

**RECORD OF SPECIAL MEETING  
ELLSWORTH CITY COUNCIL**

**DATE: JULY 13, 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: INTERIM CITY MANAGER DAVID COLE,  
TAMMY MOTE, TERI DANE, RICHARD TUPPER, MICKI SUMPTER, MIKE  
HANGGE, AND KEVIN DEPRENGER.**

*Call to Order.*

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

Councilor Crosthwaite requested the rules be suspended for the purpose of taking item #4, Council Order #071500, Review and acceptance of the results from the City of Ellsworth School Budget Validation Referendum Election on July 7, 2015, out of order. This request requires a 2/3 majority vote of the members present and voting to take this item out of order.

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

**RESOLVED to approve suspending the rules and taking item #4 out of order.**

*Council Order #071500, Review and acceptance of the results from the City of Ellsworth School Budget Validation Referendum Election on July 7, 2015.*

There was no discussion prior to a motion being made. See attachment # 1, for the complete results.

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

**RESOLVED to approve Council Order #071500, acceptance of the July 7, 2015 City of Ellsworth School Budget Validation Referendum Election results as presented in attachment #1.**

**Unfinished Business.**

*Public hearing and action on Budget Resolutions for FY 2016. (Public hearing was held on 6/15/2015).*

Tammy Mote, Finance Director stated she provided the Council with a copy of the updated budget (see attachment #2) as well as a summary sheet that reflects the estimated mil-rate. Mote made a few changes based on the cuts and the additional revenues from the State of Maine. The Resolves from attachment #2 are required to

**Call to Order.**

**Approved -  
Suspending the rules  
and taking item #4  
out of order.**

**Approved - Council  
Order #071500,  
acceptance of the  
July 7, 2015 City of  
Ellsworth School  
Budget Validation  
Referendum Election  
results as presented  
in attachment #1.**

**Unfinished Business.**

**Approved - Budget  
Resolutions for FY  
2016 as presented  
this evening, resolves  
read into the record,  
and contained in the  
minutes as**

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be read into the record. The Resolve from page 1 and the additional Resolve found on page 4 (dog eared page) was read into the official record. It is not necessary to read all the numbers into the record. Mote explained the original budget projections set the estimated mil-rate at \$18.04, after the changes were made the estimated mil-rate dropped to \$17.75.

**attachment #2.**

Before a motion was made Chairman Crosthwaite read into the record the required Resolves. Crosthwaite read the Net Municipal Budget for FY 2016 will be \$8,142,807 and the Ellsworth School Department will be \$11,067,393 into the official record. Following the second Resolve on page 4 being read into the record, Crosthwaite read the following dollar figures into the record:

Capital Improvements Budget, \$723,233	Ellsworth Public Library, \$720,502
Water Department, \$1,214,361	Wastewater Treatment, \$1,685,789.

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

**RESOLVED to approve Budget Resolutions for FY 2016 as presented this evening, resolves read into the record, and contained in the minutes as attachment #2.**

**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 voting in opposition (Phillips).**

*Public hearing and action on the intent of the Ellsworth City Council to increase the property tax limit for FY 2016 (LD1). (Public hearing was held on 6/15/2015)*

**Approved -  
Removing this item  
from the agenda this  
evening.**

Tammy Mote, Finance Director explained the original budget that was presented during the budget process and later during the public hearing held on June 15, 2015 indicated the budget would exceed the LD 1 level. If a budget exceeds this limit the Council is required to authorize the amount over the State approved amount. See attachment #3 for a complete explanation of the request as it was heard and tabled at the June 15, 2015 Regular meeting and the June 26, 2015 Special meeting. Mote explained once the new figures were entered into the formula it was determined the proposed FY 2016 Budget would not exceed the LD 1 amount. Mote stated this item does not require a vote or formal action tonight. Chairman Crosthwaite stated a simple vote to remove this item from the agenda would be sufficient.

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

**RESOLVED to approve removing this item from the agenda this evening.**

**New Business.**

*Executive session to discuss personnel matters in accordance with MRSA Title 1, Chapter 13, Section 405, Paragraph 6A.*

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

**RESOLVED to approve entering executive session to discuss personnel matters in accordance with MRSA Title 1, Chapter 13, Section 405, Paragraph 6A at 7:15 PM.**

David Cole remained in the Executive Session.

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

**RESOLVED to approve adjourning from the executive session at 7:38 PM.**

*Council Order #071501, Discussion and action on the selection and hiring of one of the recommended candidates to the office of City Manager for the City of Ellsworth.*

There was no discussion on this item prior to a motion being made. See attachment #4 for the complete Employment Agreement.

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

**RESOLVED to approve Council Order #071501, hiring David Cole as the City Manager for the City of Ellsworth per the employment agreement the Council has before them (attachment #4). This agreement is entered into on July 13, 2015 and continues in force for three years beginning on August 17, 2015. The starting salary will be \$96,000; following a successful 6 month evaluation the salary will be increased to \$98,000. The document before the Council this evening has a few minor typographical errors that the Council has requested be corrected. The Council will sign the final document at the July 20, 2015 Regular Council meeting.**

New Business.

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

**Approved - Adjourning executive session at 7:38 PM.**

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Chairman Crosthwaite clarified the official start date will be August 17, 2015. Fortier stated his charge to Cole was to keep the “wheels of the economic development” rolling, as it is Cole’s strength and background. This was one of the main reasons Fortier was very supportive of hiring Cole. Crosthwaite thanked the Council for their diligence throughout the hiring during the previous 5.5 months and Cole for doing a great job as the Interim Manager. Crosthwaite gave a brief overview of the process that was used throughout the past five months. Cole will continue as the Interim City Manager until he takes the full time position on August 17, 2015. Cole thanked the Council for the time he has been here and described his future plans for the City. Fortier thanked Crosthwaite for the extra time and effort he has put into this process over the past six months.

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

*Adjournment.*

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

**RESOLVED to approve adjournment at 7:46 PM.**

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**successful 6 month evaluation the salary will be increased to \$98,000. The document before the Council this evening has a few minor typographical errors that the Council has requested be fixed. The Council will sign the final document at the July 20, 2015 Regular Council meeting.**

**Approved -  
Adjournment at 7:46 PM.**