank Chief Stephen Hinds for his 33 years of dedicated public service to the citizenry of Bath.

Dated this 2nd day of July, 2014.

C. Consent Agenda 6:05 PM

***1) Minutes of the Council Meetings of June 4 and 11, 2014. (Motion to Accept as Presented)**

Councilor Wyman made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilor Mitchell seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

D. Time Devoted to Residents to Address the City Council 6:06 PM

No one spoke.

E. Petitions & Communications 6:06 PM

There were no petitions or communications.

F. City Manager's Report 6:06 PM

City Manager Giroux and Public Works Director Owen gave an overview/update on the High Street Road Project.

G. Committee Reports 6:13 PM

Councilor Winglass reported the Finance Committee would be having a meeting on July 17 and he would be reporting back to Council at the August Meeting on what was taken up.

H. Unfinished Business 6:14 PM

There was no unfinished business.

K. New Business 6:14 PM

2) Appointment one member to the Bath Board of Assessment Review with term ending in July 2017.

Councilor Lockwood nominated on behalf of the Appointments Committee Daniel Shipley for this position. All were in favor of the nomination.

L. Councilor Announcements 6:15 PM

Councilor Paulhus reported there will be visitors from our Japanese Sister City in the next few weeks and then a group from Bath will be visiting Japan . Madame Chair Eosco reminded everyone of the Bath Heritage Days festivities would be happening on July 3-6. Councilor Winglass reported on two events being sponsored by the Bath YMCA, a youth feeding program that will service children ages 2-18 through the summer and a "Paddle for Youth" event to be held July 19th with proceeds to be used for youth scholarships to the YMCA. Councilor Merrill reminded everyone to come out to the public meeting with questions regarding the High Street Road Project

M. Comprehensive Plan Discussion 6:19 PM

Councilor Sinclair reported on Land Use Plan pages 20-30.

Councilor Sinclair stated the maps and overlays in this section show what is envisioned for the City after 2008. The Plan implements the vision for the City in 2025. The overall purpose of the Plan is to meet the State's land use goal for orderly growth and economic development while protecting the State's rural character, promoting specific uses for public spaces, and preventing urban sprawl. Projected future development and zoning changes are an important tool in the physical development of any community.

He reported there are 12 plans for future land use areas:

- 1) Low-density residential = 1 dwelling/1.5 acres; no public water or sewer extensions
- 2) Medium-density residential = some areas of sewer and water and some no sewer and water
- 3) High-density residential = target density is 7 units/ acre; growth area

- 4) Parks & open space = parks and areas in land conservation and land trusts
- 5) Resource protection = only uses allowed that do not impact the land's environmental quality
- 6) Golf Course = must have low-density, clustered residential if building occurs
- 7) Downtown (including waterfront)= the uses in the Downtown Area will support downtown Bath as a year-round community to attract tourists looking for a "real" small-downtown experience. Types of uses that do not support Bath as a year-round business center or do not add additional "people on the street" will be discouraged.
- 8) Highway/commercial area = should be gateway to Bath & not by-pass; highway-oriented businesses
- 9) Mixed commercial & residential use = high residential and low-impact businesses
- 10) Neighborhood commercial use only = no residential use; residential abuts commercial area
- 11) Wingfarm Business Park = business and non-water dependent light manufacturing
- 12) Maine Maritime Museum = Compatible and complementary accessory uses will also be allowed, which may include limited marina, restaurant, retail, and assembly and meeting operations.

Councilor Mitchell made a motion at 6:29 PM to go into Executive Session to discuss the following: Title 1 M.R.S.A Section 405(6)(E) Consultation between the Council and its attorney. Councilor Brackett seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

Councilor Mitchell made a motion at 7:36 PM to come out of Executive Session. Councilor Merrill seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM with a motion by Councilor Mitchell, seconded by Councilor Winglass. All were in favor of the adjournment.

Attest:

Mary J. White, City Clerk

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