

**CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT**  
**Board of Aldermen Minutes**  
**Wednesday, December 19, 2018**

Members present; President Davis, Aldermen Notte, Humphrey, \*Ryan, Etori, Tommola, Mattis, Gillam, Clifford, DePoy, and Whitcomb. Also present, Mayor Allaire, Attorney Bloomer and Clerk Heck. There were various Department Heads and Officials. \*Alderman Ryan arrived at 5:35 PM.

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

**FY 2020 Budget Committee Minutes**

***Alderman DePoy; Chair, Recreation Committee, Municipal Budget***  
**Rutland Free Library-**

Alderman DePoy read his committee report from November 29, 2018 and stated that this budget was up 2.25%. At that committee meeting the committee did approve a budget of \$755,191 5-0 and Alderman DePoy so moved that motion to the full Board. Alderman Notte seconded. There was debate, with a failed motion to decrease the budget \$8,000 by Alderman Gillam. **Motion passed** to fund the library budget at \$755,191.

***Alderman DePoy; Chair, Recreation Committee, Municipal Budget***  
**Recreation Admin-**

Alderman DePoy noted that in committee they approved a budget of \$537,366 with the removal of \$500 from the "travel Allowance Line" and he so moved this budget to the full Board. Alderwoman Mattis seconded. Alderman Etori and Tommola tried to reduce the computer hardware, software line by 75%. There was a great deal of debate and amendments to that request. All motions, amended motions and amended, amended motions were moved and seconded. All motions to reduce the "computer line" failed. During one of the amendments to reduce the original request from a 75% reduction to a 50% reduction a roll call vote was requested. Clerk Heck called the roll, with Aldermen Notte, Ryan, Mattis, Clifford, DePoy and Whitcomb voting no and Alderman Humphrey, Etori, Tommola and Gillam voting yes. **Motion failed.** After twenty-five minutes of debate, the original motion to approve the **Rec-Admin budget at \$537,366 passed.**

**Recreation Giorgetti Park-**

Alderman DePoy read the recommendation from committee to approve the Giorgetti Budget at \$120,493 and he so moved. Alderman Mattis seconded. **Motion passed.**

**Recreation Godnick Center-**

Alderman DePoy read his committee report recommending a budget of \$15,472 and he so moved. Alderman Ryan seconded. **Motion passed.**

**Recreation White Park-**

Alderman DePoy read his committee's recommendation to approve a budget of \$117,060 and he so moved. Alderman Mattis seconded. **Motion passed.**

**Recreation Maintenance-**

Alderman DePoy read this report and moved the recommendation out of committee to approve the budget at \$784,160. The motion was seconded by Alderman Mattis. Alderman Etori moved to cut the part-time line by \$22,000, Alderman Tommola seconded. **Motion failed.** Alderman Tommola moved to cut the "fuel oil, gas and diesel line" .10 cents per gallon. Alderman Whitcomb seconded. There was debate. Alderman Tommola amended his motion to coincide with the Superintendent's recommendation. Alderman Whitcomb seconded. With a \$3,000 reduction to the original budget of \$784,160, a new total for Recreation Maintenance of \$781,160 was passed.

**Recreation Programs-**

Alderman DePoy noted the final recreation programs item was approved in committee as presented and he so moved the budget of \$237,595. Alderman Ryan seconded. **Motion passed.**

A motion was made and seconded (Etori, Humphrey) to reconsider the Recreation-Admin Budget. President Davis noted the voice vote failed. Alderman Etori challenged the Chair on the vote. President Davis asked for a show of hands, 5-5. President Davis voted no. **Motion failed.**

***Alderman Notte Chair, Public Safety Committee, Municipal Budget***  
**Rutland City Fire Budget-**

Alderman Notte read his committee meeting from December 4, 2018. The committee met to discuss the FY 2020 Budgets in Public Safety Committee, Police, Fire and Parking Meter. Alderman Notte noted some concerns with salary related lines, healthcare, dental ect. The motion out of committee was to

approve the fire budget at \$3,740,307 and he so moved. Alderwoman Ryan seconded. Deputy-Chief Lovett was present to acknowledge there was a discrepancy in the salary line and presented numbers to support the new bottom line of \$3,674,755. Alderman Etori moved to reduce the building repair and maintenance line by \$20,000. Alderwoman Humphrey seconded. There was lengthy debate. **Motion failed.** Alderman Whitcomb moved to reduce the fuel oil and gas and diesel line by 20%. This reduced the fuel oil line to \$17,600 and gas and diesel to \$20,000, reducing those lines \$9,400. Alderwoman Humphrey seconded, there was brief debate. **Motion passed.** This brought the new budget to \$3,665,355. President Davis confirmed all salary lines with the Treasurer. Chief Lovett spoke briefly on the VEMERS line. With no further discussion, President Davis called for a vote on the total budget of \$3,665,355. **Motion passed.**

President Davis called for a brief break at 7:00 PM.

President Davis called the meeting back to order at 7:23 PM

#### **Rutland City Police Department Budget-**

Alderman Notte continued with his committee report taking up the Police Budget. Alderman Notte noted committee discussion on overtime and staffing. A motion to approve the budget at \$6,265,881 was passed and Alderman Notte so moved that budget to the full Board. Alderman Etori seconded. Alderman Tommola moved to reduce the fuel lines by 10 & 20 %. Alderwoman Humphrey seconded. Debate followed. Alderman Tommola moved to amend his motion, agreeing with Chief Kilcullen lowering the gas line from \$32,000 to \$29,400 and the fuel oil from \$87,345 to \$75,000. Alderman Etori seconded. **Motion failed.** A motion was made and seconded (Whitcomb, Etori) to reduce just the gas line to \$80,000. With a hand count the motion was tied at 5-5, President Davis voted yes to cut. **Motion passed.** With that cut the new budget was \$6,258,527. That number was so moved and seconded (Gillam, Ryan). President Davis repeated the new budget total of \$6,258,527 and call for a vote. **Motion passed.**

**Parking Meter Fund-**Alderman Notte noted the committee approved the budget at \$170,465 and he so moved that number to the full Board. Alderman Ryan seconded. **Motion passed.** A motion was made by Alderman Notte for a transfer out of the parking Meter fund for administrative fees for \$15,000. Alderwoman Mattis seconded. **Motion passed.**

#### ***Alderman Etori; Chair, Finance Committee, Municipal Budget***

##### **Treasurer's Budget-**

Alderman Etori read his committee report from December 6, 2018. The motion out of committee was to approve the Treasurer's Budget at \$627,719 and he so moved. Alderman Ryan seconded. **Motion passed.** Transfers-Out, Alderman Etori spoke on this item explaining how Pension Fund contributions were made by the employee and employer. Alderman Etori noted a 9% increase as suggested by the actuary and so moved the employer's contribution of \$756,576. Alderwoman Mattis seconded. **Motion passed.**

##### **Transfers-Out- PD, Fire, REC & DPW**

Alderman Etori noted the annual transfers to these departments totaling \$295,000 and so moved this budget to the full Board. Alderwoman Ryan seconded. **Motion passed.**

#### ***Alderman Tommola; Chair, General Committee, Municipal Budget***

##### **Community Development-**

Alderman Tommola noted his committee voted to approve the Community Development Budget at \$187,000 and he so moved. Alderman DePoy seconded. **Motion passed.**

##### **Legislative Budget-**

Alderman Tommola noted this budget was \$29,487 coming out of committee and he so moved their recommendation. Alderwoman Ryan seconded. **Motion passed.**

##### **Clerk Budget –**

Alderman Tommola moved the Clerk's Budget from committee with a slight increase of \$6,000. It was noted that the final number was \$428,443 and he so moved. Alderwoman Ryan seconded. **Motion passed.**

##### **Executive Budget –**

Alderman Tommola moved the Executive Budget from committee at \$110,972 to the full Board. Alderwoman Mattis seconded. **Motion passed.**

##### **Human Resource-**

Alderman Tommola noted there was a slight increase as well and stated a budget of \$122,482. Alderwoman Mattis seconded. Brief debate. **Motion passed.**

### **Elections Budget-**

Alderman Tommola noted the decrease and stated it was due to the number of elections in the FY 2020 and moved to approve this budget from his committee at \$10,410 and he so moved. Alderwoman Ryan seconded. **Motion passed.**

### **Attorney's Budget-**

Alderman Tommola then moved on to the Attorney's Budget and so moved a \$600 decrease in the phone budget. Motion was seconded by Alderwoman Mattis. **Motion passed.** Alderman Tommola presented from committee an Attorney Budget of \$310,556 and he so moved. Alderwoman Ryan seconded. Debate. Alderman Etori moved to cut \$20,000 from the legal services line. Alderman Tommola seconded. Debate followed. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Tommola, Etori) for a new Attorney Budget at \$290,556. **Motion passed.**

### **CAIR Committee –**

President Davis noted along with Alderman Tommola, that the CAIR Budget was part of the Attorney's Budget, which just passed. The CAIR Budget is set at \$500 total.

### **Assessor Budget –**

Alderman Tommola noted his committee approved this budget at \$126, 514 and he so moved this number to the full Board. Alderwoman Mattis seconded. **Motion passed.**

### **Building & Zoning Budget –**

Alderman Tommola noted his committee approved this budget at \$440,226 a decrease and he so moved that budget to the full Board. Alderwoman Mattis seconded. **Motion passed.**

### **Government Buildings Budget -**

Alderman Tommola moved to approve the budget of \$361,581 for Government Buildings. Alderman DePoy seconded. **Motion passed.**

### **General Fund Miscellaneous Budget-**

Alderman Tommola noted a decrease for this year, and moved a budget of \$387,752. Alderwoman Ryan seconded. **Motion passed.**

## ***Alderman Clifford; Chair, Public Works Committee, Municipal Budget DPW Admin-***

Alderman Clifford read his committee report from December 10, 2018. The motion out of committee was moved as presented at \$1,171,561. Alderman Gillam seconded. **Motion passed.**

### **Streets Division-Including Winter Maintenance**

Alderman Clifford noted the staffing levels and the request for a new truck. Alderman Clifford noted his committee approved as presented for \$2,563,241 and he so moved. Alderwoman Mattis seconded. Debate. Alderman Etori moved to cut the truck in the amount of \$145,000. Alderman Tommola seconded. Debate. **Motion failed.** President Davis then called the vote of the original motion to approve the Streets Division budget at \$2,563,241. **Motion passed.**

### **DPW Traffic & Street Lights-**

Alderman Clifford presented a motion out of committee, approving the requested budget of \$380,855. Alderman DePoy seconded. **Motion passed.**

### **DPW Vehicle Maintenance-**

Alderman Clifford noted the specifics of this department and stated a budget of \$604,715 was passed as presented and he so moved this budget. Alderwoman Ryan seconded. Alderman Tommola asked the Commissioner if he could cut any of his fuel items. Commissioner Wennberg felt all numbers presented were needed. **Motion passed.**

### **Storm Water Budget-**

Alderman Clifford noted his committee approved a budget as presented and so moved the request for \$71,097. Alderwoman Mattis seconded. **Motion passed.**

### **Water Treatment Budget –**

Alderman Clifford read his report on this request and noted that his committee approved a budget of \$679,297. Alderman Mattis seconded. **Motion passed.**

### **Water Distribution Budget –**

Alderman Clifford read his report detailing the request and specifics of this department. The motion out of committee was to approve the budget at \$570,630 and he so moved. Alderman Gillam seconded. **Motion passed.**

**Water Meter Budget-**

Alderman Clifford read his report on the Water Meter Budget request. The motion out of committee was to approve the budget at \$636,464 and he so moved. Alderman Gillam seconded. **Motion passed.**

**Wastewater Collection-**

Alderman Clifford read his notes on Waste Water Treatment noting six employees and debate on the purchase of a backhoe/loader. The motion from committee was to approve the budget at \$744,381 as proposed and he so moved. Alderwoman Ryan seconded. **Motion passed.**

**Wastewater Treatment-**

Alderman Clifford noted twelve employees and the request to purchase a ¾ ton pickup and a mower/blower. After some discussion in committee, a motion was made approving the amended budget of \$2,760,361 and he so moved. Alderwoman Mattis seconded. Debate on fuel and gas, no action was requested. Alderman DePoy for the 5<sup>th</sup> year, requested to cut State fees of \$13,500. Alderman Gillam seconded. After brief debate on the harm that this motion could cause, **Motion failed.** President Davis noted the original motion, approving \$2,760,361 and called for a vote. **Motion passed.**

**Pump Stations-**

Alderman Clifford noted that this budget included all pump stations and noted his committee moved to approve \$57,615 as requested and he so moved. Alderman Gillam seconded. **Motion passed.**

**Transfer Out- Water & Sewer Budget**

WATER FUND	Fiscal 2020	FY20 \$\$ change
	Proposed	
<b>600-7-99 TRANSFERS OUT</b>		
600-7-99-00-892.001 Trnsf Out - Admin Treas	\$ 188,316	\$ (1,780)
600-7-99-00-892.002 Trnsf Out - Admin DPW	\$ 390,520	\$ (2,298)
600-7-99-00-892.003 Trnsf Out - Admin Atty	\$ 36,320	\$ (967)
600-7-99-00-892.004 Trnsf Out - Vehcl Maint	\$ 151,179	\$ 5,295
600-7-99-00-892.005 Trnsf Out - Admin G Bldg	\$ -	
600-7-99-00-892.006 Trnsfer Out - Sewer Fund (AMI)		
<b>600-7-99 TRANSFERS OUT TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 766,334</b>	<b>\$250.52</b>

Alderman Clifford then moved the total transfer out of the Water Fund at \$766,334. Alderman DePoy seconded. **Motion passed.**

SEWER FUND	Fiscal 2020	FY20 \$\$ change
	Proposed	
<b>610-7-99 TRANSFERS OUT</b>		
610-7-99-00-892.001 Trnsf Out - Admin Treas	\$ 188,316	\$ (1,780)
610-7-99-00-892.002 Trnsf Out - Admin DPW	\$ 390,520	\$ (2,298)
610-7-99-00-892.003 Trnsf Out - Admin Atty	\$ 36,320	\$ (967)
610-7-99-00-892.004 Trnsf Out - Vhcl Maint	\$ 151,179	\$ 5,295
610-7-99-00-892.005 Trnsf Out - SAS & Meters	\$ 294,474	
610-7-99-00-892.005 Trnsf Out - Admin GBldg	\$ -	
610-7-99-00-892.006 Trnsf Out - Plant PILOT	\$ -	
<b>610-7-99 TRANSFERS OUT TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,060,808</b>	<b>\$ 294,725</b>

Alderman Clifford then moved the total transfer out of the Sewer Fund at \$1,060,808. Alderwoman Mattis seconded. **Motion passed.**

President Davis then noted the last order of business was to set the Water & Sewer rates.

Alderman Clifford then noted the handout from Commissioner Wennberg and moved to set the rates as outlined in that handout. Alderman Whitcomb seconded. **Motion passed. (Handout to be included with minutes)**

A motion was made and seconded (Tommola, Etori) to refer I.T. issues discussed earlier to the General Committee. **Motion passed.**

A motion was made and seconded (Gillam, Whitcomb) to refer Fire House maintenance issues to the General Committee. **Motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

Henry A. Heck  
Rutland City Clerk