

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BATH, MAINE**

Wednesday, January 7, 2015 6:00 PM
City Council Chambers, Bath City Hall

Present: Councilors Brackett, Page, Paulhus, Rogers, Wyman, Bauer, Omo and Madame Chair Eosco.
Excused: Councilor Mitchell

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

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

Madame Chair Eosco read the following Proclamation for former Councilor Andrew Winglass and presented him with a City Chair for his 12 years of service to the citizens of Bath.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Andrew Winglass was born to Lt. General Robert J. and Norma Winglass in San Diego, California; and

WHEREAS, Andy graduated from the University of Maine in 1986 majoring in history and political science; and

WHEREAS, Andy is a devoted father to Sarah Lindsay, Ethan Andrew, and Mae Elizabeth Winglass; and

WHEREAS, Andy has served a total of 12 years on the City Council, nine years as Councilor-at-Large and three years as Councilor for Ward 1 while serving two terms as Chair and six terms as Vice Chair; and

WHEREAS, Andy served on the following committees: Patten Free Library Board, South End Area Boat Launch Committee, South End Park Committee, Civil Emergency Preparedness Analysis Team, Route One Advisory Committee, Main Street Bath Board of Directors, Utilities Committee, Waterfront Park Committee, Bath Development Corporation, Community Development Committee, Community Development Block Grant Committee, Bath Housing Authority, Bath Recognition Committee, Budget/Finance Committee, Parking & Transportation Committee, Welfare Review Board, Armory Board - Mission Statement Commission, Solid Waste & Recycling Committee; and

WHEREAS, Andy has always sought to integrate opportunities between the public and private sectors to obtain maximum mutual benefits for all; and

WHEREAS, Andy was instrumental on the Finance Committee in 2012 assuring that the City employees' pension plan, then valued at over \$9.5 million, was invested wisely to increase its market value; and

WHEREAS, Andy was, and remains, a passionate advocate for the City of Bath and its citizens, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT THE CITY OF BATH wishes to honor Councilor Andrew Winglass and thank him for his tireless commitment and selfless dedication in making the City of Bath a better place to live. He has left an indelible footprint on our community that will not be forgotten.

Dated this 7th day of January 2015.

Councilor Winglass thanked everyone for their support during his tenure on Council.

C. Public Hearing: 6:07 PM

1) Ordinance – One-Way Lower High Street (second passage)

Madame Chair Eosco read the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BATH THAT THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BATH, ADOPTED FEBRUARY 2, 1977, AND SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED, BE FURTHER AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

CHAPTER 17. VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

Article 5. Operations

Section 17.210. One-Way Streets.

Add:

Southerly over the western most lane of traffic on High Street at Winnegance (west of the traffic island only), beginning at the North line of Lot 21 on Tax Map 45 and running southerly to the southerly line of Lot 19-1 on Tax Map 45.

Councilor Wyman made a motion to put this Ordinance on the floor for discussion. Councilor Paulhus seconded the motion.

City Planner Andrew Deci explained that this Ordinance would convert the small part of the street in front of Winnegance General Store to a one-way street which would address safety and parking issues being experienced presently.

Susan Minor of 44 High Street asked how this Ordinance change was going to help the parking situation.

City Planner Deci gave an overview of the long term solutions to the traffic problems.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YEAS: Brackett, Page, Paulhus, Rogers, Wyman, Bauer, Omo

NAYS: None

Ordinance passed unanimously. 7-0

Madame Chair Eosco stated that this Ordinance would become law in 21 days.

D. Consent Agenda 6:012PM

***2)** Minutes of the previous Council Meetings on December 3 and 17, 2014 and Items K4, K5 and K6. (Motion to Accept as Presented)

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

E. Time Devoted to Residents to Address The City Council 6:13 PM

No one spoke at this time.

F. Resolutions, Orders and Ordinances 6:13 PM

There were no items at this time.

G. Petitions & Communications 6:14 PM

There were no petitions or communications taken up at this time.

H. City Manager's Report 6:14 PM

City Manager Giroux informed the Council there was going to be a public hearing on January 28th at 5:30 PM in the Auditorium regarding North Street improvements.

3) City Event Policy

Police Chief Field stated the City is having more and more parades, races and major events which are requiring City resources such as Police, Public Works and Recreation and Parks personnel and an Event Policy would be most helpful in the planning for the event process. He said at present the process is very limited, mainly a piece of paper that the organizers sign. The Chief reported that a more formal process would be beneficial with advantages such as centralized processing with all departments reviewing each event, looking at a fee structure to cover cost to the departments for their support of the event, setting and requiring liability responsibilities for the events and organizing the City departments' response and resource needs for these events. He stated that the staff has done a preliminary study with the City Manager and if Council wants them to continue looking into such a policy they would come back with a proposal to Council at a future workshop.

Council gave their consent to continue the process and report back to them at a workshop.

I. Committee Reports 6:22 PM

There were no Committee Reports.

J. Unfinished Business 6:22 PM

There was no unfinished business taken up at this time.

K. New Business 6:22 PM

***4) Annual Appointment of J. Scott Davis as Codes Enforcement Officer, Health Officer and Plumbing Inspector for one year, pursuant to State Statutes.**

This Item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

***5) Annual Appointment of Tom Lister as the Alternate Codes Enforcement Officer and Plumbing Inspector for one year, pursuant to State Statutes.**

This Item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

***6) Annual Appointments to Committees of Council Nominees.**

Bath Housing Authority Board of Directors – Mari Eosco

Midcoast Council of Governments – Jamie Omo, Leverett Mitchell, Kyle Rogers

Patten Free Library Board of Directors – Susan Bauer

Recreation Commission – Gregory Page

Sidewalk Vending License Committee – Leverett Mitchell

Student Community Liaison Council – Leverett Mitchell

Welfare Review Board – Jamie Omo, Kyle Rogers, Steve Brackett

This Item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

7) Appointment 1 member to the Personnel Service Commission for a term to end February 2018.

Councilor Wyman nominated Mark Westrum for this position on behalf of the Appointment Interview Committee. All were in favor of the nomination.

L. Councilor Announcements 6:24 PM

Madame Chair Eosco asked the public to check on their neighbors during this bitterly cold time to make sure they are alright.

Councilor Wyman made a motion at 6:25 PM to go into Executive Session to discuss the following: Title 1 M.R.S.A Section 405(6)(C) Discussion or consideration of real or personal property permanently attached to real property or interests therein or economic development. (Leeman Highway Property) and Title 1 M.R.S.A Section 405(6)(A) discussion Personnel Matter. Councilor Omo seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

Councilor Wyman made a motion at 6:55 PM to come out of Executive Session. Councilor Omo seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 6:56 PM with a motion by Councilor Wyman, seconded by Councilor Brackett. All were in favor of the adjournment.

Attest:

Mary J. White, City Clerk

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