

CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
Board of Aldermen Minutes
Monday, March 2, 2015

Members Present; Board President Allaire; Aldermen Kiernan, Humphrey, Notte, Donahue, Siliski, Brodowski, Larson, Bloomer, and Davis. Also present, Attorney Romeo, and City Clerk Heck. Alderman DePoy was absent.

The Board President called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (February 17 , 2015)

A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Notte) to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

Motion passed.

OUTSIDE THE RAIL

Kam Johnston thanked Alderman Kiernan for his insight into running for office.

Tim Johnson of 112 Robbins St. asked the Board for help with the road condition on Pine St. between State and West St. A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Notte) to refer the issue to the DPW Committee. **Motion passed.**

Marsha Castle spoke on the S.E. P. Request for Global Issues Conference. Ms. Castle described the details of the event and asked all to participate.

Superintendent Wight noted that there would be a committee meeting held to review surveys on the pool issue. Superintendent Wight also noted the 30 year service of Steve "Dukie" Canney who retired on Friday. Board President Allaire asked Cindi to send the Boards thanks and acknowledged the 30 years of service as a tremendous accomplishment.

Board President Allaire then noted the Special Events Permit request from Marsha Castle and moved to take up her request.

S.E.P. Request; "Global Awareness Walk", April 2, 2015 from 4:30 – 5:30 PM

The issue was introduced by the Board President, who asked for a rules suspension. The request was so moved and seconded (Davis, Notte). **Motion passed.** Alderman Davis then moved to approve the Special Events Permit for April 2, 2015 from 4:30 – 5:30 PM for Just Plan It for A Just Planet Walk. There was brief debate on safety concerns and the need to notify Police so they can monitor the walkers from the park to the Paramount Theater. **Motion passed.**

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

There were no communications from the Mayor.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Alderman Siliski asked to add his Finance Committee Report. A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Notte) to add Alderman Siliski's request. **Motion passed.**

REPORTS AND LETTERS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OFFICIALS

Treasurer Wilton; Request for Vacation Carryover; Catherine Taggart, 112.5 Hrs

The Board President introduced the request from Treasurer Wilton and sought Board action. A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Larson) to suspend the rules and take the issue up that evening.

Motion passed. A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Siliski) to approve the request from Catherine Taggart to carryover 112.5 HRs of vacation time. **Motion passed.**

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Melinda Humphrey; Chair, Recreation Committee, Off Leash Dog Program

Alderman Humphrey reported out on an Off Leash Dog Policy at Pine Hill Park. The report contained a survey on the issue reported and Alderman Humphrey noted a vibrant discussion on the issue. The report was detailed and resulted in an ordinance request from the committee of Superintendent Wight. Superintendent Wight noted further discussion to take place that week. Alderman Humphrey noted that the issue is to remain in committee and her report was for information only.

Christopher Siliski; Chair, Finance Committee

Alderman Siliski read his report on the review of the December 31, 2014 quarterly financial report. The committee had an in-depth discussion with the Treasurer on specific dollar amounts, process, policy approval and word meaning. There was no specific action taken by the committee as they were there to learn the process of what was being discussed. The committee did favor meeting again to discuss the next quarterly results and the issue is to remain in committee. Treasurer Wilton noted her continued support of meeting with anyone who wished to learn more about the City's finances.

Sharon Davis; Chair Community & Economic Development, "Pit" Parking Agreement

Alderman Davis read her committee report from February 24, and noted the committee met to discuss the current agreement between the City and "The Pit" owned by the Herald. The committee discussed all options and concerns of those present. The Committee moved to enter executive session to discuss the contract and did so. Upon exiting the committee moved to recommend to the full board via certified mail to notify the Rutland Herald the City's intent to terminate the current lease as drafted and filed in the Rutland City Land records agreement dated 2-6-1975 and she so moved. This motion was seconded by Alderman Larson. There was brief debate. **Motion passed.**

REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES

There were no Select Committee reports

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

There were no Representative Reports

PETITIONS, LETTERS, MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATION

Michael Coppinger; Executive Director, DRP, Thank You Letter

Board President Allaire asked for a motion to receive and file. There was a question from Alderman Kiernan as to why the fire department stopped removing the hanging Christmas decorations. Michael Coppinger spoke briefly on the question presented by Alderman Kiernan.

S.E.P. Request; Shiver Me Shamrocks, 5K Race, March 14, 10-2PM

Board President Allaire introduced the Special Events Permit. A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Notte) to suspend the rules and take the issue up that evening. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Larson) approving the request of the Special Events Permit for Shiver Me Shamrocks to be held March 14th from 10 AM – 2 PM, 5K Race, in Rutland City. **Motion passed.**

BOARD OF CONTROL COMMISSIONERS

There were no issues to come before the Board of Control Commissioners.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business to come before the Board.

MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Bloomer; Request for Referral

Alderman Bloomer read his letter to the Board on the Zamias Fund and his idea for an application process when requesting funds from this account. Alderman Bloomer moved the issue of the Zamias Fund requests to the Community and Economic Development Committee. This request was seconded by Alderman Davis. **Motion passed.**

Alderman Humphrey moved to refer the issue of road height at library Avenue (Giancola Abatement Issue) to the Public Works Committee. This request was seconded by Alderman Davis. **Motion passed.**

Alderman Brodowski asked for a moment of personal privilege to address the Board on her leaving and especially to thank Alderman Notte for all of his support and guidance.

Board President Allaire followed that up with thanking both Aldermen Brodowski and Kiernan, who both sought to not seek re-election, for their service and dedication to the Board.

At 7:43 PM a motion was made and seconded (Davis, Notte) to adjourn. **Motion passed.**

Henry A. Heck
Rutland City Clerk