

**RECORD OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
ELLSWORTH CITY COUNCIL**

DATE: NOVEMBER 10, 2014

TIME: 10:00 AM

PLACE: ELLSWORTH CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

CITY COUNCIL ABSENT:

**KEY SPEAKERS PRESENT: CITY MANAGER MICHELLE BEAL, TAMMY
MOTE, AND MICKI SUMPTER.**

Call to Order.

Chairman Phillips called the organizational meeting of the Ellsworth City Council to order at 10:00 AM.

Oath of Office.

City Clerk Heidi-Noël Grindle read and administered the oath of office for Council Members to John L. Moore and John E. Phillips.

Selection of Chairperson for the ensuing year.

Chairman Phillips called for nominations on Chairperson for the ensuing year. Councilor Blanchette nominated Councilor Crosthwaite for Chairperson; Councilor Moore seconded the nomination. Councilor Fortier moved nominations cease, Councilor Beathem seconded nominations cease.

Phillips called for a vote on Crosthwaite for Chair, all members voted unanimously in favor.

Crosthwaite was declared Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

Chairman Crosthwaite thanked the Council for their confidence in him for the next year. He thanked the City Clerk for preparing the material for the organizational meeting. Crosthwaite thanked Councilor Phillips for his work over the past year as well as being present around the Community and his leadership.

Time and place for regular monthly meeting.

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

RESOLVED to approve that the City Council will hold regular monthly meetings in the City Hall Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. on the third Monday of each month. Except the January, and February meetings, shall be held on the second Monday of the month. Should the day of the meeting fall on a holiday or Election Day, the meeting so scheduled will be held on the prior Monday at the same hour and place.

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

RESOLVED to approve that the City Council meeting agenda close on Monday noon prior to the regular monthly meeting. If that day falls on a holiday the agenda will close at noon on the next prior Friday.

Time for agenda to go to the news media.

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

RESOLVED to approve that the City Council meeting agenda be delivered to the local news media no later than Monday prior to the regular monthly meeting of the Ellsworth City Council.

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

RESOLVED to approve that the meetings of the City Council be conducted according to Rules of Order previously adopted by the City Council (attachment #1) and shall continue in force until the Monday next following the regular city election, pursuant to Article II, Section 2.07 of the City Charter. Each meeting is to be conducted by Robert's Rules of Order unless otherwise provided for.

Council Stipend and the manner of its distribution. Maximum allowable stipend \$2,120 Councilor and \$2,650 Chair. Amount budgeted for FY2015 – Chairman \$2,500 and Councilors \$2,000.

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

RESOLVED to approve members of the City Council will receive a stipend in the amount of \$ 2,000 per Councilor with an additional stipend of \$ 500 for the Council Chair for the period of November, 2014 thru October, 2015. Distribution of the stipend will be on the next available warrant.

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Chairman Crosthwaite inquired if any Councilors would like to change their assignment on a particular committee, given there are no changes in the Council membership. Councilor Fortier felt this would be a great time to review the list of committees provided to the Council, some of the committees have been dissolved through a prior Council meeting. City Manager Michelle Beal would like to discuss the possibility of keeping a Councilor on those dissolved committees for the sole purpose of allowing City staff the ability to hold discussions with this representative as items come up with those committees.

Crosthwaite stated the Finance Committee is currently made up of Councilors Beathem, Phillips, and Chairman Crosthwaite. Councilor Blanchette stated he would like to be on the Finance Committee during the upcoming year. He is currently on the Harbor Commission; however, feels his expertise is not in this area and would like to resign from this Commission. Crosthwaite stated he would gladly step down from the Finance Committee and allow Blanchette to take his place.

Chairman Crosthwaite appointed the following members to the Finance Committee: Phillips, Beathem, Blanchette and Alternate member: Moore.

Signing of warrants.

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

RESOLVED to approve that the warrants directed to the Treasurer for payment be signed by the City Manager and 2 member(s) of the Finance Committee.

Adjournment.

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

RESOLVED to approve adjournment at 10:12 AM.

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ATTEST: _____
HEIDI-NOËL GRINDLE

Signing of warrants.

Adjournment.