

**RECORD OF REGULAR MEETING  
ELLSWORTH CITY COUNCIL**

**DATE: FEBRUARY 11, 2019**

**TIME: 7:00 PM**

**PLACE: ELLSWORTH CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**CITY COUNCIL PRESENT: BLANCHETTE, FORTIER, GRINDLE,  
HAMILTON, AND PHILLIPS.**

**CITY COUNCIL ABSENT: HUDSON AND MOORE**

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*Call to Order.*

Chairman Blanchette called the regular meeting of the Ellsworth City Council to order at 7:00 PM.

*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 14, 2018 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:*

❖ *01/14/2019 Regular Council Meeting.*

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

**RESOLVED to approve adoption of minutes from the 01/14/2019 Regular Council Meeting as presented.**

A final vote was taken on the above motion with 4 members voting in favor (Fortier, Hamilton, Grindle, and Phillips) and 1 member abstaining from the vote (Blanchette).

*City Manager’s Report.*

David Cole, City Manager explained during the past few Council meetings, as well as this evening, Gordon Workman from 3 Westwood Drive has been present to share with the City Council concerns regarding a drainage issue he feels is prompted by his neighbor. Cole noted the public may feel the City government has not addressed this issue, he thought it would be good to briefly share with the public

**Call to Order.**

**Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Rules of Order.**

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and the Council where the City is at with addressing this concern. Mr. Workman has been told by the Code Enforcement Officer that this is not an enforcement matter; it is a matter between two neighbors. Workman has stated that the flow of the stormwater is in violation of the City's Property Maintenance Ordinance; however, that Ordinance exempts single family residences, so it does not apply. In the opinion of the City's attorney Ed Bearor, the City should have no involvement in this matter. It is strictly a matter between neighboring property owners. Cole wanted to make it clear for the public record, although everyone can sympathize with Workman; after due diligence by the City this is a private matter between neighbors.

*Committee Reports.*

➤ *Recreation Commission.* Councilor Grindle noted that she attended the Recreational Commission meeting last week along with Councilor Hamilton. At this meeting the decision to postpone many of the Winter Carnival activities was made. This decision was made due to lack of snow and dangerous conditions. Makeup dates and times will be announced when determined on the City website. This information will also be available on the Downeast Family YMCA, The Grand, Downtown Ellsworth, and Woodlawn's Facebook pages. The fireworks will be rescheduled as well. Shane Lowell reported during the Commission meeting that the travel basketball season has ended and now the tournament season has started. The indoor soccer season has started. Lowell is creating a task force with the principal of the Ellsworth Elementary and Middle School (EEMS) to identify some potential gaps in programming and activities sponsored by the schools and the YMCA. There may also be some areas where children are falling through the cracks; therefore, the goal of having as many children involved as possible is not being met. Robin Clark from the YMCA would like to offer a summer fitness series for free at the Knowlton Park. She has a tentative schedule, there will be more details about this program to follow as it gets closer. The budget meeting has been scheduled for this Wednesday at 6 PM.

*Citizens' Comments.*

Gordon Workman, from 3 Westwood Drive spoke on his belief that under the Subdivision rules found in Ordinance 56, the subdivision provided a drainage system for that subdivision. The drainage system was provided for the purpose of draining property to that drainage system, not to be redirected to a neighboring property. This is not stormwater it is actually runoff from the neighbor's roof

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redirected through pipes and channels; this is not a natural flow. There are other issues of concerns; however, he is waiting to see if he receives a response to the complaint he filed before addressing those.

Neil MacKay, resident of Ellsworth at 18 Joseph's Way spoke on behalf of the Dollard Hill Homeowners Association. This homeowner's association is made up of residents living on Catherine Avenue and Joseph's Way. He addressed three different points for consideration. 1) They would like to have the City Council consider paying dues to the Association. The City has a water tower located on Catherine Avenue; therefore, the homeowners feel it is reasonable, fair, and appropriate the City pay their share of the expense to maintain that road. The City has acknowledged this in the past as well as have paid dues in previous years. 2) MacKay asked the City Council to consider repairing or replacing the pipe stand at the end of their driveway that leads to the water tower. During this winter as well as past winters there have been failures at this pipe stand which is causing a lot of damage to the road. The homeowners have been left solely paying for that repair. 3) Lastly, MacKay asked for the City Council to consider taking the roads over. He explained several years ago, they spent a lot of time with the Planning Board, as well as incurred financial expenses with legal counsel relating to the condition of the road when the subdivision was built. Ultimately, the City required the developer to repair the roads and bring them up to City specifications. An engineer was hired to certify the roads were in compliance with the City's specifications and standards. At that time, the homeowner's association was told the City had a policy of not accepting any new roads and have continued to be told that for many years. Now, Alexis Way is in the process of being accepted by the City, which is very close to Catherine Avenue. Dollard Hill was developed years before Alexis Way. He felt there should be a shared interest in the road given the City's water tower is located on Catherine Avenue. Councilor Fortier inquired if Joseph's Way and Catherine Avenue were asphalt covered; MacKay noted they are not at this time. Fortier stated that would be one of the reasons why the City would not accept them; MacKay understood that would need to be addressed. Fortier noted for the public, Alexis Way has reached an agreement between their residents to pay the full cost of bringing the road up to the City's standards which includes paving the road and then paying those fees back over a number of years. Fortier told MacKay it would be very important for all the signatures to be collected from the residents living on those two roads to continue with this process. He further advised MacKay to follow up with City Manager David Cole on this process. MacKay noted he has had this discussion among the property owners and they would like to proceed with that process. In the meantime, he feels it would be appropriate for the City to take some responsibility for the maintenance costs associated with the roads as they have in

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the past. The City uses this road as it is the only access to the water tower. The dues are not very much. There is damage to the road in part due to the failure of the pipe stand located at the City's property; therefore, he feels it is reasonable that the City fix it. Fortier clarified a pipe stand is also referred to as a culvert. MacKay was happy to discuss this further with Cole, again; however, was looking for the City Council to guide them through the process. Chairman Blanchette inquired how much the City has paid in the past. MacKay did not have the exact amount at the time of the meeting; however, would find out and get back to the City Council with the figure. The annual dues have ranged from \$100 to \$150 a year over time. Fortier noted the exact figure would be great to have so that it could be factored into the ongoing budget process for next year. MacKay will provide the City Council with the amount of deposits made by the City in the past. Cole noted he would check the history on this matter to figure out when the dues lapsed; MacKay felt it was approximately 8 years ago or a little longer. It was noted that this payment would come from the Water Department user fees not direct taxation.

Judy Blood, from Ellsworth Falls was present this evening to express her disappointment with the City Council's lack of interest or action regarding the Ticonic Fire House also known as the Ellsworth Falls Community Building. According to Blood this building has significant historic interest to the City, it is the only 19th century firehouse in Ellsworth. This building spans the error of horse drawn hand pumpers to steam engines to motorized firetrucks and the Ticonic housed a Model A. The Model A, Ticonic Pumper, Fire Bell, and the Ticonic Firehouse all still exist today. The Franklin Street Firehouse is the only other Ellsworth fire structure pre-dating this building and it burned in the fire of 1933. Blood went on to state this building is one of few 19th century wooden firehouses still standing in Maine, making it truly a rare structure. Yet, it is slated to be demolished. Legal assistance indicates Webber cannot be held responsible because the agreement was not attached to the deed. While the agreement may not have been recorded the will of the citizens was and is well known according to Blood. Blood was referring to old Council meeting minutes when she stated "to accept the proposal for the Ellsworth Falls Community Building and to authorize the City Manager to sign any legal paperwork necessary to proceed with the sale". Blood stated the question is what happened, why was it not attached to the deed, was this an error, or were the citizen's rights and interests not protected? The City's attorney and the City Manager at the time both signed that deed. Blood stated on the RFP the City penned any change in use of this building at any time would require the vote of the City Council; now this Council refuses to make good on those words. The Ellsworth Falls Ticonic Firehouse Preservation Group stands

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ready to shepherd this building back to health. Blood reviewed the three options provided by Attorney Grossman. Option 3 was to enter into negotiations to reacquire the property; the establishment of this preservation group means the City would not be put in the situation Attorney Grossman indicated as being unsustainable costs with maintaining aging structures. If the City would regain control of this property, the group would manage the costs and requirements of repairing and the restoration in the same way as the Surry Schoolhouse has breathed life back into that building. The Maine Preservation is also willing to step up and help the City broker a deal with the current owners, according to Blood. She felt the City and Webber should be elated that there is a group ready to step forward to relieve them of their respective responsibilities and manage the restoration of this treasure. Blood noted the restored firehouse would be a welcomed beacon to visitors and citizens alike entering the City; however, instead a building with significant Ellsworth history faces demolition.

Rebecca Maddocks Wilbur, from Ellsworth Falls Maine spoke on the same subject as Judy Blood in regards to saving the Ticonic/Ellsworth Community Building. Maddocks Wilbur reminded the City Council they have attended several meetings in a row; for the past few months they have been before the Council three times in the Citizen's Comments section and once on the agenda. When they had the sponsorship to be on the agenda, they were told at the beginning of the meeting that they were not to repeat any information already presented, Maddocks Wilbur felt their speech was censored in that manner. She read aloud under the duties of the Council, "to hear and respond to citizen's concerns and to resolve citizen's problems". According to Maddocks Wilbur, this problem as the City Council knows has had her following it since 1986. This has come up three different times, the fate of the building was in the hands of the citizens and it was fought for at that time as history has shown. The decision of 2005 has been demonstrated already. Three attorneys have all expressed that reforming the deed would be the City's responsibility. The citizens could ask for an injunction or file a suit against the City, among a number of other options; however, the right thing to do is for the City to go to Webber and either negotiate or to file suit so that the contract can be reformed. This would allow the agreement that proceeded the deed to then be attached to it. As it was well known with many witnesses, that the acceptance of the RFP as written was to maintain and preserve. Maddocks Wilbur noted the City Charter states, "the City Council will be responsible for the administration of all municipal affairs of the City of Ellsworth except as otherwise provided by this Charter" and she has read through it; she further read "and is vested with all the powers and authority of the City of Ellsworth to perform the municipal affairs of the

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City”. She went on to state that agreement was made, it was signed, signed by the City attorney as witnessed, and it did not go into the deed, which is also signed by the same City attorney. This should have been attached to the deed, completely mysterious why it was not. Maddocks Wilbur stated clearly in the Charter the City Council has the authority to act in the business of the City. She is aggrieved by what has occurred here, as a taxpayer. Webber purchased the building for \$5,000 with an agreement to maintain and preserve, which they did not do. The value of the building now less \$5,000, is still a significant chunk of money and she asked the City Council a ridiculous question in her words, “would you credit my account with the difference” because the fact is that is a tremendous loss to the City. She has fought as hard as she knows how to save a building that was supposed to have been saved in 2005. She has stood here multiple times and she has heard multiple Council members express that they were concerned for the building too; however, she has seen no action, even when the request was on the formal agenda. She did not feel it was fair, that when they were on the agenda they had their legs taken out from beneath them before they even stood at the podium. After reading through the Charter, she didn’t see there was any place that says the citizen’s voice will not be responded to, especially when the business of the City from 2005 was not followed through on as reported to the audience that sat here at that meeting. At the time they listened to the details of the agreement that was signed and left the 2005 meeting thinking it was taken care of. She is asking the City Council tonight, as a citizen who has been here month after month to sue Webber or to negotiate with them in such a way to reform the contract. It is clear, that what was agreed upon has not happened and no one in direct authority has taken action. She feels the City should take action; the citizens could take action but that is not right. She is asking the City Council on behalf their group to do the right thing and utilize the authority the City Council has in this matter.

*Presentation of Awards.*

There were no presentations to award this evening.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were no items under Unfinished Business this month.

CONSENT AGENDA

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*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 #021901, Request of the Deputy Treasurer/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 the list of timeshare units that were sold during the course of the last month, along with the sale price and purchaser information.

*Council Order #021902, Request of the Deputy Treasurer/Tax Collector to release properties redeemed during the 30 day redemption period ending January 18, 2019 through Quit-Claim Deeds (the complete list is available in the City Clerk's Office) and authorize the City Manager to release said properties through Municipal Quit-Claim Deeds.\**

See attachment #2 for the property information on parcels redeemed during the 30 day redemption period ending January 18, 2019.

*Council Order #021903, Request of the City Manager to appoint a representative and alternate to the Maine Service Center Coalition. \**

See attachment #3 for the Resolution for Membership and Appointment of Voting Delegate Representative (David Cole) and Alternate to the Maine Service Center Coalition (Tammy Mote).

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

**RESOLVED to approve the consent agenda as presented.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

*Public hearing and action on the issuance of Business License (s):*

**Approved - Consent agenda as presented.**

**CO #021901 – Quit-Claim timeshare units to new owners.**

**CO #021902 - Release properties redeemed during the 30-day redemption period.**

**CO #021903 - Appointment representative and alternate to Maine Service Center Coalition.**

**New Business.**

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*Colonial I, LLC d/b/a Colonial Inn, 321 High Street, for a new City Lodging House License.*

Barry Cluff, the new owner was present, as it was required by the Licensing Ordinance in regards to new businesses.

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 public comments.

Public hearing was closed.

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

**RESOLVED to approve the request of Colonial I, LLC d/b/a Colonial Inn, 321 High Street, for a new City Lodging House License.**

*Ell Gov's, LLC d/b/a Governor's Restaurant, 253 High Street, for renewal of a City Class C License (Victualer/Liquor) and renewal of a State Restaurant (Class III and IV) Malt 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 Phillips, it was unanimously*

**RESOLVED to approve the request of Ell Gov's, LLC d/b/a Governor's Restaurant, 253 High Street, for renewal of a City Class C License (Victualer/Liquor) and renewal of a State Restaurant (Class III and IV) Malt and Vinous Liquor License.**

**Approved - Colonial I, LLC d/b/a Colonial Inn, 321 High Street, for a new City Lodging House License.**

**Approved - Ell Gov's, LLC d/b/a Governor's Restaurant, 253 High Street, for renewal of a City Class C License (Victualer/Liquor) and renewal of a State Restaurant (Class III and IV) Malt and Vinous Liquor License.**

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*Sanjeeva Abeyasekera d/b/a Serendib, 2 State Street, for renewal of a City Class C License (Victualer/Liquor) and renewal of a State Restaurant (Class III and IV) Malt 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 Phillips, seconded by Hamilton, it was unanimously*

**RESOLVED to approve the request of Sanjeeva Abeyasekera d/b/a Serendib, 2 State Street, for renewal of a City Class C License (Victualer/Liquor) and renewal of a State Restaurant (Class III and IV) Malt and Vinous Liquor License.**

*Council Order #021904, Request of the Deputy Treasurer/Tax Collector to offer for sale by sealed bid various properties that have been acquired for non-payment of real estate taxes. (Complete list available at the City Clerk's Department).*

Tammy Mote, Deputy City Manager stated on December 7, 2018 the City foreclosed on multiple properties. The majority of those properties included timeshares; however, there were also 9 parcels foreclosed on. Once those properties foreclose the City sends the property owners a 30-day redemption notice. This allows them a 30-day window to redeem the property by paying all of the outstanding taxes as well as the interest and lien costs associated with that parcel. As part of the Tax Acquired Property Ordinance, the next step in the process is to ask the City Council for permission to sell those properties by sealed bid. The list of properties are included within attachment #4 as well as the complete request. The list includes 37 timeshare units and 9 parcels of property. There are potentially four more properties that will be brought before the City Council next month. The City currently has approximately 300 timeshare units on sale for \$100 apiece.

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

**Approved - Sanjeeva Abeyasekera d/b/a Serendib, 2 State Street, for renewal of a City Class C License (Victualer/Liquor) and renewal of a State Restaurant (Class III and IV) Malt and Vinous Liquor License.**

**Approved - Council Order #021904, Request of the Deputy Treasurer/Tax Collector to offer for sale by sealed bid 37 timeshare units, and 9 properties located in Ellsworth acquired for non-payment of real estate taxes, see attachment #4 for a complete list.**

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**RESOLVED to approve Council Order #021904, Request of the Deputy Treasurer/Tax Collector to offer for sale by sealed bid 37 timeshare units, and 9 properties located in Ellsworth acquired for non-payment of real estate taxes, see attachment #4 for a complete list.**

*Council Order #021905, Request of the City Manager to confirm the appointment of an Interim City Planner.*

David Cole, City Manager explained Michele Gagnon, City Planner will be leaving the City of Ellsworth to become the Planner for Bar Harbor. Her last day of employment with the City of Ellsworth is February 15, 2019. Cole plans to appoint Dwight Tilton, Code Enforcement Officer as the Interim City Planner. Cole noted Tilton's qualifications which make him a great candidate to fill this interim position, the qualifications are listed in attachment #5. The City Planner position has been posted and the City is aggressively seeking a new City Planner. Cole proposed this appointment should be effective February 15, 2019 to coincide with Michele Gagnon's departure. Councilor Fortier thanked Tilton for accepting this interim position, in addition to his already full set of responsibilities.

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

**RESOLVED to approve Council Order #021905, the appointment of Dwight Tilton as the Interim City Planner effective February 15, 2019.**

*Presentation and discussion on a possible Single Use Plastic Bag Ordinance, presented by the Green Plan Subcommittee on Energy and Solid Waste. (Sponsored by Councilor Fortier).*

Councilor Fortier explained he got involved with the green plan operation solely because he was interested in the other half of the committee which is energy efficiency and solid waste. He then got involved in working on a plastic bag ban. He has worked with the committee for months on many different events that include the yearly roadside cleanup event and Card Brook Cleanup event. A lot of places in Maine are implementing a similar ban. Fortier feels it is the right thing to do environmentally. In regards to Marine biology it is a critical time within the Country for this type of project. Fortier noted many municipalities around Ellsworth are implementing similar bans and Ellsworth is the largest creator of plastic trash in Hancock County, he believes this is because of the number of people and available shopping opportunities. He has worked with the members of the

**Approved - Council Order #021905, the appointment of Dwight Tilton as the Interim City Planner effective February 15, 2019.**

**Approved - City Council thank the presenters and direct the City Manager to move this forward through staff review and legal review when and if he thinks it is necessary and when ready have a workshop so the public can have input before the City Council moves on.**

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Ellsworth Green Action Team to take an Ordinance that was already passed and adapt it a bit to fit the needs of the Ellsworth community. There are currently 4 or 5 bills in the Legislature that will be forthcoming on a Statewide ban. Fortier would not like to see that cancel out the actions taking place locally because local control is always better, although he recognizes the need for consistency from all retailers in the State. See attachment #6 for a memo from the Ellsworth Green Action Team explaining the complete request, draft ordinance on Single Use Carry Out Plastic Bags, Ellsworth Single Use Carryout Plastic Bag Ordinance Question and Answers, and a letter from Nicole Grohoski, House of Representatives. Fortier explained 4 or 5 members of the Green Action Team will be making very short presentations this evening in an attempt to present the draft ordinance, no decisions will be made tonight, the team plans on reserving the depth of the matter for when the final vote takes place. Fortier hopes at the end of the presentation this evening, the Council will accept the presentation, direct the City Manager and his staff to work through this in the same manner any other new ordinance would be and if necessary schedule a workshop on this topic to gain public participation. Fortier is not expecting the passage of a plastic bag ban this evening. Martha Dickinson, Chair of the Ellsworth Green Action Team introduced Julia Ventresco who has been a leader on this initiative. Julia Ventresco, Ellsworth resident, small business owner, and a member of the Ellsworth Green Action Team thanked the City Council for hearing this request, Councilor Fortier for his guidance and support and Steve Fuller for his unbiased help and input on details throughout this process. Ventresco provided a brief history on the Ellsworth Green Action Team as well as context on why the team feels there is a need for a Plastic Bag Ordinance in Ellsworth. The Ellsworth Green Action Team formed over a year ago as a subcommittee of the Ellsworth Green Plan. Their focus was and still is on waste management and green energy. However, over the past several months they have found themselves taking a more action oriented role in the community and therefore renamed their subcommittee the Ellsworth Green Action Team. She listed a few of the topics they would like to address overtime. After taking part in the 2018 Card Brook cleanup and the City wide roadside cleanup it was determined that addressing plastic pollution in Ellsworth must take precedence because a shocking amount and variety of plastic debris was collected during those two events. Ventresco noted a few other places within Ellsworth that have been littered with plastic waste recently besides the ditches and Card Brook. A third or more of the plastic debris located in the green space in front of the former Rite Aid building was plastic single use plastic bags. Besides being terrible for the environment and wildlife it is unsightly. The manufacture and distribution of plastic bags puts a lot of carbon dioxide in the air, not to mention plastic bags are made from petroleum. Petroleum is a precious

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resource that should not be squandered on a product made to be used once and then thrown away. Ventresco noted plastic single use bags can be easily avoided. Before plastic bags were invented approximately 50 years ago, other objects were used to carry items in such as bags and pouches made of leather, cloth, or hemp. Ventresco explained an Ordinance has been drafted (see attachment #6) that will reduce the amount of plastic waste created by a community. She did not go into many of the details of the Ordinance this evening as the Councilors were provided with a copy for review. A copy of the draft Ordinance will soon be available on the City's website for the public to view as well. In short, the Ordinance that has been drafted for Ellsworth will eliminate the distribution of single use carryout plastic bags and will apply to all businesses equally regardless of their size. The Ordinance will encourage the use of reusable shopping bags and allow the businesses to provide paper bags for free or for a fee to be determined by each individual business. This Ordinance will not apply to plastic produce bags, seafood bags, bakery bags or newspaper bags. The team feels they have drafted a well thought out comprehensive document taking into account the interests of both Ellsworth citizens and businesses. This Ordinance is also consistent with plastic bag ordinances that have been passed by neighboring communities of Blue Hill, Southwest Harbor and Bar Harbor. This Ordinance would take a step toward mitigating the increasing problem of toxic plastic pollution in the ocean, groundwater, wildlife, and human bodies. Chairman Blanchette inquired how many pounds (or in weight) of plastic bags are used by stores in Ellsworth. Both Fortier and Ventresco noted the stores will not share with the team the answer to that question; they have asked but none of the stores will tell. Blanchette asked if that number were known, how many of those bags are recycled. Ventresco stated 1% of all single use plastic bags are recycled anywhere. Blanchette stated there are no known numbers on the amount of plastic bags given out by Ellsworth stores, the number of bags being recycled in Ellsworth is unknown, (only an industry average of 1% is used nationwide), therefore Ellsworth could be higher or lower; Blanchette wondered if the numbers are not known how do, we know there is a problem. Ventresco stated the pictures on her phone showing the trash all over the city indicates there is a problem. There is also an accumulation of rubbish and garbage, which is in violation of two of the City Ordinances. Blanchette noted there is litter everywhere and he is not disputing that; however, without firm numbers being known the team is asking the City Council to direct businesses on how to operate and tell them what they can and cannot do. Ventresco stated there are numbers available online regarding this topic, whether they apply to Ellsworth is to be determined. Blanchette would be more inclined to say if the team wants an Ordinance, go online and bring the Council the numbers. Ventresco felt the

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numbers have been shared during the many forums held on this topic. Blanchette felt the Ordinance was a problem looking for a solution. Ventresco stated there is a problem and even if there were only 10 bags, the creation of the single use plastic bags in of itself through the manufacturing and distribution of them is bad for the environment alone. Not to mention when they get into the environment either from blowing away or in the waste stream they are again bad for the environment. Eventually, the plastic bags end up in the ocean where they break down into micro plastics. Blanchette stated for this consideration he could not consider other states or locations; however, he was guessing a lot of the plastics in the ocean do not come from Ellsworth Maine. Fortier noted this was a presentation only, not an argument. Blanchette did not feel he was arguing, these are just questions he has with the concept. Ventresco stated in all actuality the Gulf of Maine which is located nearby is warming faster than any other body of water in the world. A lot of that has to do with the breakdown of plastics in the ocean. When the plastics degrade they release toxic chemicals that produce heat and gases; it is a known fact that the Gulf of Maine is warming more quickly than any other body of water. A lot of that is from plastic bags; Ventresco was not saying it was all from plastic bags. Councilor Hamilton stated he feels it is important for the Council to ask a lot of questions whether they are in favor of it or opposed to it. It is an issue, especially if the City will be developing an Ordinance, where there needs to be a dialog between all sides. Hamilton felt the best way to approach a topic such as this one is through an open discussion. He hopes moving forward there can be more discussions that include all of the various options, including the proposals in front of the State Legislature as potential bills. Discussions need to be held on whether the options the State is considering are better for Ellsworth or not. Hamilton felt it would be best to hear all points of view, before making a decision. There is never one solution for any problem and he feels the best resolutions are found by having discussions and providing opportunities to look at topics from all aspects. Hamilton was hopeful that businesses would contribute to the discussions as not all businesses are in favor of this. There will be impacts for them, choices that are made after this will also have an environmental impact. The nature of this topic deserves a rich discussion on it. Asking questions does not necessarily mean a person is for or against the topic but rather an invitation for conversation. Dickinson noted it was the team's understanding that tonight was a presentation only and they are hopeful the Council will schedule a workshop where experts can present the pros and cons on the subject as well as have a complete dialog and discussion on the proposal. Dickinson read into the record a letter from Nicole Grohoski, House of Representatives who is an active member of the team; however, was not able to be present at the meeting this evening, see attachment #6 for the complete letter.

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Dickinson noted the team has had many conversations with the businesses and citizens within the Ellsworth community over the past several months. Big stores like Hannaford, Shaw's, and Tradewinds have already been reducing the use of single use carryout plastic bags in other localities. They are just waiting for the City to act, they would like to see it be required within an ordinance. This will not work on a voluntary basis because that sets up an unfair competitive environment. The interviews conducted have been very favorable, Dickinson was sure it was not 100% agreement with the proposed ordinance. The team has used the Retailers Association of Maine as a resource. They have participated with the Ellsworth Chamber of Commerce at a couple of forums. The Retailers Association of Maine has conducted an informal survey that showed a large percentage of businesses are ready to comply with an Ordinance similar to what is being proposed this evening. Dickinson confirmed the exact numbers are not available from retailers in Ellsworth; however, many studies have been conducted nationwide demonstrating this is a real problem globally. This is just one easy step to deal with the carryout plastic bags as well as encouraging industries to stop producing everything in plastic. There needs to be more returnable items, reusable items, and the creation of a new economy where it sets up a circular pattern of reducing, reusing, and recycling everything. Fortier noted the email Dickinson referred to concerning the Maine Retail Association was sent to all City Councilors on December 6, 2018. Leslie Harlow, resident of Ellsworth explained she is responsible for four dumpsters, is an entrepreneur, owns a lodging business, a restaurant, seafood processing facility, and is a co-owner of the Maine Grind building. She spoke on her experience with dealing with trash, visitors to the area, and the public in general; last spring when she opened her business for the season they made the decision not to serve plastic straws. Her staff was outraged for about three minutes, once they opened and stopped serving straws, they had approximately 12,000 customers over the course of five months with only several occasions having anyone get upset. It was not even the fact there were no straws available, they just needed a straw and then they were given one. Harlow, also being in the lodging business deals with tourist all day for six months and she feels they should see a community that embraces the same values they are seeing in their own communities. Harlow named a few communities throughout the United States let alone the World that are already dealing with the reality that plastics need to be managed within the waste stream. Harlow confirmed from her discussions with the Hannaford management team that the parent company wants an Ordinance on file within the City telling them what to do. In many of the other communities where Hannaford has stores there are already mandates banning single use plastic bags. They have complied and have no issues with any of these requirements. Hannaford

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has done a great job of being a steward of encouraging their customers to bring their own bags. They are very good about providing a reusable bag to customers who may not be able to purchase one. Harlow noted more than 25% of the residents who live in the State of Maine live in a community that have adopted a single use plastic bag ban or an Ordinance concerning plastic bags. Rosamond Rea, resident of Ellsworth spoke in support of the proposed Plastic Bag Ordinance. Rea is a one of the newest members of the Green Action Team and was very excited to learn this was one of their initiatives. She explained that plastic never goes away it only breaks down into smaller bits of toxic matter known as micro-plastics and microfibers. These bits are causing problems at every level of the food chain, all the World's oceans, and even in the Union River Bay. Single use plastic bags are a part of the plastic waste problem, worldwide 10 billion plastic bags are used weekly. Only 1-3% of plastic bags are ever recycled. Rea explained in the United States an average person uses between 300 and 500 bags a year. Each bag is used for approximately 12 minutes. Rea stated the Ordinance before the City Council (see attachment #6) is intended to help deal with the volume of plastic waste within the City of Ellsworth. The Ordinance is based on the solid waste management hierarchy found in the Maine State Statutes to reduce, reuse, and recycle materials destined for disposal. The highest priority is to reduce our use of plastic bags. The proposed Ordinance does just that by eliminating an estimated 300-500 plastic bags per person per year. The second priority is to reuse the plastic bag. Plastic carryout bags reused once in a trash basket or for cat litter barely fits the reuse directive. Instead Rea proposed being creative and using plastic items not covered by this Ordinance to fill those needs. For example, use bread bags, chip bags, or mail order bags instead. Rea reiterated that the reusable bags that can be used hundreds of times, must replace the single use plastic bag. Each time a customer brings their own bag into a store the local merchants will be spared the expense of providing a bag at checkout, a nice added benefit for the merchants. The third priority in the hierarchy is recycling. Rea noted unfortunately these days recycling is failing. For years recycling has dominated the waste management spot light, stuffing the bags into recycling bins makes consumers feel good; however, in reality the costs of recycling plastic bags often outweighs the value and only a tiny percent are ever recycled. Recycling in Ellsworth has been curtailed recently resulting in higher costs to the individual and to the City as more solid waste will go to the Penobscot Energy Recovery Center. Reducing the volume of plastic bags in Ellsworth will reduce the waste stream and help save the taxpayers money. Rea noted in closing the proposed Ordinance will not solve the solid waste problems but eliminating plastic bags that consumers simply do not need is a good start. Mark Whiting, resident of Ellsworth and member of the Green Action Plan has volunteered with

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the Card Brook cleanup and Roadside Cleanup projects for years offered some insight into the nature of the problem. He has helped with the Card Brook cleanup for 10 years and even after all those years 800 pounds of trash was still collected in 2018. The majority of the waste is not plastic bags; however, plastic bags by far account for most of the volume. There is a big trash problem and Ellsworth is a part of the problem; the plastic bag ordinance is not the total solution but it is a beginning.

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

**RESOLVED to approve that the City Council thank the presenters and direct the City Manager to move this forward through staff review and legal review when and if he thinks it is necessary and when ready have a workshop so the public can have input before the City Council moves on.**

Before a second was made on the above motion, Blanchette asked for clarification concerning the motion, what tasks staff would be responsible for. He asked in what direction staff would be directed. Fortier did not respond until a second was made on the motion. Following a second to the motion, Fortier suggested staff be directed to complete the following: compare the proposed ordinance to other municipalities in order to determine how they are implementing their ordinances, comparing it to the State issues, ensuring the proposed ordinance is of legal tender, making sure it cites the correct MRSA if any are included, making sure the penalties are within reason, and making sure the administrator of the ordinance is the proper person within City Hall (whether it be the City Manager or Code Enforcement Officer). Fortier noted it should be the same process used for any other proposed ordinance. David Cole, City Manager suggested that the directive also include monitoring State Legislation on that front. There are bills before the Legislature that could set a standard that the City would have to abide by. Hamilton noted the proposed motion stated if necessary schedule a workshop, he would prefer the Council establish that they will hold a workshop. He felt it was important to give the public the opportunity to weigh in on the development of an ordinance. It is important that everyone have a chance to speak on it, provide the opportunity to have a dialog, and allow everyone time to understand the pros and cons of the proposed ordinance. Hamilton would like the workshop to be required. Fortier agreed he should have stated in the proposed motion, when ready have a workshop, he just did not want to schedule a workshop before the ordinance was ready for one. Blanchette was concerned since the City is without a Planner currently, this would be difficult for the Code Enforcement Officer, who is already very busy. He is

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temporarily taking on that position so Blanchette was concerned if a time limit was assigned that might be difficult for the Code Enforcement Officer. Fortier stated there was not a time limit being suggested, at this time. It was noted Steve Fuller, Assistant City Planner is probably more in tune with this subject than Michele Gagnon was. He has been involved with this process since the beginning and has developed charts comparing what other communities are doing in regards to this topic. Fortier stated Fuller is in the know about this project, an asset Fortier would expect Cole to utilize, and that is why Fortier did not place a time limit. Fortier wanted to allow time to see what the Legislature will do on this topic first, the team would like to move this ordinance ahead quickly; however, Fortier has suggested the team slow down a little and watch to see if the Legislature handles this consistently throughout the State. If it is handled consistently on the State level than that is the example the City should follow. Fortier understood Blanchette's concern especially in light of the Council having the budget cycle coming up as well. The City Council will be holding a number of budget workshops soon; however, he did want the proposed ordinance to be in the pipeline and not forgotten. Cole noted he is viewing this project as a team effort, Fuller on a policy level been on top of this process, Dwight Tilton Code Enforcement Officer is knowledgeable on this process from an enforcement standpoint, and there are others to draw from on different pieces. Cole will personally get involved, as well, from the role of monitoring legislation and what is taking place in Augusta on this topic.

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

*Council Order #021906, Request of the IT Systems Administrator for approval to sole-source the Water Department Fiber Construction project to Northeast Cable Construction.*

Jason Ingalls, IT Systems Administrator explained he has been working on a project to upgrade the SCADA communications system from a wireless system (radio) to a fiber optic system. Recently, he has received the permission that is required to attach the fiber to the utility poles from Emera and Consolidated Communications. Ingalls would like to award the construction for this project to Northeast Cable Construction. They are the vendor used by the City for the maintenance on the network currently, the construction on any drops that are added, and they are doing all of the work for GWI when they attach to the network as well. See attachment #7 for the complete request and estimate from Northeast Cable Construction LLC. Ingalls has a good professional relationship with them, they are very responsive to

**Approved - Council Order #021906, Request of the IT Systems Administrator to sole-source the Water Department Fiber Optic Construction project to Northeast Cable Construction in the amount of \$18,330.93 with funding to come from the Water**

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the City, and they are the only mobile contractor that holds the qualifications to do this type of work. They perform all of the construction work for Spectrum in Northern Maine; they are very qualified for this type of work. David Cole, City Manager asked Ingalls where the next vendor according to cost was located. Northeast Cable Construction is located in Bucksport approximately 20 miles away from Ellsworth. The next potential vendor is located in the Augusta vicinity. Ingalls explained the advantage of working with Northeast Cable Construction is they are approximately 25 to 30 minutes away, in the event the City experienced an outage or a break of some type they could be on site very quickly. Councilor Fortier spoke about the importance of forming partnerships and relationships with certain vendors; this is one of the companies the City has the luxury of experiencing that type of relationship with. The city has underground fiber running to dispatch and if that fiber goes out in the middle of the night communications will be lost with the City's Public Works Department and Public Safety Departments so to have the Company located literally 20 minutes away is very important. Fortier felt this was a professional relationship that needs to be maintained and strengthened as the City moves forward. Fortier felt if the prices were checked they would likely be spot on considering Spectrum is using them in Northern Maine, if their prices were not competitive then Spectrum would not be contracting with them.

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

***RESOLVED to approve Council Order #021906, Request of the IT Systems Administrator to sole-source the Water Department Fiber Optic Construction project to Northeast Cable Construction in the amount of \$18,330.93 with funding to come from the Water Department Capital Improvement Account.***

Before a vote was taken it was pointed out that since this project will be paid for out of the Water Department Capital Improvement Account it will not be funded with direct tax dollars. This will be funded with Water Department receipts from user fees.

**A final vote was taken with all members voting unanimously in favor.**

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

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

**Department Capital  
Improvement  
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**Approved - Entering  
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**RESOLVED to approve entering executive session at 8:20 PM for the purpose of discussing personnel matters in accordance with MRSA Title 1, Chapter 13, Section 405, Paragraph 6A.**

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Tammy Mote, Deputy City Manager remained in the executive session.

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

**RESOLVED to approve adjournment from the executive session at 8:44 PM.**

**Approved –  
Adjournment from  
executive session at  
8:44 PM.**

*Adjournment.*

**Approved -  
Adjournment at 8:45  
PM.**

*On a motion by Grindle, seconded by Hamilton, it was unanimously*

**RESOLVED to approve adjournment at 8:45 PM.**

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