

**RECORD OF REGULAR MEETING
ELLSWORTH CITY COUNCIL**

DATE: JANUARY 12, 2015

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: ELLSWORTH CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

**CITY COUNCIL PRESENT: BEATHEM, BLANCHETTE, CROSTHWAITE,
FORTIER, MOORE, AND PERKINS.**

CITY COUNCIL ABSENT: PHILLIPS.

**KEY SPEAKERS PRESENT: CITY MANAGER MICHELLE BEAL, TAMMY
MOTE, AMANDA TUPPER AND MICHAEL HARRIS.**

Call to Order.

Chairman Crosthwaite called the regular meeting of the Ellsworth City Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

All stood for the pledge of allegiance.

Rules of Order.

The meeting was conducted under Robert's Rules of Order and other rules adopted at the November 10, 2014 Annual Organizational Meeting of the Ellsworth City Council. After being recognized by the Chairman, a person may speak not more than three (3) minutes on any one item on the agenda. In addition, the person may speak not more than two (2) minutes in rebuttal.

Adoption of minutes from the following meeting (s) of the Ellsworth City Council:

12/15/2014 Regular Monthly Meeting.

12/24/2014 Emergency Meeting.

On a motion by Fortier, seconded by Beathem, it was unanimously

RESOLVED to approve adoption of minutes from the following meeting (s) of the Ellsworth City Council: 12/15/2014 Regular Monthly Meeting and 12/24/2014 Emergency Meeting.

City Manager's Report.

Michelle Beal, City Manager reported there will be no change to the trash pickup schedule next week. Casella Waste does not recognize the Monday holiday; therefore the trash pickup schedule remains the same. Beal announced there will be an open house for the newly renovated Moore Community Center on Thursday, January 29, 2015 from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM. Entertainment will take place in the new theater, refreshments will be served, and tours of the Community Center will be offered. This will be a time for the public to hear about the new programming

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at the Senior Center as well as opportunities for the center to be used for Community events. All interested members of the public are encouraged to attend this event. Beal explained the City has a redesigned television channel. The City broadcasts information pertaining to non-profits, the City and other items of interest on Channels 5 and 7. This includes a new informational video, a new style scroll of informational topics, and articles that appeared on the City, Police and Fire Departments Face Book pages. Scheduled reruns of the Council meetings, Planning Board meetings and School Board meetings will also be available on these channels. Council meetings will stream live on the night of the meeting and then the current months meeting will replay on Sundays at 10 AM and Thursdays at 7 PM. The same process is used for the Planning Board and School Board meetings as well. These channels will also have weather updates. Currently, the City is seeking information from non-profit organizations on upcoming events being held in Ellsworth. Upcoming event information can be emailed to tech@ellsworthmaine.gov or submitted by calling the IT Department at 669-6600. Chairman Crosthwaite stated the important meetings of the Council, Planning Board and School Board are now available on YouTube. The YouTube address for accessing those meetings is City of Ellsworth Maine.

There was a short discussion concerning the relocation of several large trees from the Bangor Road in Ellsworth to Mount Desert Island, and the impact that would have on traffic. The process of moving one tree per morning starting at 6 AM has been delayed until Wednesday due to the weather. Updates on this process can be found on the Hancock County Sheriff's Face Book page.

Committee Reports.

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➤ *Recreation Commission.* Councilor Fortier reported that the Commission met on the first Wednesday of the month. The main focus of the meeting was a presentation on a new program entitled Ellsworth Community Music at the General Bryant E. Moore School. The founder of this program has designed a website located at ellsworthcommunitymusic.com. Her program involves free concerts at Bryant E. Moore Community Center a couple of times a month, as well as musical instructions provided for kids and adults. This was an initial presentation to the Recreation Commission with the hope that in the future she could request some funding from the Commission to help with this project. Another lengthy topic of discussion was details for the Winter Carnival. The Carnival is scheduled for February 7th and 8th, beginning at the Woodlawn Museum on Saturday morning. The events include a cardboard sled race (weather permitting), snowmobile rides as

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well as other activities. Later in the day the Carnival will move to the Ice Skating Rink for games and the evening will end with a large fireworks display over the High School beginning at 6 PM. Sunday, the goal is to reinvent Clam Boot Ice Hockey, if there are enough interested teams. Fortier encouraged everyone to come into the City and enjoy the Winter Carnival activities. The Recreation Commission approved the purchase of a City owned snow blower for performing maintenance at the ice rink. This equipment has been purchased and utilized already to keep the ice skating rink clear of snow and available for skating.

➤ *Harbor Commission.* Councilor Moore explained the Harbor Commission would not be meeting until Wednesday evening; therefore there was no report this evening. This was due to the Council meeting being held one week earlier than normal; therefore the Harbor Commission report covering the January meeting would be presented at the February Council meeting.

Citizens' Comments.

No comments this month.

Presentation of Awards.

Michael Harris for 10 years of service with the Ellsworth Wastewater Department.

Michael Harris was present to accept his service award from Chairman Crosthwaite on behalf of the Ellsworth citizens.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were no items under Unfinished Business this month.

CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA: All items with an asterisk () are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member so requests, in which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.*

Council Order #011500, Request of the Tax Collector for approval of a Real Estate Purchase Installment Contract between the City of Ellsworth and Joan Marie

Citizens' Comments.

Presentation of Awards.

M. Harris – 10 years Wastewater Depart.

Unfinished Business.

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CO #011500 – Approved REPIC

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*Higgins. **

with Joan Higgins.

See attachment #1 for the Land Installment Contract between the City of Ellsworth and Joan M. Higgins.

*Council Order #011501, Request of the Tax Collector for approval of a Real Estate Purchase Installment Contract between the City of Ellsworth and Alfred L. Wyman. **

**CO #011501 –
Approved REPIC
with Alfred Wyman.**

See attachment #2 for the Land Installment Contract between the City of Ellsworth and Alfred L. Wyman.

*Council Order #011502, Request of the Tax Collector to release properties redeemed during the 30 day redemption period ending January 8, 2015 through Quit-Claim Deeds. **

**CO #011502 –
Approved quit-claim
deeds on properties
redeemed during the
30 day redemption
period.**

See attachment #3 for a complete list of properties that were redeemed during the 30 day redemption period ending January 8, 2015, along with the quit-claim deeds.

*Council Order #011503, Request of the Tax Collector to accept payments on tax acquired time share units per the attached spreadsheet and to authorize the City Manager to release said properties through Municipal Quit-Claim Deeds.**

**CO #011503 –
Approved accepting
payment on tax
acquired timeshare
units.**

See attachment #4 for the list of timeshare units that were sold during the course of the last month, along with the sale price and purchaser information.

On a motion by Fortier, seconded by Moore, it was unanimously

RESOLVED to approve the Consent Agenda as presented this evening.

NEW BUSINESS

New Business.

Public hearing and action on the application (s) for issuance of the following business license (s):

Capital Pizza Huts, Inc. d/b/a Pizza Hut, 211 High Street, for renewal of a State Restaurant (Class I,II,III,IV) Malt Liquor License.

**Approved - Capital
Pizza Huts, Inc. d/b/a
Pizza Hut, 211 High
Street, for renewal of**

The staff reports the premises are in compliance with required codes and

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ordinances necessary to issue the requested licenses and that no delinquent tax or utility bills exist.

**a State Restaurant
(Class I,II,III,IV)
Malt Liquor License.**

Public hearing was opened.

There were no comments.

Public hearing was closed.

On a motion by Blanchette, seconded by Moore, it was unanimously

RESOLVED to approve the request of Capital Pizza Huts, Inc. d/b/a Pizza Hut, 211 High Street, for renewal of a State Restaurant (Class I,II,III,IV) Malt Liquor License.

Executive Session to discuss labor contracts in accordance with MRSA Title 1, Chapter 13, Section 405, Paragraph 6D.

**Approved - Entering
executive session to
discuss labor
contracts in
accordance with
MRSA Title 1,
Chapter 13, Section
405, Paragraph 6D at
7:15 PM.**

Chairman Crosthwaite explained the intent was to enter executive session to discuss the contracts, come out of executive session without taking any action and adjourn the Council meeting.

Before a motion was made on entering executive session a formal motion was made on Agenda Item #15.

Council Order #011504, Discussion and possible action on the Ellsworth Highway Unit Council #93, AFSCME, AFL-CIO Labor Contract.

**Approved -
Withdrawing agenda
item #15 from the
agenda this evening.**

On a motion by Fortier, seconded by Blanchette, it was unanimously

RESOLVED to approve withdrawing agenda item #15 from the agenda this evening.

On a motion by Fortier, seconded by Beathem, it was unanimously

RESOLVED to approve entering executive session to discuss labor contracts in accordance with MRSA Title 1, Chapter 13, Section 405, Paragraph 6D at 7:15 PM.

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On a motion by Moore, seconded by Beathem, it was unanimously

RESOLVED to approve adjourning from the executive session at 7:28 PM.

**Approved -
Adjourning from the
executive session at
7:28 PM.**

Adjournment.

On a motion by Moore, seconded by Beathem, it was unanimously

RESOLVED to approve adjournment at 7:29 PM.

**Approved -
Adjournment at 7:29
PM.**

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**ATTEST: _____
HEIDI-NOËL GRINDLE**