

**RECORD OF REGULAR MEETING
ELLSWORTH CITY COUNCIL**

DATE: MARCH 16, 2015

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: ELLSWORTH CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

CITY COUNCIL ABSENT:

**KEY SPEAKERS PRESENT: CITY MANAGER MICHELLE BEAL, TAMMY
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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 Ellsworth City Council minutes:

02/09/2015 Regular meeting.

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

RESOLVED to approve adoption of Ellsworth City Council minutes from the 02/09/2015 Regular meeting.

A vote was taken on the above motion with 6 members voting in favor (Beatham, Blanchette, Crosthwaite, Fortier, Moore, and Perkins) and 1 member abstaining from the vote (Phillips).

City Manager's Report.

Michelle Beal, City Manager reported she has been diligently working on the budget with Tammy Mote, Finance Director. The goal is to have a draft budget along with a draft budget workshop schedule by Friday morning.

Call to Order.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Rules of Order.

Approved - Adoption of Ellsworth City Council minutes from the 02/09/2015 Regular meeting.

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Committee Reports.

- *Harbor Commission.* Councilor Moore reported that the Harbor Commission did not meet last month.

- *Recreation Commission.* Councilor Fortier stated the Commission met on the first Wednesday of the month. The Commission continued reviewing the budget for the next fiscal year. Presentations were made by three or four of the requesting agencies; this was very helpful for the newer Commission members as they have not seen the presentations in past years. There was a discussion on attendance and membership; this will be followed up on next month. The ice skating rink has been lost for this season due to the weather conditions. Once the storage building can be accessed it will be cleaned out so that the equipment can be stored for the summer months.

Citizens' Comments.

Peter Farragher, Director of the Downeast Family YMCA thanked Michelle Beal for her years of service to the Community. Farragher read a letter of appreciation citing her many accomplishments in bettering the lives of the citizens of Ellsworth.

Lili Pew, citizen of Ellsworth and member of the Ellsworth Business Development Corporation thanked Michelle Beal for her leadership role in transforming the City of Ellsworth. Through these efforts the City of Ellsworth is positioned to achieve great things in the next three, five, or ten years.

Presentation of Awards.

Daryl Clark for 15 years of service with the Ellsworth Fire Department.

Daryl Clark was at a training session and therefore unable to attend the meeting.

Recognition of the Ellsworth High School Wrestling Team for winning the Class B State Championship.

Committee Reports.

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Recognition - EHS Wrestling Team.

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Chairman Crosthwaite and City Manager Michelle Beal presented certificates to each member of the Ellsworth High School Wrestling team individually. The captains of the Wrestling Team were presented with a plaque congratulating the team on behalf of the City of Ellsworth. The last time the Ellsworth High School won the Class B State Championships was 33 years ago.

Recognition of Ellsworth High School Swim Team members for winning individual titles at the Class B State Swimming Championships.

Chairman Crosthwaite and City Manager Michelle Beal presented certificates to the Ellsworth High School Swimming and Diving team members who individually won gold medals at the Class B State Swimming Championships.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were no items under Unfinished Business this month.

CONSENT AGENDA

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*Council Order #031501, Reservation of the City of Ellsworth's right to harvest alewives. **

*Council Order #031502, Request of the Tax Collector to accept payments on tax acquired timeshare units per the attached spreadsheet and to authorize the City Manager to release said properties through Municipal Quit-Claim Deeds.**

See attachment #1 for a complete list of timeshare units that were sold during the course of the last month.

*Council Order #031503, Appointment of David Cole as Agent to the Overseers by the City Council. **

**Recognition- EHS
Swim Team
members for winning
individual titles at
the Class B State
Championships.**

Unfinished Business.

Consent Agenda.

**CO# 031501 –
Harvest alewives.**

**CO# 031502 – Accept
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*Council Order #031504, Approval of City Manager's appointment of David Cole as the Tree Warden. **

**CO# 031504 –D. Cole
Tree Warden.**

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 issuance of Business License (s):

VDJ Group, LLC d/b/a Mainely Meat on Main, 193 Main Street, for renewal of a City Class B License (Victualer/Liquor/Amusement) and renewal of a State Restaurant (Class I, II, III, IV) Liquor License (Malt, Spirituous and Vinous).

**Approved - VDJ
Group, LLC d/b/a
Mainely Meat on
Main, 193 Main
Street, for renewal of
a City Class B
License
(Victualer/Liquor/A
musement) and
renewal of a State
Restaurant (Class I,
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License (Malt,
Spirituous and
Vinous).**

The staff reports the premises are in compliance with required codes and ordinances necessary to issue the requested licenses.

Public hearing was opened.

There were no comments.

Public hearing was closed.

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

RESOLVED to approve the request of VDJ Group, LLC d/b/a Mainely Meat on Main, 193 Main Street, for renewal of a City Class B License (Victualer/Liquor/Amusement) and renewal of a State Restaurant (Class I, II, III, IV) Liquor License (Malt, Spirituous and Vinous).

Council Order #031505, Request to deed two parcels in Commerce Park plus 11 acres at the end of Commerce Park to the Ellsworth Business Development Corporation to generate seed money to assist in development of the Ellsworth area. (Sponsored by Councilor Crosthwaite).

**Approved - Council
Order #031505, the
request of the EBDC
Board for the City of
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Chairman Crosthwaite stated he requested this item be placed on the agenda this evening. Micki Sumpter, Economic Development Director introduced the speakers this evening. Sumpter explained the request in regards to the two unsold parcels at the Commerce Park along with the remaining 11 acres. Sumpter introduced Charles Hewett, Vice President and COO of Jackson Laboratories. Hewett recognized the members of the Ellsworth Business Development Corporation (EBDC) Board that were present this evening as: Karen Stanley, Bob Merrill, Chuck Osgood, Teri Smith, Lili Pew, Renee Kelley, Mark Rosborough, Kevin Tesseo, and Tony McKim. Hewett shared his views on economic development and the necessary steps to make a project successful. See attachment #2 for the complete presentation. The EBDC Board has been focused on three projects; they are bringing natural gas to Ellsworth, the Broad Band Project, and the Incubator Project. Hewett stated the Natural Gas Project is a long term project that will be a while before it becomes a reality. The Broad Band Project will accelerate as the building season begins this spring. Hewett explained the Incubator Project and the long term potential this program will bring to the City. The Board is also working on developing educational programs to support the first two projects, creating new professional housing opportunities and ways to stimulate Main Street. Hewett stated the Board will be seeking help from the Council as they move into a position with the Incubator Project where the Board will need to guarantee resources, as well as have operating expenses. The Board does not have any resources to put toward these obligations other than some in-kind donations. These needs are what led to the resolve placed before the Council this evening. Hewett congratulated the Council for setting up the Corporation. Councilor Fortier thanked Hewett for his role in this process.

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

RESOLVED to approve Council Order #031505, the request of the EBDC Board for the City of Ellsworth to deed EBDC the last two unsold parcels in Commerce Park, Map 42, Lot 8-1-10 & Lot 8-1-4 plus the 11 acres on Map 42 Lot 8-1 at the end of Commerce Park. Further allow EBDC to sell the parcels at negotiable and/or market value rates. The Corporation's net earnings shall be devoted exclusively for the benefit of performing the functions of, carrying out the foregoing purposes, and no part of said net earnings shall become beneficial or advantage to any private shareholder or individual. Further move that the City of Ellsworth would like to retain a 100' right-of-way to the right of the cul-de-sac for

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Before a vote was taken Councilor Moore stated the concepts and projects as discussed tonight are very exciting. The consensus was the EBDC Board understood the reasons behind the City retaining a 100' right-of-way for future development purposes. Fortier did not want the remaining acreage to be landlocked.

A vote was taken on the above motion with all members voting unanimously in favor.

Council Order #031506, Discussion and action on holding a Special Municipal School Budget Validation Referendum Election on June 9, 2015 for the purpose of the City of Ellsworth voters to vote on the school budget validation referendum question.

Approved - Council Order #031506, holding a Special Municipal School Budget Validation Referendum Election on June 9, 2015 for the purpose of the City of Ellsworth voters to vote on the school budget validation referendum question.

There was no discussion prior to a motion being made.

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

RESOLVED to approve Council Order #031506, the request of the City Manager to approve holding a Special Municipal School Budget Validation Referendum Election on June 9, 2015 for the purpose of the City of Ellsworth voters to vote on the school budget validation referendum question.

Adjournment.

Approved - Adjournment at 7:30 PM.

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

RESOLVED to approve adjournment at 7:30 PM.

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ATTEST: _____

HEIDI-NOËL GRINDLE