

**CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
2016 Budget Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 29, 2014**

Members present; President Allaire, Aldermen Kiernan, Humphrey, Notte, Donahue, Siliski, Brodowski, Larson, Bloomer, *DePoy, and Davis, City Attorney Romeo, and City Clerk Heck.

Also present, Mayor Louras, Chief Engineer Schlachter, Police Chief James Baker, Larry Jensen, Commissioner Wennberg, Engineer Rotonado, Treasurer Wilton, Library Director Abby Noland and numerous Library support people. *Alderman DePoy arrived at 5:32 PM.

President Allaire called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE: GENERAL FUND

Rutland City Fire Department Budget-

Alderman Larson read his committee report from December 2, 2014. Alderman Larson noted a discussion over salary and expenses took place prior to a motion to level fund the salary line pertaining to the Fire Chief. A motion from committee to the full Board was to level fund the salary line of Chief Schlachter, and to do so the salary line would need to be reduce by \$4,469.00. Alderman Larson so moved and the request was seconded by Alderman Davis. Debate was lengthy until President Allaire called the vote. There was a brief interruption as the Clerk noted and the Attorney confirmed, that based on new open meeting laws stating if any member was not present but still participating, Phone/video, a roll call vote was in order on all votes taken that evening. President Allaire asked the Clerk to call the roll.

Alderman Kiernan	YES	
Alderman Humphrey	YES	
Alderman Notte		NO
Alderman Donahue	YES	
Alderman Siliski	YES	
Alderman Brodowski		NO
Alderman Larson	YES	
Alderman Bloomer	YES	
Alderman DePoy		NO
Alderman Davis	YES	

Seven (7) YES, three (3) NO, **Motion passed.**

Alderman Larson then proposed to approve the **Fire Budget at \$3,467,814.00** for FY 2016 Budget. There was no debate offered and the President asked the Clerk to call the roll.

Alderman Kiernan	YES	
Alderman Humphrey	YES	
Alderman Notte		NO
Alderman Donahue		NO
Alderman Siliski	YES	
Alderman Brodowski		NO
Alderman Larson	YES	
Alderman Bloomer	YES	
Alderman DePoy	YES	
Alderman Davis	YES	

Seven (7) YES, three (3) NO, **Motion passed.**

Rutland City Police Budget –

Alderman Larson read his committee report and so moved a motion from committee to reduce the salary line to a level funded amount. The reduction would amount to \$3,077.00. Alderman Larson so moved this request, it was seconded by Alderman Davis. There was debate until Alderman Larson with a second from Alderman Davis called to move the question. The President noted that the question had been called and asked the Clerk to call the roll on that motion.

Alderman Kiernan	YES
Alderman Humphrey	YES
Alderman Notte	YES
Alderman Donahue	YES
Alderman Siliski	YES
Alderman Brodowski	YES
Alderman Larson	YES
Alderman Bloomer	YES
Alderman DePoy	YES
Alderman Davis	YES

Ten YES (10), **Motion passed.**

President Allaire noted the unanimous vote and asked the Clerk to call the roll on the original motion to reduce the Police salary line by \$3,077.00.

Alderman Kiernan	YES	
Alderman Humphrey		NO
Alderman Notte		NO
Alderman Donahue	YES	
Alderman Siliski	YES	
Alderman Brodowski		NO
Alderman Larson	YES	
Alderman Bloomer	YES	
Alderman DePoy	YES	
Alderman Davis	YES	

Seven (7) YES, three (3) NO, **Motion passed.**

Alderman Larson then presented the Police Budget at \$5,499,636.00 for the FY 2016 Budget. Alderman Kiernan asked to amend the motion and to reduce the budget by 11/2 officers this request was seconded by Alderman Donahue. There was over 45 minutes of debate from within and outside the rail. With no further debate, the President asked the Clerk to call the roll.

Alderman Kiernan	YES	
Alderman Humphrey		NO
Alderman Notte		NO
Alderman Donahue	YES	
Alderman Siliski		NO
Alderman Brodowski		NO
Alderman Larson	YES	
Alderman Bloomer		NO
Alderman DePoy		NO
Alderman Davis		NO

Three (3) YES, seven (7) NO, **Motion Failed.**

President Allaire announced the motion failed and stated that the Board was back to the original motion approving the Police Budget at \$5,499,636.00 and asked if there was any further debate on that motion, seeing none he asked the Clerk to call the roll.

Alderman Kiernan	YES	
Alderman Humphrey		NO
Alderman Notte		NO
Alderman Donahue		NO
Alderman Siliski had a point of order and needed clarification on the motion.		
Alderman Siliski	YES	
Alderman Brodowski		NO
Alderman Larson	YES	
Alderman Bloomer	YES	
Alderman DePoy	YES	
Alderman Davis	YES	

Six (6) YES four (4) NO, **Motion passed.**

Alderman Larson continued with his report.

Parking Meter Fund –

Alderman Larson noted that his committee had very little issues with the last two parts of the police budget and moved to approve the Parking Meter Fund at \$116,547.00. This request was seconded by Alderman Davis. There was brief debate before the President asked the Clerk to call the roll.

Alderman Kiernan	YES
Alderman Humphrey	YES
Alderman Notte	YES
Alderman Donahue	YES
Alderman Siliski	YES
Alderman Brodowski	YES
Alderman Larson	YES
Alderman Bloomer	YES
Alderman DePoy	YES
Alderman Davis	YES

Ten YES (10), **Motion passed.**

Transfers Out-

Alderman Larson noted a budget of \$15,000.00 and moved for the approval. Alderman Davis seconded. With no debate from the Board the President asked the Clerk to call the roll.

Alderman Kiernan	YES
Alderman Humphrey	YES
Alderman Notte	YES
Alderman Donahue	YES
Alderman Siliski	YES
Alderman Brodowski	YES
Alderman Larson	YES
Alderman Bloomer	YES
Alderman DePoy	YES
Alderman Davis	YES

Ten YES (10), **Motion passed.**

At this point in the meeting the President asked for a 5 minute recess.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: GENERAL FUND

DPW Administration Budget –

Alderman DePoy read his report from December 16 & 17. The report contained several motions including a motion from committee to approve the DPW Administration Budget at \$944,591. This request was seconded by Alderman Notte. Alderman Davis made an immediate amendment to reduce the salary line, department head specific by \$3,568.00. Debate followed for several minutes. With no further debate the President asked the Clerk to call the roll.

Alderman Kiernan	YES	
Alderman Humphrey		NO
Alderman Notte		NO
Alderman Donahue	YES	
Alderman Siliski	YES	
Alderman Brodowski		NO
Alderman Larson	YES	
Alderman Bloomer	YES	
Alderman DePoy		NO
Alderman Davis	YES	

Six (6) YES four (4) NO, **Motion passed.**

President Allaire noted the original motion was on the floor and sought a new budget number. Alderman DePoy stated the reduction to the salary line would be \$3,568.00 for a new total of \$941,023. The President then asked the Clerk to call the roll.

Alderman Kiernan	YES	
Alderman Humphrey	YES	
Alderman Notte		NO
Alderman Donahue		NO
Alderman Siliski	YES	
Alderman Brodowski		NO
Alderman Larson	YES	
Alderman Bloomer	YES	
Alderman DePoy	YES	
Alderman Davis	YES	

Seven (7) YES, three (3) NO, **Motion passed.**

DPW Streets Budget – Including Winter Maintenance

Alderman DePoy noted the next budget met with little debate and moved to approve the DPW Streets Budget at \$2,628,365. This motion was seconded by Alderman Davis. There was no debate from within the rail. The President asked the Clerk to call the roll.

Alderman Kiernan	YES	
Alderman Humphrey	YES	
Alderman Notte	YES	
Alderman Donahue		NO
Alderman Siliski	YES	
Alderman Brodowski	YES	
Alderman Larson		NO
Alderman Bloomer	YES	
Alderman DePoy	YES	
Alderman Davis	YES	

Eight (8) YES, two (2) NO, **Motion passed.**

DPW Street Lights Budget –

Alderman DePoy spoke very briefly on the Street Lights Budget and moved to approve the budget at \$307,500. This motion was seconded by Alderman Davis. There was brief discussion within this budget. The President asked the Clerk to call the roll.

Alderman Kiernan	YES	
Alderman Humphrey	YES	
Alderman Notte	YES	
Alderman Donahue		NO
Alderman Siliski	YES	
Alderman Brodowski	YES	
Alderman Larson	YES	
Alderman Bloomer	YES	
Alderman DePoy	YES	
Alderman Davis	YES	

Nine (9) YES, one (1) NO, **Motion passed.**

DPW Vehicle Maintenance Budget –

Alderman DePoy continued with his report. The committee recommended approving the DPW Vehicle Maintenance Budget at \$585,657 and he so moved. This motion was seconded by Alderman Davis. With no debate, President Allaire asked the Clerk to call the roll.

Alderman Kiernan	YES	
Alderman Humphrey	YES	
Alderman Notte	YES	
Alderman Donahue		NO
Alderman Siliski	YES	
Alderman Brodowski	YES	
Alderman Larson	YES	
Alderman Bloomer	YES	
Alderman DePoy	YES	
Alderman Davis	YES	

Nine (9) YES, one (1) NO, **Motion passed.**

DPW Catch Basins Budget –

Alderman DePoy continued with the catch basins budget noting a decrease within the present budget. Alderman DePoy so moved the committee approved budget of \$75,102. Alderman Davis seconded. The President asked the Clerk to call the roll.

Alderman Kiernan	YES	
Alderman Humphrey	YES	
Alderman Notte	YES	
Alderman Donahue		NO
Alderman Siliski	YES	
Alderman Brodowski	YES	
Alderman Larson	YES	
Alderman Bloomer	YES	
Alderman DePoy	YES	
Alderman Davis	YES	

Nine (9) YES, one (1) NO, **Motion passed.**

At this point Alderman DePoy noted that finished the General Fund portion of the budget and his committee's first night of work.

SEWER FUND-

Wastewater Treatment-

Alderman DePoy reported that his committee met on December 17th and discussed the Non-General Fund portion of Water & Sewer. Alderman DePoy reported that he did not see a rate increase based on the information presented by the Commissioner and his committee move to approve the Wastewater Treatment portion of the budget at \$2,668,871.00 and he so moved. Alderman Notte seconded. There was brief debate on the slug removal cost increase. With no further debate, the President asked the Clerk to call the roll.

Alderman Kiernan	YES	
Alderman Humphrey	YES	
Alderman Notte	YES	
Alderman Donahue		NO
Alderman Siliski	YES	
Alderman Brodowski	YES	
Alderman Larson	YES	
Alderman Bloomer	YES	
Alderman DePoy	YES	
Alderman Davis	YES	

Nine (9) YES, one (1) NO, **Motion passed.**

Wastewater Collection Budget-

Alderman DePoy read his committee's report on the Wastewater Collection Budget and moved the committee's recommendation to the full Board approving the budget at \$616,320.00. Alderman Notte seconded. President Allaire asked if there was any debate. Seeing none, he asked the Clerk to call the roll.

Alderman Kiernan	YES	
Alderman Humphrey	YES	
Alderman Notte	YES	
Alderman Donahue		NO
Alderman Siliski	YES	
Alderman Brodowski	YES	
Alderman Larson	YES	
Alderman Bloomer	YES	
Alderman DePoy	YES	
Alderman Davis	YES	

Nine (9) YES, one (1) NO, **Motion passed.**

Pump Stations-

Alderman DePoy noted a request from Alderman Donahue in committee to group all of the pump stations into one group. There was brief discussion on this request. Alderman DePoy so moved his committee's request approving the budget at \$46,480.00. Alderman Notte seconded. There was no debate and the President asked the Clerk to call the roll.

Alderman Kiernan	YES	
Alderman Humphrey	YES	

Alderman Notte	YES
Alderman Donahue	YES
Alderman Siliski	YES
Alderman Brodowski	YES
Alderman Larson	YES
Alderman Bloomer	YES
Alderman DePoy	YES
Alderman Davis	YES

Ten (10) YES, zero (0) NO, **Motion passed.**

Transfers Out-

Alderman DePoy reported that his committee approved the transfer out budget at \$659,859.00 and so moved the motion. Alderman Davis seconded. President Allaire restated the motion and asked if there was any debate, seeing none he asked the Clerk to call the roll.

Alderman Kiernan	YES
Alderman Humphrey	YES
Alderman Notte	YES
Alderman Donahue	YES
Alderman Siliski	YES
Alderman Brodowski	YES
Alderman Larson	YES
Alderman Bloomer	YES
Alderman DePoy	YES
Alderman Davis	YES

Ten (10) YES, zero (0) NO, **Motion passed.**

WATER & SEWER BUDGET

Water Treatment Budget –

Alderman DePoy read his committee report on the Water & Sewer Budget. This portion of his report was for the Water Treatment Budget. Alderman DePoy noted a brief discussion from Kathleen Kreveski on the fluoride placed in the City water and sought to have that removed from the budget as she feels it is harmful to users. Alderman DePoy noted her concern but felt the issue should be properly vented through the committee process. Alderman DePoy so moved his committee’s request approving the budget as presented in the amount of \$744,464.00. Alderman Notte seconded. There was no debate within the rail, but Kathleen Kreveski did speak with a prepared statement outside the rail. There was brief debate from the Board, mainly about the referral to committee of the fluoride issue. President Allaire readdressed the motion at present and asked the Clerk to call the roll.

Alderman Kiernan	YES	
Alderman Humphrey	YES	
Alderman Notte	YES	
Alderman Donahue		NO
Alderman Siliski	YES	
Alderman Brodowski	YES	
Alderman Larson	YES	
Alderman Bloomer	YES	
Alderman DePoy	YES	
Alderman Davis	YES	

Nine (9) YES, one (1) NO, **Motion passed.**

Alderman DePoy then noted the motion from committee to send the fluoride issue to the Public Works Committee and he so moved. This referral was seconded by Alderman Davis. There was debate from Aldermen and the Commissioner who asked anyone concerned with the City water quality should see the water reports posted on the City website and reassured the public that the City met all State and Federal guidelines. The President noted that this issue would be discussed thoroughly within committee, but the Board was there to set the budget. Upon no further debate, the President asked the Clerk to call the roll.

Alderman Kiernan	YES
Alderman Humphrey	YES
Alderman Notte	YES
Alderman Donahue	YES
Alderman Siliski	YES
Alderman Brodowski	YES
Alderman Larson	YES
Alderman Bloomer	YES
Alderman DePoy	YES
Alderman Davis	YES

Ten (10) YES, zero (0) NO, **Motion passed.**

Water Distribution Budget –

Alderman DePoy continued with his report from committee to approve the budget as proposed of \$591,896.00. Alderman Larson seconded. There was no debate. The President asked the Clerk to call the roll.

Alderman Kiernan	YES	
Alderman Humphrey	YES	
Alderman Notte	YES	
Alderman Donahue		NO
Alderman Siliski	YES	
Alderman Brodowski	YES	
Alderman Larson	YES	
Alderman Bloomer	YES	
Alderman DePoy	YES	
Alderman Davis	YES	

Nine (9) YES, one (1) NO, **Motion passed.**

Water Meter Budget

Alderman DePoy read his report on Water Meters and so moved the motion from committee to approve as proposed \$382,213. There was no debate. President Allaire asked the Clerk to call the roll.

Alderman Kiernan	YES	
Alderman Humphrey	YES	
Alderman Notte	YES	
Alderman Donahue		NO
Alderman Siliski	YES	
Alderman Brodowski	YES	
Alderman Larson	YES	
Alderman Bloomer	YES	
Alderman DePoy	YES	
Alderman Davis	YES	

Nine (9) YES, one (1) NO, **Motion passed.**

Transfers Out-

Alderman DePoy read his report from committee and moved to approve at \$659,859.00. There was no debate. The President asked the Clerk to call the roll.

Alderman Kiernan	YES
Alderman Humphrey	YES
Alderman Notte	YES
Alderman Donahue	YES
Alderman Siliski	YES
Alderman Brodowski	YES
Alderman Larson	YES
Alderman Bloomer	YES
Alderman DePoy	YES
Alderman Davis	YES

Ten (10) YES, zero (0) NO, **Motion passed.**

Clerk Heck asked the Treasurer a quick question on Debt Service and Payout.

President Allaire noted that the Board was at the end of its first night and asked if they wanted to continue with the setting of the Water & Sewer rates.

Alderman DePoy noted a request from Commissioner Wennberg to set the rates that evening. Commissioner Wennberg spoke to the Board and noted that the existing rates were adequate and asked the Board to set the current rate or readopt the current rates. The Clerk presented a handout as exhibit #1 to be included in the minutes as the setting of rates. Alderman read them into the record and Alderman Davis seconded. There was no debate. President Allaire asked the Clerk to call the roll.

Alderman Kiernan	YES
Alderman Humphrey	YES
Alderman Notte	YES
Alderman Donahue	YES
Alderman Siliski	YES
Alderman Brodowski	YES
Alderman Larson	YES
Alderman Bloomer	YES
Alderman DePoy	YES
Alderman Davis	YES

Ten (10) YES, zero (0) NO, **Motion passed.**

At 8:30 PM Alderman Davis moved to adjourn, it was seconded by Alderman Notte. **Motion passed.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Henry A. Heck
Rutland City Clerk