

**RECORD OF REGULAR MEETING
ELLSWORTH CITY COUNCIL**

DATE: AUGUST 17, 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:

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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 meetings of the Ellsworth City Council:
07/13/2015 Special Meeting.
07/20/2015 Regular Monthly Meeting.

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

RESOLVED to approve adoption of minutes from the following meetings of the Ellsworth City Council 07/13/2015 Special Meeting and 07/20/2015 Regular Monthly Meeting.

City Manager's Report.

Chairman Crosthwaite welcomed for the first time City Manager David Cole. Cole reported Wednesday would be a soft opening for the new Knowlton Park and specifically the new splash pad. During this event the Press and the Public will receive a sneak preview of all the different aspects of the new Knowlton Park that have been taking shape over the past few months. The donor and volunteer

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recognition as well as the Park dedication will take place on September 27, 2015 as part of the Autumn Gold Celebration. Cole emphasized that while the splash pad, children's play areas, and walking paths will be open, there will be some areas of the park still being hydro-seeded. The grass will need time to settle and start to grow, during this time the public is encouraged to stay off those areas. Cole congratulated Michele Gagnon and Janna Newman on behalf of the City for obtaining a grant for the City of Ellsworth. The Grant funds will be used to replace the culvert on Davis Brook and the Shore Road. Cole gave a brief overview of the project.

Committee Reports.

➤ *Recreation Commission* – Councilor Blanchette reported this Commission met on August 5, 2015. There was a discussion concerning the new playground being closed at the same time the Middle School playground was closed to the public. This was a coincidence as the Middle School was performing some routine maintenance and the new playground was closed for a brief time while specific construction was completed on the new park. The Outdoor Movies have seen a very high attendance rate this summer. The Wednesday night band has been averaging an audience of 40 to 60 people. The 9/10 year old baseball/softball tournaments were well attended a few weeks ago. The local restaurants and lodging facilities all benefited from the spectators of the tournaments. Blanchette announced the movie “Ellsworth Movie Queen” will be showing on Wednesday night at the Moore Community Center. This was filmed in Ellsworth during June of 1935.

➤ *Harbor Commission.* Councilor Moore reported that 11 transit boaters have docked at the Harbor this season resulting in \$1,722 in revenues to the City. One slip was rented for three weeks and another was rented for two weeks. Adam Wilson, Harbormaster reported that three additional boats have reserved space on the float docks. 1,649 gallons of gas have been sold this month which is better than the gas sales during this month last year. Moore thanked Cadillac Mountain Sports for the kayak rack that is now located at the Harbor. There was a discussion on potential rates for use of the kayak rack, a final figure was not decided on. Wilson has built some additional trash cans for the Harbor Park. The Concert Band has been performing at the Harbor on Wednesday evenings; based on their outstanding

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attendance rate they have indicated they plan to continue having the concerts at the Harbor next year. There are musical performances at the Harbor on Wednesday and Friday evenings. The Harbor Commission voted on upgrading one of the picnic tables currently covered with an awning to a smaller gazebo type of structure. Wilson will start on this project shortly. There was an ambitious discussion concerning extending the river walk, this one would include linking a series of docks to reach from the cove to the other side of Indian Point. The truck and trailer parking has been relocated from the middle of the parking lot to the gravel lot behind the Harbormaster's office. By relocating this parking it has added 8-10 new angled parking spaces.

➤ *League of Towns.* Councilor Fortier stated a meeting was held on Great Cranberry to plan for the Elected Officials Workshop that is held every October. Fortier will let the Council know as soon as the date is finalized. Fortier invited David Cole, City Manager to join him at the next meeting, which will be held during the last week of September on Swan's Island.

Citizens' Comments.

There were no citizens' comments this month.

Presentation of Awards.

New Ellsworth Police Officer oath of office ceremony.

Chairman Crosthwaite explained the new officer was sworn in on Friday, due to an unexpected change with the first day of her Police Academy starting on Monday rather than Tuesday. Crosthwaite welcomed the new officer to the Department on behalf of the City Council.

Martha Dodge, for five years of service with the Ellsworth Public Library.

Martha Dodge was not in attendance; her award will be given to her supervisor for presentation at a later date.

Abby Morrow, for five years of service with the Ellsworth Public Library.

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

**years with the
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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Unfinished Business.

There were no items under Unfinished Business this month.

CONSENT AGENDA

**Approved - Consent
Agenda as presented
this evening.**

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 #081501, Request of the Deputy Treasurer/Tax Collector to initiate civil actions in the name of the City of Ellsworth for the purpose of collecting delinquent personal property taxes. **

**Approved – Council
Order #081501,
initiate civil actions.**

See attachment #1 for a complete explanation.

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

RESOLVED to approve the Consent Agenda as presented this evening.

NEW BUSINESS

New Business.

Public hearing and action on the application for the following licenses:

Jennifer Goodrich Wing d/b/a Peppers Pub Inc., 20 Water Street, for renewal of a City Class B License (Amusement, Victualer, and Alcohol) and renewal of a State Malt, Spirituous and Vinous Class XI Restaurant/Lounge Liquor License.

**Approved - Jennifer
Goodrich Wing d/b/a
Peppers Pub Inc., 20
Water Street, for
renewal of a City
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The staff reports the premises are in compliance with required codes and ordinances necessary to issue the requested licenses.

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Public hearing was opened.

There were no comments.

Public hearing was closed.

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

RESOLVED to approve the request of Jennifer Goodrich Wing d/b/a Peppers Pub Inc., 20 Water Street, for renewal of a City Class B License (Amusement, Victualer, and Alcohol) and renewal of a State Malt, Spirituous and Vinous Class XI Restaurant/Lounge Liquor License.

Melanie Omlor-Fox d/b/a Helen's Restaurant of Ellsworth, 55 Downeast Highway, for renewal of a City Class C License (Victualer and Alcohol) and renewal of a State (Class I, II, III, IV) Restaurant 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 Moore, it was unanimously

RESOLVED to approve the request of Melanie Omlor-Fox d/b/a Helen's Restaurant of Ellsworth, 55 Downeast Highway, for renewal of a City Class C License (Victualer and Alcohol) and renewal of a State (Class I, II, III, IV) Restaurant Liquor License.

AARGH Inc., d/b/a Pat's Pizza, 396 High Street, for renewal of a City Class C License (Victualer and Alcohol) and renewal of a State Malt, Spirituous, and

(Amusement, Victualer, and Alcohol) and renewal of a State Malt, Spirituous and Vinous Class XI Restaurant/Lounge Liquor License.

Approved - Melanie Omlor-Fox d/b/a Helen's Restaurant of Ellsworth, 55 Downeast Highway, for renewal of a City Class C License (Victualer and Alcohol) and renewal of a State (Class I, II, III, IV) Restaurant Liquor License.

Approved - AARGH Inc., d/b/a Pat's

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Vinous (Class I, II, III, IV) Restaurant Liquor License.

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Public hearing was opened.

There were no comments.

Public hearing was closed.

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RESOLVED to approve the request of AARGH Inc., d/b/a Pat's Pizza, 396 High Street, for renewal of a City Class C License (Victualer and Alcohol) and renewal of a State Malt, Spirituous, and Vinous (Class I, II, III, IV) Restaurant Liquor License.

Council Order #081502, Request of the Public Works Director to award the hot bituminous asphalt contract for maintenance paving.

Larry Wilson, Public Works Director stated the City went out to bid for the purchase of hot bituminous asphalt. Five bids were received back out of the six that were requested. Lane Construction Corporation was the low bidder as demonstrated in attachment #2. Lane Construction Corporation bid \$347,491.00. This amount includes the Woodbine Cemetery, to be reimbursed \$36,080 by the Woodbine Cemetery Association and the Store Street Project which would be reimbursed \$11,208.50 by the businesses located in that area. The Water Department has a grant in the amount of \$15,000 to cover a portion of the work detailed in the bid submitted by Lane Construction Corporation. The grant for the Water Department will need to be matched by \$5,000 of in-kind work. Wilson stated this is being satisfied with the gravel work. Wilson stated after all the reimbursements are received the maintenance paving will cost the City approximately \$283,540.50. Councilor Perkins clarified that the \$11,208.50 to be reimbursed by the Store Street businesses will be divided among the affected

Pizza, 396 High Street, for renewal of a City Class C License (Victualer and Alcohol) and renewal of a State Malt, Spirituous, and Vinous (Class I, II, III, IV) Restaurant Liquor License.

Approved - Council Order #081502, Request of the Public Works Director to award the 2015 Maintenance Paving bid to the lowest bidder, The Lane Construction Corp., at the unit pricing bid for an estimated cost of \$347,491. Contract to be financed from the Local Roads Capital Improvement Account.

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businesses; this will not be a reimbursement of \$11,208.50 per business. Wilson confirmed this was correct and stated he had a list of how much each business would need to contribute. Attachment #2 contains a list of dimensions for each of the businesses involved in the project. Wilson stated the highest reimbursement will be approximately \$2,000. This project will replace the pavement from School Street to Camden National Bank. The City owns a 20' right-of-way through Store Street. Micki Sumpter, Economic Development Director spoke as she has been coordinating the project between the Public Works Director and the affected businesses. Sumpter stated there are nine businesses involved in this project, prior to the meeting to discuss this project there have already been four positive responses. Sumpter has scheduled a meeting with the businesses, Wilson, City Manager David Cole and herself to discuss the cost to the businesses and the requirement for all businesses to agree in order for the project to move forward. Sumpter stated the majority of businesses are very pleased with Wilson's role in this project. Perkins inquired if the businesses do not agree to this project will the funds be redirected to another project within the City. The City would not move forward with their portion if 100% of the businesses do not agree to reimburse for that portion of the project. Wilson explained if 100% of the funds are received from one side of Franklin Street the City will do that side of the project and will not do the other. Wilson felt strongly that all businesses would contribute as that street is in very bad shape.

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

RESOLVED to approve Council Order #081502, Request of the Public Works Director to award the 2015 Maintenance Paving bid to the lowest bidder, The Lane Construction Corp., at the unit pricing bid for an estimated cost of \$347,491. Contract to be financed from the Local Roads Capital Improvement Account.

Council Order #081503, Request of the Public Works Director to award a bid for the purchase of a new chassis and cab for the Public Works Department.

Larry Wilson, Public Works Director explained three bids were sent out on the new wheeler, only two bids were received back. See attachment #3 for a complete explanation, and copies of the bids received. Daigle & Houghton, Inc. was the

**Approved - Council
Order #081503,
Request of the Public
Works Director to
award the purchase
of a new 2016**

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lowest bidder at a price of \$93,986. Wilson stated both trucks meet specifications and therefore the demands of the Public Works Department. Extended warranties could be purchased anytime during the first twelve months of owning the truck. At that point there are different levels of extended warranties that could be purchased. Wilson stated an additional \$110 would need to be added to the bid received from Daigle & Houghton, Inc for a larger fuel tank. Daigle & Houghton, Inc is located next to Dysart's in Hermon. The price difference between the two trucks is \$211. Councilor Blanchette stated considering the cost to the Public Works Department when a repair is needed on the Western Star the cost savings of \$211 would disappear very quickly. Councilor Fortier inquired about the 3" difference in the front extension, Wilson stated this would not be a problem. The International trucks are the only ones that come with the standard 27" front extension all other trucks have a 24" front extension. There was a short discussion on a few other slight differences between the two bids, Wilson explained both trucks contained the elements; however may have a different name for the same equipment. Wilson clarified with both of the sales representatives that the trucks have a special undercoating direct from the manufacturer. Wilson stated both trucks are very good and the prices bid were very fair. Fortier inquired why the truck was not bid complete with the sander and plow unit. Wilson stated last time the truck was bid complete with the sander and plow it was not a positive experience. There was a short discussion on the cost of an extended warranty; the warranties appear to be the same price for the different levels between the two vendors. Councilor Beathem felt the specifications were basically written around the International Trucks. He further felt it was difficult to compare the two trucks that were bid on due to the specifications not being written generic enough to include other elements. Beathem felt the minimum requirements should have been listed rather than a specific item. He was in favor of awarding the bid to Colwell Diesel because they did meet the specifications as requested. Fortier agreed with Beathem as well as based on the economy of distance to travel in the case of a breakdown. The initial savings will be depleted on the first trip that requires two employees and an additional truck traveling to Hermon for service. Blanchette inquired if this discussion would send a negative message to companies that might want to bid on a truck purchase in the future. Beathem stated this discussion should result in changes to the truck specifications that are sent out in the future. There was a short discussion on how the specifications could be amended to state minimum requirements and be written broad enough to consider other makes of trucks.

**International 7500
SBA Truck & Cab
Chassis Wheeler for
the Public Works
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On a motion by Beathem, seconded by Fortier, it was

RESOLVED to approve Council Order #081503, Request of the Public Works Director to award the purchase of a new 2016 International 7500 SBA Truck & Cab Chassis Wheeler for the Public Works Department to Colwell Diesel Service at a cost of \$94,307 to be paid for through the Highway Equipment Capital Improvement Account. This truck meets all the specifications where as the Western Star did not meet all the specifications.

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).

Council Order #081504, Request of the Public Works Director to award a bid for the purchase of a body, sander and plow on the new chassis and cab for the Public Works Department.

Larry Wilson, Public Works Director explained two bids were received on the plow, wing/dump body and hopper sander package for the new truck purchased in the above agenda item. See attachment #4 for the complete quotes and specifications. H.P. Fairfield, LLC was the low bidder at a cost of \$65,854. Viking Cives of Maine was the highest; however, they did bid on the two stage plow as requested in the specifications. After the bid process was complete, Wilson discovered Viking was the only company that could provide a two stage plow; the other manufacturers do not make that style plow. Wilson stated the plow contained in H.P. Fairfield LLC's bid will meet the needs of the Public Works Department. Wilson is not recommending Viking based on his experiences last year. Councilor Fortier inquired if the price would be reduced from Viking if they provided a different plow. Wilson discussed this with the Viking representative and he was not provided a lower price. Wilson stated the representative with H.P. Fairfield was willing to give the City a credit on the plow portion, so that a two stage plow could be purchased from a different vendor. Wilson did not feel the benefits of a two stage plow justified the extra \$6,000 it would cost. Wilson explained how a two stage plow operates and the benefits of using one. This style of plow will only fit on a wheeler; the other trucks do not have a front end heavy enough to handle them.

Approved - Council Order #081504, request to award the purchase of a new 2016 Plow, Wing/Dump Body and Hopper Sander for the Public Works Department to the lowest bidder H.P. Fairfield, LLC., at a cost of \$65,854.00 to be paid for through the Highway Equipment Capital Improvement Account.

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Councilor Perkins inquired if the City may have missed out on potential bids given the bid documents specified a two stage plow. Wilson stated he did not think so, as there are only two plow manufactures in the State of Maine. H.P. Fairfield was the only manufacturer until Vikings came into the market. Councilor Phillips inquired if Wilson had investigated H.P. Fairfield's turn-around time. Wilson did not research the time-table; however, did make it clear he expects the delivery time to be punctual.

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

RESOLVED to approve Council Order #081504, request to award the purchase of a new 2016 Plow, Wing/Dump Body and Hopper Sander for the Public Works Department to the lowest bidder H.P. Fairfield, LLC., at a cost of \$65,854.00 to be paid for through the Highway Equipment Capital Improvement Account.

Before a vote was taken Councilor Beathem voiced his concern with the specifications being written for a specific item and was not general enough to allow for deviations. Therefore, a direct cost comparative between two similar plow units was not available. Beathem liked the idea of using a two stage plow system. There was a technical discussion on how the two stage plow systems are fitted to the different trucks and how they could be switched around to different equipment.

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

Council Order #081505, Request of the Public Works Director to approve the lease/purchase of a sidewalk tractor for the Public Works Department.

Larry Wilson, Public Works Director stated the Public Works Department tried out four different machines before making a recommendation on which one to lease. Wilson described the machines that the Department tried out. At this time, Wilson is recommending the 2016 Trackless MT6 Sidewalk Tractor Plow. This unit is adequate for the Department, simple to operate, has everyday parts on it that can be purchased from Napa, can utilize Ford parts, and was very user friendly. The other units the Department tried out was computerized and difficult to use. See

Approved - Council Order #081505, Request to purchase a 2016 Sidewalk Tractor Plow as specified for the Public Works Department to H.P. Fairfield, LLC. at a cost of \$163,795.00.

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attachment #5 for a copy of the quotes received from H.P. Fairfield, LLC. The unit will cost \$163,795 after the extra pump and valve are added. It is in stock and can be held for two months with an \$8,000 deposit. The attachments will need to be ordered and are expected to be received within 30 days. Councilor Fortier explained for the public this unit is more than a sidewalk plow. This piece of equipment will have a v-plow, snow blower, hydraulic drive sander, expandable chute, and a trackless boom flail mower. The City can use this equipment to perform the roadside mowing, which is done to keep the roadbeds from being overtaken. This piece of equipment can be used year around. Councilor Phillips voiced some concerns with the size of the mower in regards to the price of the piece of equipment. There was a lengthy discussion on the use of the tractor for the roadside mowing. Councilor Beathem clarified whether Phillips was questioning the purchase of the equipment or just the flail mower. Phillips stated the trackless sidewalk tractor is a good machine he is only concerned with the mower attachment.

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

RESOLVED to approve Council Order #081505, Request to purchase a 2016 Sidewalk Tractor Plow as specified for the Public Works Department to H.P. Fairfield, LLC. at a cost of \$163,795.00. The \$8,000 deposit to hold it is to be funded from the Highway Equipment Capital Account and the remainder to be paid from Fund Balance until financing is in place.

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).

Council Order #081506, Request of the Police Chief to award a bid for two new 2016 police cruisers.

Christopher Coleman, Police Chief explained three bids were sent out, two bids were received back. Casco Bay Ford did not return a bid. Coleman presented the bid results as contained in attachment #6. Quirk Ford of Augusta was the low bidder with a bid for two 2016 SUV Ford Interceptors in the amount of \$54,269 or \$27,134.50 each. This bid takes into account a \$7,000 trade in for the 2007 CTS

The \$8,000 deposit to hold it is to be funded from the Highway Equipment Capital Account and the remainder to be paid from Fund Balance until financing is in place.

Approved - Council Order #081506, recommendation of the Chief of Police to accept the net price bid from Quirk Ford of Augusta in the amount of \$47,269.00

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Cadillac Sedan. The net price for the two cruisers less the trade is \$47,269. Quirk Ford was the low bidder by \$3,436. Coleman recommended awarding the bid to Quirk Ford. There is \$78,000 in the Capital Equipment Account. Coleman budgeted \$27,000 per SUV; the Quirk Ford bid is approximately \$134 above the estimate before the trade in allowance is considered. The approximate cost to switch over the equipment and purchase any new equipment for the cruisers will be approximately \$12,000 for each SUV. The combined price of \$24,000 includes new tough books in each cruiser. Coleman explained the blue car that is currently serving as the supervisor's car has 125,000 miles on it and will be replaced with one of these SUVs. That SUV will be an unmarked silver gray cruiser with normal hub caps and outfitted for the supervisor. The other SUV will be equipped for the front line duty. Coleman explained the front line vehicles have 30,000 miles, 85,000 miles and the remaining vehicles have over 100,000 miles on them currently. The expected delivery is 95 days.

for two 2016 SUV Ford Interceptors cruisers to be funded from the Police Cruiser Capital Improvement Account (59007).

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

RESOLVED to approve Council Order #081506, recommendation of the Chief of Police to accept the net price bid from Quirk Ford of Augusta in the amount of \$47,269.00 for two 2016 SUV Ford Interceptors cruisers to be funded from the Police Cruiser Capital Improvement Account (59007).

Council Order #081507, Request of the Finance Director to withdraw \$1,058 from the Fire Department Rescue Reserve Account to fund a portion of the portable radios purchase.

Approved - Council Order #081507, Request of the Finance Director to withdraw \$1,058 from the Fire Department Rescue Reserve Account to fund a portion of the portable radios purchase.

Richard Tupper, Fire Chief explained this request is part of the next agenda item as well. The portable radios request that will be voted on within the next agenda item has an oversight in the initial request; it did not include speaker mikes on the portable radios. Tupper explained when he went back to confirm the quotes, it was discovered that Brown's Communications submitted a better price. They also included a price for the speaker mikes which they suggested as well as a price for an extended warranty for an additional year above the manufacturer's warranty. Brown's Communications offered a trade-in allowance in groups of 10 radios. The extended warranty on the radios was \$25 per radio and extended the included 2 year manufacturer's warranty by another year, resulting in the radios being covered for 3

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complete years. Both the speaker mikes and radios are of a water proof quality. The speaker mikes are \$75 each for a total of \$1,950. The trade-in allowance offered per radio is \$75; this offer is allowed for each allotment of ten radios. See attachment #7 for a complete explanation of the pricing for the above elements. Tupper explained his recommendation for wrapping these two items together would be to trade in twenty of the department's oldest radios at the \$75 trade-in allowance a piece which will basically offset the price for twenty of the speaker mikes. The additional cost for the remaining six speaker mikes to be purchased for the radios within the next agenda item would be funded out of the Fire Department Rescue Reserve Account. Once the cost of the radios (\$22,958) is added to the cost of the extended warranty (\$650), the 26 speaker mikes (\$1,950) and reduced by the trade-in allowance (-1,500) the purchase price will be \$24,058. Within the FY 2016 budget, \$23,000 was budgeted for this purchase, resulting in a deficit of \$1,058. Councilor Fortier inquired if this will replace all the radios on the Department. Tupper confirmed it would. Fortier voiced his concern with the present quality of the communications from the responding units to each other and back to the central dispatch. Fortier explained the route the communications must take before reaching the dispatch center. He felt a total replacement of the current radios with an upgraded style of radios that perform better will resolve a potential safety issue. Fortier completely supported this purchase.

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

RESOLVED to approve Council Order #081507, Request of the Finance Director to withdraw \$1,058 from the Fire Department Rescue Reserve Account to fund a portion of the portable radios purchase.

Council Order #081508, Request of the Fire Chief to purchase 26 portable radios with speaker mikes and an extended warranty to be funded from the Fire Department Capital Account and the Fire Department Rescue Reserve Fund.

Richard Tupper, Fire Chief explained this request would authorize the purchase of twenty six replacement portable radios which will help move the Department in the right direction to improve the quality of communications. Tupper felt this purchase will not completely resolve all of the communications problems. A technical explanation was provided on the current problems with the communications as they

Approved - Council Order #081508, Request of the Fire Chief to purchase 26 portable radios with speaker mikes and extended warranty, at a cost of \$24,058.00.

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relate to the antennas being located in North Ellsworth. Additionally, some of the areas in the City are located within valleys. Tupper felt a transmission study would be required before the communication problem can be resolved completely. This study would identify where the blank spots are within the various geographic formations of Ellsworth.

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

RESOLVED to approve Council Order #081508, Request of the Fire Chief to purchase 26 portable radios with speaker mikes and extended warranty, at a cost of \$24,058.00. \$23,000.00 to be funded from the Fire Department Capital Account, and \$1,058.00 from the Fire Department Rescue Reserve Account.

Council Order #081509, Request of the Finance Director to award a Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) for the purchase of the Fire Engine/Equipment and the Transfer Station Compactors and Recycling Center Baler.

Teri Dane, Deputy Treasurer explained at the June Council meeting the City Council authorized the Finance Director to go out to bid for a taxable Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) in the amount of \$650,000. This financing will be used for the purchase of a fire engine, baler, and compactors. The permanent financing is expected to be processed in January 2016. The bid opening was on August 7, 2015; see attachment #8 for the complete bid results as well as the Order Awarding \$650,000 Bond Anticipation Note. Dane was recommending the bid be awarded to Bangor Savings Bank as they provided the lowest interest rate at 1.05%.

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

RESOLVED to approve Council Order #081509, Award the Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) to the low bidder of Bangor Savings Bank at an interest rate of 1.05 percent for a \$650,000 BAN, as presented in attachment #8.

Council Order #081510, Request of the Fire Chief to purchase a Fire Engine and loose equipment through the Houston-Galveston Area Council cooperative purchasing program with the Dealer/Vendor being Greenwood Emergency Vehicles to be funded from the Fire Engine/Equipment bond proceeds.

\$23,000.00 to be funded from the Fire Department Capital Account, and \$1,058.00 from the Fire Department Rescue Reserve Account.

Approved - Council Order #081509, Award the Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) to the low bidder of Bangor Savings Bank at an interest rate of 1.05 percent for a \$650,000 BAN, as presented in attachment #8.

Approved - Council Order #081510, Request of the Fire Chief to purchase a

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Kevin DePrenger, Deputy Fire Chief stated the proposal for the new truck and necessary financing has been developing over the past year, this purchase was part of the Capital Improvement Plan discussion during the budgeting cycle. This new truck will replace the 1993 Central States Fire Engine which is used as a front-line response unit handling all vehicle accidents, out of hydrant district fire/emergency responses, and mutual aid calls. See attachment #9 for a complete packet of information on the request as well as the elements of the truck and different pieces of loose equipment. Chairman Crosthwaite explained this new purchasing program for the City of Ellsworth has been discussed extensively at the Finance Committee level and found to be supported by them. This type of purchasing program will save the Department time and money on a purchase of this size while still receiving a quality product. DePrenger stated although this is a new purchasing program for the City, many other municipalities in the State of Maine have been utilizing this type of bulk purchasing power for awhile. David Cole, City Manager mentioned he was familiar with this type of purchasing from his experience at the Maine Department of Transportation. Councilor Fortier stated he appreciated the explanation that was provided on the reason why certain upgrades were added to the truck. The vendor or dealer is Greenwood Emergency Vehicles and the manufacturer of the truck is E1.

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

RESOLVED to approve Council Order #081510, Request of the Fire Chief to purchase a Fire Engine and loose equipment through the Houston-Galveston Area Council cooperative purchasing program with the Dealer/Vendor being Greenwood Emergency Vehicles to be funded from the Fire Engine/Equipment bond proceeds.

Chairman Crosthwaite stated for the record, Councilor Fortier did make a donation to the Heating Assistance Fund in lieu of wearing a shirt and tie this evening.

Council Order #081511, Request of the Fire Chief to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Fire Departments of Hancock County.

Richard Tupper, Fire Chief stated this item is partially a formality, as the

Fire Engine and loose equipment through the Houston-Galveston Area Council cooperative purchasing program with the Dealer/Vendor being Greenwood Emergency Vehicles to be funded from the Fire Engine/Equipment bond proceeds.

Approved - Council Order #081511, accept and sign the Memorandum of

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Department has been currently operating under a county wide mutual aid agreement. The agreement between all the fire departments within Hancock County is through the Hancock County Firefighters Association. The current signed copy for the City was dated in 2004 and signed by former Fire Chief Robert McKenney. Tupper is bringing this newly written agreement before the Council tonight because within the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), (see attachment #10) there is one section that has the potential to bring a financial obligation to the City of Ellsworth. Due to this potential financial obligation Tupper felt the Council would like to sign the agreement or at least approve the MOU. Tupper is recommending that the full Council sign the agreement, rather than authorizing the Fire Chief to sign it. The only financial obligation would be if the Ellsworth Fire Department requested other fire departments to offer mutual aid within Ellsworth, the department would potentially be obligated to provide food, fuel, and a few other minor items similar to those. Tupper could not remember a time this financial obligation was necessary. One incident in Sullivan was described where if the invoices for food and fuel from responding departments was tallied and given to the Town the cost would have bankrupted the department. The invoices were created for record keeping purposes; however, were never collected from the Town of Sullivan. Tupper summarized the agreement for the Council. This is a very important agreement as all departments are seeing a decrease in available firefighters. The most significant change to the Mutual Agreement MOU arose from the creation of the Hancock County Regional Communications Center (RCC), and the role of the County Coordinator in dispatching resources for mutual aid has changed. The changes to the two versions are detailed in attachment #10 as well. Councilor Perkins inquired historically how often is the Ellsworth Fire Department requested to provide mutual aid to other towns compared to other towns responding to Ellsworth's need for mutual aid. Tupper stated it is very close to even between giving and receiving mutual aid. Often mutual aid is given for smaller incidents depending on availability of personnel and particularly when stand by staffing levels are very low; requiring the need for another town's department to offer station coverage. This agreement would also be evoked if there was a homeland security event.

**Understanding with
the Hancock County
Firefighters
Association for
mutual aid assistance
between the fire
departments of
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On a motion by Moore, seconded by Blanchette, it was unanimously

RESOLVED to approve Council Order #081511, accept and sign the

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*Memorandum of Understanding with the Hancock County Firefighters
Association for mutual aid assistance between the fire departments of Hancock
County as attached to the minutes as attachment #10.*

Adjournment.

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

RESOLVED to approve adjournment at 8:38 PM.

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**ATTEST: _____
HEIDI-NOËL GRINDLE**

**Approved -
Adjournment at 8:38
PM.**