

**RECORD OF REGULAR MEETING
ELLSWORTH CITY COUNCIL**

DATE: MAY 18, 2015

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: ELLSWORTH CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

**CITY COUNCIL PRESENT: BEATHEM, BLANCHETTE, CROSTHWAITE,
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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 minutes from the following meeting (s) of the Ellsworth City Council:

April 20, 2015 Regular Meeting.

May 8, 2015 Special Meeting.

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

RESOLVED to approve adoption of the Ellsworth City Council minutes from the following meetings April 20, 2015 Regular Meeting and May 8, 2015 Special Meeting as presented this evening.

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

Call to Order.

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Chairman Crosthwaite requested an item be added to the agenda this evening under Item #13, an addition to the list of public hearings on the Ellsworth School budget resolutions. Crosthwaite suggested this be Order #051510A.

Approved - Adding Council Order #051510A this evening.

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

RESOLVED to approve adding Council Order #051510A this evening.

Before a vote was taken, Fortier inquired which of the two options Crosthwaite would like to add. The decision was left open.

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

City Manager's Report.

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Interim City Manager David Cole reported after Memorial Day the Maine DOT will be starting a resurfacing project on Route 1 (Bucksport Road). This will be a mill and fill project. The urban area from Court Street to Christian Ridge will be completed first and then the project will extend out to the North Bend Road.

The Maine DOT will be installing a centerline rumble strip on Rt. 1A from the Green Lake Road to the Mariaville Road. Gaps in the strips will allow passage into driveways and side roads. The work will be completed between 9 AM and 3 PM to avoid heavy traffic times. The project is expected to be completed by the end of August.

June 6, 2015 is National Trails Day. To celebrate this day, the City of Ellsworth is partnering with the Frenchman Bay Conservancy to conduct a trail cleanup day at the Branch Lake Public Forest. Volunteers are needed for this event; anyone interested in helping between 9 AM and 12 PM should contact Michele Gagnon, City Planner. Cole provided the contact information for Gagnon. Councilor Fortier noted this opportunity would qualify for community service hours for high

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school students.

Cole announced the Harbor Park is open for the season.

Fortier asked Cole to explain the recent issue with water pressure on the west side of Ellsworth. Cole will provide a report, once he meets with Larry Wilson, Water Superintendent who is just returning from vacation.

Committee Reports.

➤ *Harbor Commission.* Councilor Moore stated the Harbor Commission met this month. Moore thanked Larry Wilson, Public Works Director and Adam Wilson, Harbormaster for their creative thinking which resulted in a solution for installing the slips. The Harbor is open. There are still a few mooring sites available as well as two spots open on the float docks.

➤ *Recreation Commission.* Councilor Blanchette stated the Commission met May 6. Uriah Hon was nominated as the newest member of the Commission. Blanchette provided an update on the construction progress at the Knowlton Park. There will be storage available on site for the ice rink supplies. There were some parking concerns; however, those parking issues seem to be improving. A 6' fence in the outfield at the Athletic fields is expected to cost \$18,000. The Outdoor Movies will be held at Ellsworth High School this season.

➤ *Ellsworth School Department New Visioning Committee.* Councilor Perkins stated the schools Mission and Vision Survey is now available. The Committee would like as many people as possible take the survey. The survey is available online at ellsworthschools.org or printed copies can be picked up in the main office of the schools.

➤ *Cable TV Consortium.* Councilor Fortier stated the Consortium will meet next week with the attorney to review the final offer for the Time Warner franchise. There will be meetings with their technical department, the second and

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fourth week of June.

➤ Councilor Moore congratulated Police Chief Coleman for finishing first in the color run sponsored by Downeast Horizons.

Citizens' Comments.

There were no citizens' comments this month.

Councilor Fortier acknowledged receipt of an email from a neighbor of the basketball courts. The letter addressed concern with the basketball courts; the letter will be shared with the Recreation Commission and has been included in the minutes as attachment #1.

Chairman Crosthwaite acknowledged receipt of the same email.

Crosthwaite acknowledged an email from a couple that resides in Ellsworth. They were concerned with the upcoming budget and its effect upon the taxes particularly for the seniors in the City. The email has been included in the minutes as attachment #2.

Presentation of Awards.

*Recognition of the Hancock County Technical Center SkillsUSA State
Championship Medalists.*

Chairman Crosthwaite introduced Amy Boles, the Director of Hancock County Technical Center (HCTC). Boles explained every year the technical school competes at SkillsUSA, which is a national competition held in every state holds for career and technical students. They compete in areas of their trade and/or in areas of employability skills. HCTC sent its largest team which broke the State record for number of medalists from an individual school. Thirty different medals

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were awarded across five different high schools that send students to HCTC. Twenty-three students will be attending the National SkillsUSA competition to represent the State of Maine in Louisville, Kentucky in June. Boles presented awards to the students who were in attendance at the meeting.

Tammy Mote for 15 years of service with the Finance Department.

Tammy Mote was present to accept her service award from Chairman Crosthwaite on behalf of the citizens of Ellsworth.

Lori Roberts for 15 years of service with the City of Ellsworth.

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Dwight Tilton for 10 years of service with the Code Enforcement.

Dwight Tilton was not in attendance and his award will be given to his supervisor for presentation at a later date.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were no items under Unfinished Business this month

CONSENT AGENDA

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There were no items under the Consent Agenda this month.

T. Mote – 15 years with the Finance Department.

L. Roberts – 15 years with the City of Ellsworth.

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NEW BUSINESS

Public hearing and action on the applications for issuance for the following licenses:

Shinbashi Inc. d/b/a Shinbashi Restaurant, 139 High Street, for renewal of a City Class C License (victualer and liquor) and renewal of a State Restaurant (Class I, II, III, IV) Malt, Spirituous and Vinous Liquor License.

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 Fortier, seconded by Moore, it was unanimously

RESOLVED to approve the request of Shinbashi Inc. d/b/a Shinbashi Restaurant, 139 High Street, for renewal of a City Class C License (victualer and liquor) and renewal of a State Restaurant (Class I, II, III, IV) Malt, Spirituous and Vinous Liquor License.

Finn's Irish Pub, Inc d/b/a Finn's Irish Pub, 156 Main Street, for renewal of a City Class B License (Amusement, Liquor, and Victualer) and renewal of a State Restaurant/Lounge (Class XI) Malt, Spirituous, Vinous Liquor License.

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

New Business.

Approved - Shinbashi Inc. d/b/a Shinbashi Restaurant, 139 High Street, for renewal of a City Class C License (victualer and liquor) and renewal of a State Restaurant (Class I, II, III, IV) Malt, Spirituous and Vinous Liquor License.

Approved - Finn's Irish Pub, Inc d/b/a Finn's Irish Pub, 156 Main Street, for renewal of a City Class B License (Amusement, Liquor,

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Public hearing was opened.

There were no comments.

Public hearing was closed.

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

RESOLVED to approve the request of Finn's Irish Pub, Inc d/b/a Finn's Irish Pub, 156 Main Street, for renewal of a City Class B License (Amusement, Liquor, and Victualer) and renewal of a State Restaurant/Lounge (Class XI) Malt, Spirituous, Vinous Liquor License.

The Mex Inc. d/b/a The Mex, 191 Main Street, for renewal of a City Class C License (victualer and liquor) and renewal of a State Restaurant (Class I, II, III, IV), Malt, Spirituous and Vinous Liquor License.

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 Blanchette, seconded by Fortier, it was unanimously

RESOLVED to approve the request of The Mex Inc. d/b/a The Mex, 191 Main Street, for renewal of a City Class C License (victualer and liquor) and renewal of a State Restaurant (Class I, II, III, IV), Malt, Spirituous and Vinous Liquor License.

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Approved - The Mex Inc. d/b/a The Mex, 191 Main Street, for renewal of a City Class C License (victualer and liquor) and renewal of a State Restaurant (Class I, II, III, IV), Malt, Spirituous and Vinous Liquor License.

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Council Order #051501, 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.

Amanda Tupper, Tax Collector, explained four timeshare units were sold during the course of the last month. See attachment # 3 for the sale price and purchaser information. Tupper is requesting permission to accept the payment and authorization to have the City Manager sign the municipal quit-claim deed.

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

RESOLVED to approve Council Order #051501, Request of the Tax Collector to accept payments on tax acquired timeshare units per the attached spreadsheet (attachment #3) and to authorize the City Manager to release said properties through Municipal Quit-Claim Deeds.

Council Order #051502, Discussion and action on the request of the Ellsworth Public Library Board of Trustees for a Municipal Bond Referendum on November 3, 2015 for the purpose of allowing the voters to act on the issuance of a city bond in the total amount of \$4,950,000, including bond costs, with said bond principal in the amount of \$4,796,078 to be used for the purpose of repairing, renovating, and expanding the current Library facility.

Charlene Churchill, Library Director, introduced Ron Fortier, the Chair of the Library Trustee Board. Churchill explained their request is for permission to place a bond referendum before the City voters in November. If approved, the bond referendum would supply the funds needed to complete work to the library. A long range plan, a building program, concept design, and feasibility study have all been completed. See attachment #4 for the complete proposal as presented this evening.

Some of the required work includes preservation work especially on the Tisdale House, the original building. The library is experiencing space limitations within

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Approved - Council Order #051502, authorize a Municipal Bond Referendum, as requested by the Board of Library Trustees, to be held on November 3, 2015 for the purpose of allowing the voters to vote on the issuance of a city bond in the total amount of \$4,950,000, including bond costs, with said bond principal in the

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several of the departments, including the genealogy and local history area, the children's area, and teen area. The work that is being proposed in attachment #4 will create larger and more appropriate space for those departments in particular. There are also some major building systems that are nearing their useful lives. Churchill noted some safety issues that will be resolved through this project as well.

Chairman Crosthwaite noted the Council has heard several formal presentations on this concept over the past year or so, as well as a meeting with the Trustee Board to hear about the vision and mission of this project. By approving this request tonight, Trustees will be able to design a campaign which will get the message out to the voters. Councilor Moore noted that the package contained in attachment #4 was very complete. Churchill stated the Library's website has some of the information and as the project moves forward more of the information will be posted there.

Currently, there are campaigns to raise private donations from residents and businesses as well as applying for grants to supplement. Churchill stated they are hoping to raise a minimum of \$1.5 for the project through private donations and grants. This would allow for the priority list to be completed such as save the Tisdale House and update the systems. Ron Fortier stated the scope of the project has been trimmed since prior presentation to the point that the Board feels it will accomplish what needs to be completed and is more affordable. Councilor Blanchette discussed the current condition of the facility as presented in attachment #4. He shared his concerns in regards to yearly maintenance with the sidewalks and shrubs, which were noted specifically in the attached material. Councilor Fortier stated he feels the Board has designed a project that is financially realistic and felt it was time to submit the request to the public for a formal vote. Councilor Moore supported the request as the Library serves a cultural importance, and that is time to let the public have a voice in the future of the Library.

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

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RESOLVED to approve Council Order #051502, authorize a Municipal Bond Referendum, as requested by the Board of Library Trustees, to be held on November 3, 2015 for the purpose of allowing the voters to vote on the issuance of a city bond in the total amount of \$4,950,000, including bond costs, with said bond principal in the amount of \$4,796,078 to be used for the purpose of repairing, renovating, and expanding the current Ellsworth Public Library facility.

A final vote was taken on the above motion with six members voting in favor (Beathem, Crosthwaite, Fortier, Moore, Perkins and Phillips) and 1 member voting in opposition (Blanchette).

Council Order #051503, Request of the Water Superintendent to purchase a generator for the Water Treatment Plant at Branch Lake.

Larry Wilson, Water Superintendent, explained he included \$50,000 in his current budget to purchase a generator. He obtained three quotes from vendors, after following up with questions raised by Councilors. Wilson stated the bid from CMD Powersystems, Inc on a Cummins Onan generator was the lowest bid at \$50,284.15. See attachment #5 for the complete bid and specification sheet from CMD Powersystems, Inc. as well as a summary of the bids received. Wilson is recommending the Council approve the lowest bid. There was a short discussion on the different options between the generators. The Finance Director authorized the expenditure, as it was included in the Capital Improvement budget last year. The Water Department Capital Improvement Account has a balance of \$50,000. Councilor Moore asked for an explanation of what the generator would be used for. Wilson explained when the generator would be used. The last two sanitation surveys conducted by the State of Maine recommended the City have a backup generator since it is critical to keep water flowing during a crisis. Councilor Phillips explained the reasons behind the size of the generator.

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

Approved - Council Order #051503, to award the purchase of a generator as specified for the Water Treatment Plant to the lowest bidder, CMD Powersystems, Inc., at a cost of \$50,284.15 to be paid for through the Water Department Capital Improvement Account.

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RESOLVED to approve Council Order #051503, to award the purchase of a generator as specified for the Water Treatment Plant to the lowest bidder, CMD Powersystems, Inc., at a cost of \$50,284.15 to be paid for through the Water Department Capital Improvement Account.

Public hearing and action on the following Ellsworth School Budget Resolutions for FY 2016:

Council Order #051504, Order Approving State/Local EPS Funding Allocation For Public Education From Kindergarten To Grade 12 For Ellsworth Schools For FY2016.

Public hearing opened.

There were no comments.

Public hearing closed.

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

RESOLVED to approve Council Order #051504, Order Approving State/Local EPS Funding Allocation For Public Education From Kindergarten To Grade 12 For Ellsworth Schools For FY2016 as read into the record and presented in attachment #6.

Council Order #051505, Order Approving Non-State Funded School Construction Debt Service For Ellsworth Schools For FY2016.

Public hearing opened.

There were no public comments; however, Councilor Fortier inquired if this item referred to the high school or the middle school. Superintendent Higgins stated this item is related to the Elementary Middle School only.

Approve Council Order #051504, Order Approving State/Local EPS Funding Allocation For Public Education From Kindergarten To Grade 12 For Ellsworth Schools For FY2016 as read into the record and presented in attachment #6.

Approved - Council Order #051505, Order Approving Non-State Funded School Construction Debt Service For Ellsworth Schools (Elementary/Middle

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Public hearing closed.

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

**RESOLVED to approve Council Order #051505, Order Approving Non-State
Funded School Construction Debt Service For Ellsworth Schools
(Elementary/Middle School only) For FY2016 as read into the record and
presented in attachment #6.**

*Council Order #051506, Order Raising And Appropriating Additional Local
Funds For Ellsworth Schools For FY2016.*

Chairman Crosthwaite noted that within the Resolve contained in attachment #6
the reference to the Ellsworth School Committee needs to be amended to Ellsworth
School Board.

Public hearing opened.

There were no public comments; however, Councilor Blanchette asked
Superintendent Higgins to explain the language “maintain class size”. Higgins
explained this funding is used to maintain the early elementary class sizes as mid
to upper teens per room. This is a recommended class size and it also allows the
class sizes at the high school level to be maintained and allows for the Freshman
Academy (a program that helps students transition from the Middle School to High
School).

Public hearing closed.

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

**RESOLVED to approve Council Order #051506, Order Raising And
Appropriating Additional Local Funds For Ellsworth Schools For FY2016 as**

**School only) For
FY2016 as read into
the record and
presented in
attachment #6.**

**Approved - Council
Order #051506,
Order Raising And
Appropriating
Additional Local
Funds For Ellsworth
Schools For FY2016
as read into the
record and presented
in attachment #6
with the amendment
of School Committee
to School Board.**

**RECORD OF REGULAR MEETING
ELLSWORTH CITY COUNCIL**

DATE: MAY 18, 2015

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: ELLSWORTH CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

CITY COUNCIL ABSENT:

**KEY SPEAKERS PRESENT: INTERIM CITY MANAGER DAVID COLE,
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AND MAGNUS MCLETCHE.**

*read into the record and presented in attachment #6 with the amendment of
School Committee to School Board.*

*Council Order #051507, Order Approving Total School Operating Budget for
Ellsworth Schools for FY2016.*

Public hearing opened.

There were no comments.

Public hearing closed.

Councilor Fortier noted that within the Resolve contained in attachment #6 the
reference to the Ellsworth School Committee needs to be amended to Ellsworth
School Board.

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

**RESOLVED to approve Council Order #051507, Order Approving Total School
Operating Budget for Ellsworth Schools for FY2016 as read into the record and
presented in attachment #6 with the amendment of School Committee to School
Board.**

*Council Order #051508, Order Appropriating And Raising Funds For Adult
Education For FY 2016 As Required By The Maine Revised Statues, Title 20-A
M.R.S.A. §8603-A(1).*

Public hearing opened.

There were no comments.

Public hearing closed.

**Approved - Council
Order #051507,
Order Approving
Total School
Operating Budget for
Ellsworth Schools for
FY2016 as read into
the record and
presented in
attachment #6 with
the amendment of
School Committee to
School Board.**

**Approved - Council
Order #051508,
Order Appropriating
And Raising Funds
For Adult Education
For FY 2016 As
Required By The
Maine Revised
Statues, Title 20-A
M.R.S.A. §8603-A(1)**

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CITY COUNCIL ABSENT:

**KEY SPEAKERS PRESENT: INTERIM CITY MANAGER DAVID COLE,
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AND MAGNUS MCLETCHE.**

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

RESOLVED to approve Council Order #051508, Order Appropriating And Raising Funds For Adult Education For FY 2016 As Required By The Maine Revised Statues, Title 20-A M.R.S.A. §8603-A(1) as read into the record and presented in attachment #6.

Council Order #051509, Order To Raise Local Funds For Food Service In The Ellsworth Public Schools for FY2016.

Public hearing opened.

There were no comments.

Public hearing closed.

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

RESOLVED to approve Council Order #051509, Order To Raise Local Funds For Food Service In The Ellsworth Public Schools for FY2016 as read into the record and presented in attachment #6.

Council Order #051510, Order To Authorize Expenditure Of Grants And Other Receipts For School Department Programs.

Chairman Crosthwaite noted that within the Resolve contained in attachment #6 the reference to the Ellsworth School Committee needs to be amended to Ellsworth School Board.

Public hearing opened.

There were no comments.

as read into the record and presented in attachment #6.

Approved - Council Order #051509, Order To Raise Local Funds For Food Service In The Ellsworth Public Schools for FY2016 as read into the record and presented in attachment #6.

Approved - Council Order #051510, Order To Authorize Expenditure Of Grants And Other Receipts For School Department Programs as read into the record and presented in attachment #6 with

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AND MAGNUS MCLETCHE.**

Public hearing closed.

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

**RESOLVED to approve Council Order #051510, Order To Authorize
Expenditure Of Grants And Other Receipts For School Department Programs as
read into the record and presented in attachment #6 with the amendment of
School Committee to School Board.**

*Council Order #051510A, Order Approving Reduction in Local Tax Assessments
in the Event of an Increase in State Funding for Public Schools for FY2016.*

Public hearing opened.

There were no comments.

Public hearing closed.

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

**RESOLVED to approve Council Order #051510A, Order Approving Reduction
in Local Tax Assessments in the Event of an Increase in State Funding for
Public Schools for FY2016 as read into the record and presented in attachment
#7.**

Chairman Crosthwaite reminded the public there would be a referendum vote on June 9, 2015 for approval on the school budget as it has been presented this evening. The public was invited to take part in this opportunity and to take the time to educate themselves on the budget process on both a municipal and state level. Crosthwaite spoke briefly on the budget process and cooperation demonstrated between the School and the City throughout that process. Councilor Phillips stated the School Department has increased their expenditures by less than 3%. They have done a great job controlling the expenses the problem is with the

the amendment of
School Committee to
School Board.

Approved - Council
Order #051510A,
Order Approving
Reduction in Local
Tax Assessments in
the Event of an
Increase in State
Funding for Public
Schools for FY2016
as read into the
record and presented
in attachment #7.

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decrease in reimbursements from the State of Maine. Councilor Perkins stated the State of Maine funding of school budgets is a very complex concept and it is still revolving. There are many unknowns at this point and more information coming out on this topic in the next few weeks. It is important for the public to know and consider.

Council Order #051511, Authorization for the Interim City Manager and City Council Chairman to provide a letter of support to the Jackson Laboratory (JAX) for a Federal US EDA (US Economic Development Administration) Grant Application for infrastructure upgrades to the JAX-Ellsworth facility.

Chairman Crosthwaite asked for the Council's support on a letter that is being provided to Jackson Laboratory (JAX) as well as a Council Resolution. Interim City Manager David Cole explained JAX purchased the old Lowe's building in 2012. Recently, JAX received a grant from the Maine Technology Institute to initiate a pilot project. Cole believed the grant to be in the amount of \$1.7 million, which JAX is matching. This project is expected to start shortly. Parallel to that project JAX is also looking to the future build out of this facility, at the point the pilot program is successful. The expansion of the Lowe's building could potentially create 365 new jobs. The pilot project as already funded will create 33 new jobs. Cole stated JAX is currently seeking funding from the US Economic Development Administration through a grant for the core infrastructure within that building that would allow for the build out of the facility. This would include the communications element, fiber, energy, security, water, wastewater, and other items that are necessary. They are applying for this grant and then will match the funds with another \$2.1 million, resulting in a total project cost of \$4.25 million. This is significant investment in the City of Ellsworth. The funding agency is requesting a Resolution ensuring the project is consistent with the development plan for the City. See attachment #8 for the complete Council Resolution being presented to JAX Laboratory. Cole briefly read into record the proposed Resolution as presented this evening in attachment #8. Cole stated along with the formal Resolution he would like to send a letter expanding upon this concept if the Council so wished. This is a crucial project for the increased economic

Approved - Council Order #051511, Authorization for the Interim City Manager and City Council Chairman to sign a letter of support to the Jackson Laboratory (JAX) for a Federal US EDA (US Economic Development Administration) Grant Application for infrastructure upgrades to the JAX-Ellsworth facility and to provide a formal Resolution as presented in attachment #8.

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development within the City of Ellsworth.

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

RESOLVED to approve Council Order #051511, Authorization for the Interim City Manager and City Council Chairman to sign a letter of support to the Jackson Laboratory (JAX) for a Federal US EDA (US Economic Development Administration) Grant Application for infrastructure upgrades to the JAX-Ellsworth facility and to provide a formal Resolution as presented in attachment #8.

Adjournment.

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

RESOLVED to approve adjournment at 8:20 PM.

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**ATTEST: _____
HEIDI-NOËL GRINDLE**

**Approved -
Adjournment at 8:20
PM.**