

**RECORD OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
ELLSWORTH CITY COUNCIL**

**DATE: NOVEMBER 13, 2019**

**TIME: 5:30 PM**

**PLACE: ELLSWORTH CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**CITY COUNCIL PRESENT: BLANCHETTE, GRINDLE, HAMILTON,  
KAPLAN, MILLER, MOORE, AND PHILLIPS.**

**CITY COUNCIL ABSENT:**

**KEY SPEAKERS PRESENT: CITY MANAGER DAVID COLE, TAMMY MOTE,  
AND MICHAEL HANGGE, AND HEIDI GRINDLE.**

*Call to Order.*

City Clerk Heidi-Noël Grindle called the organizational meeting of the Ellsworth City Council to order at 5:30 PM.

*Oath of Office.*

Heidi-Noël Grindle, City Clerk read and administered the oath of office for Council Members to Marc S. Blanchette, Michelle R. Kaplan, and Robert P. Miller.

*Selection of Chair for the ensuing year.*

City Clerk Heidi-Noël Grindle called for nominations on Chair for the ensuing year. Councilor Moore nominated Councilor Hamilton for Chair. Councilor Blanchette seconded the nomination. Councilor Miller nominated Councilor Phillips for Chair. Councilor Kaplan seconded the nomination. Clerk Grindle declared nominations for Chair closed.

Clerk Grindle called for a vote on each of the nominations:

Councilor Dale Hamilton received 4 votes. (Blanchette, Grindle, Hamilton, and Moore)

Councilor Phillips received 3 votes. (Kaplan, Miller, and Phillips)

**Hamilton was declared Chair of the Council for the ensuing year.**

Chair Hamilton thanked the Council for the opportunity to serve as Chair and stated he is looking forward to working with the new composition of the Council. He believes everyone is here for the same reasons to help the City and everyone brings h different perspectives. This will be a great opportunity for everyone to put their ideas on the table and work together.

*Time and place for regular monthly meeting.*

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

**RESOLVED 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**

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*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.*

Time for agenda to close.

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**RESOLVED** *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 Grindle, seconded by Miller, it was unanimously*

**RESOLVED** *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 Kaplan, seconded by Miller, it was unanimously*

**RESOLVED** *That the meetings of the City Council be conducted according to Rules of Order previously adopted by the City Council (copy attached) 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 \$2,900 Chair and \$2,320 Councilor. Amount budgeted for FY2020 – \$2,500 for Chair and \$2,000 for each Councilor.

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

**RESOLVED** *Council Chair will receive a stipend of \$2,500 and members of the City Council will receive a stipend in the amount of \$2,000 per Councilor for the period of November, 2019 thru October, 2020. Distribution of the stipend will be at the Chair's discretion.*

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Appointment of Finance Committee.

Chair Hamilton noted the current two members on the Finance Committee are Councilors Blanchette and Grindle. Hamilton inquired if Councilor Phillips was interested in serving on this Committee; Phillips declined the offer. Hamilton asked Councilor Moore if he would like to serve on the committee rather than as the alternate. Hamilton named Councilors Blanchette, Grindle, and Moore as Members of the Finance Committee. Hamilton inquired if Phillips was interested in serving as the alternate; Phillips declined this opportunity as he was not sure he would be available Friday mornings at this point. Hamilton appointed Councilor Miller as the Alternate member.

Signing of warrants.

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

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

Councilor Blanchette noted he made a statement earlier today on his personal Facebook page, thanking everyone for the last two years of being Chair. It has been a fun and educational experience. He has learned a lot over that time. He purposefully did not mention the City employees for without them he could not have done the job. They were his “fifth beetle”; they have made the last two years extremely easy for him. Every time he had a question it was answered without hesitation and if the answer was not readily known, the employee got immediately back to him with it. Blanchette just wanted to say thank you to all 95 employees for allowing him to be Chair for two years.

Adjournment.

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

**RESOLVED** *to approve adjournment at 5:44 PM.*

*A True Copy*

*Attest:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Heidi-Noël Grindle  
City Clerk*

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**Signing of warrants.**

**Adjournment.**