

**RECORD OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
ELLSWORTH CITY COUNCIL**

DATE: NOVEMBER 09, 2020

TIME: 5:30 PM

PLACE: ELLSWORTH CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

CITY COUNCIL ABSENT:

**KEY SPEAKERS PRESENT: INTERIM CITY MANAGER GLENN MOSHIER,
ABBY MILLER, ELIZABETH ALTERI, JOHN MOORE, AND HEIDI GRINDLE.**

Call to Order.

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

Oath of Office.

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Heidi-Noël Grindle, City Clerk read and administered the oath of office for School Board member Elizabeth Alteri. She also administered the oath to Council Members Dale A. Hamilton and Gene C. Lyons.

Selection of Chair for the ensuing year.

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

Clerk Grindle called for a vote on the nomination for Hamilton as Chair:

It was by unanimous vote Councilor Dale Hamilton was elected Chair for the ensuing year.

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

Hamilton thanked the Council for electing him as Chair.

Time and place for regular monthly meeting.

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regular monthly
meeting.**

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

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.

On a motion by Phillips, seconded by Blanchette, 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.*

Manner in which meetings are to be conducted.

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

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. There is an expectation of council members voting unless there is a defined conflict of interest stated; for example as being a financial conflict of interest or personal conflict of interest.*

Chair Hamilton added this topic came up at a meeting this year and this is the opportunity to adopt additional rules. Hamilton added language consistent with an earlier discussion and recommendation from some community members that the City Council will as a council, as well as individual members, vote on issues and take a position unless there is a specific conflict at which time the member will identify the conflict and abstain from the vote. To clarify the only time a council member would abstain is during a specified conflict; Councilor Phillips felt that recommended amendment was too broad. He would like the conflicts to be defined as a financial conflict of interest or personal conflict of interest based on his memory of the earlier conversations. Hamilton agreed those should be defined in that manner as they are defined elsewhere as well.

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

Blanchette accepted the amendments as stated and Phillips seconded the
amendments as presented.

*Council Stipend and the manner of its distribution. Maximum allowable stipend
\$2,950 Chair and \$2,360 Councilor. Amount budgeted for FY2021 – \$2,500 for
Chair and \$2,000 for each Councilor.*

**Council Stipend and
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distribution.**

On a motion by Blanchette, seconded by Phillips, 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 2020 thru October 2021. Distribution of the stipend will be
at the Chair's discretion.*

Chair Hamilton noted this would be at the next available warrant.

Appointment of Finance Committee.

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Finance Committee.**

Chair Hamilton appointed Councilors Blanchette, Grindle, and Hamilton to the
Finance Committee. Councilor Miller was appointed as the alternate member.

Signing of warrants.

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On a motion by Blanchette, seconded by Phillips, 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.*

Adjournment.

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

RESOLVED *to approve adjournment at 5:40 PM.*

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Attest: _____

– Heidi-Noël Grindle
City Clerk