

**CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT**  
**Board of Aldermen Minutes**  
**Monday, September 20, 2021**

Members present; President Whitcomb, Aldermen DePoy, Neary, Savage, Doenges, Talbott, Gillam, Clifford, Gorruso, Franco and Davis. Also present, Mayor Allaire, Attorney Bloomer and Deputy City Clerk Kapusta.

**7:00 PM BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING**

President Whitcomb called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS (September 7, 2021)**

A motion was made and seconded (Gorruso, Davis) approving the minutes of the previous meeting.

**Motion passed.**

**OUTSIDE THE RAIL**

***Phillip Allen, Same Sun of Vermont; Routes 4 & 7 Solar, EV Charging and Welcome Center***

Phillip Allen from Same Sun of Vermont, presented "The Filling Station" to the Board. "The Filling Station" would be an EV Charging Center to replace the defunct Beverage Center at the intersection of Routes 4 & 7 in Rutland. A solar carport, a welcome and information center and seasonal food court, along with some other possibilities would make up the "The Filling Station". There was a brief discussion and questions from the BOA. A motion was made and seconded (Gillam, Gorruso) to refer the issue to the Community Development Committee. **Motion passed.**

***Alis Headlam; Project Vision's Neighborhood Engagement Committee***

On Wednesday, September 22, 2021 there will be a neighborhood walk starting at 5:00 PM, with the Police Department, members of Project Vision and members of the committee. They will be walking Baxter Street and Cleveland Avenue. This is an outreach to introduce members of Project Vision to the public. No Special Event Permit is needed as this is a "casual" walk per the Mayor.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

The Mayor distributed a hand out to the Board with recommendations for ARPA projects funding.

**ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were no additions and deletions to the agenda.

**REPORTS AND LETTERS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OFFICIALS**

***Superintendent Peters; 2021 Halloween Parade SEP Request***

There are 40 floats registered already for the 2021 Halloween Parade. The parade will take place on Saturday, October 30, 2021. A motion was made and seconded (Gorruso, Davis) suspending the rules and taking action on the request. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Gorruso, Davis) to approve the Halloween Parade for October 30, 2021 from 3PM to 10PM. **Motion passed.**

***Superintendent Peters; Halloween 5K "Running Scared"***

A motion was made and seconded (Davis, DePoy) suspending the rules and taking action on the request. A motion was made and seconded (Davis, DePoy) to approve the Halloween 5K "Running Scared" event on October 30, 2021 from 9AM to 1PM. **Motion passed.**

***Treasurer Markowski; Recommendation for Write Off of Fully Depreciated Assets***

Treasurer Markowski recommended, in connection with the FY21 City Audit, a number of identified assets that are fully depreciated and seeks Board approval to write off fully depreciated assets of \$2,167,086 as of June 30, 2021. The assets were analyzed for write off for the following reasons:

- 1- The assets do not meet the current criteria for capitalization (\$5,000 or greater)
- 2- The assets are unidentifiable or can no longer be located
- 3- The assets are greater than 20 years old
- 4- In some cases the assets have been replaced by new assets, i.e. water meters

A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Gilliam) suspending the rules and taking action on the request. **Motion passed.** A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Gilliam) to write off fully depreciated assets of \$2,167,086 as of June 30, 2021. **Motion passed.**

***Treasurer Markowski; Treasurer's Report August 31, 2021***

This report was for informational purpose only. There was a discussion regarding the Parking Fund. A motion was made and seconded (Davis, Clifford) to refer the parking fund to the Finance Committee. **Motion passed.**

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

***Alderman Talbott; Community & Economic Development Committee***

Alderman Talbott read his report from the Community & Economic Development Committee that met on September 14, 2021. The purpose of the meeting was to hear Brennan Duffy's report on potential use of ARPA funds for a rental housing rehab assistance program. This report was for informational purpose only.

**REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES**

There were no select committee reports.

**REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES**

There were no reports of representatives.

**PETITIONS, LETTERS, MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATION**

There were no petitions, letters, or miscellaneous communications.

**BOARD OF CONTROL COMMISSIONERS**

There was nothing to come before the Board of Control Commissioners.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was a brief discussion among the Board regarding the list provided by the Mayor for suggestions on using the ARPA funds.

**MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, NEW BUSINESS**

***Alderman DePoy; Committee Referral, Proposed Ban on Mask Mandates in City of Rutland***

Alderman DePoy requested a referral to Charter & Ordinance to have an open discussion about mask mandates in the City of Rutland. Alderman Gorruso suggested that the referral be to Committee of the Whole that would allow for a more open discussion. After some debate among Board Members, a motion was made and seconded (DePoy, Gorruso) to refer the proposed ban on mask mandates in the City of Rutland to the Committee of the Whole. **Motion failed.**

A motion was made to adjourn at 7:57 PM, so moved and seconded (Davis, DePoy). **Motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Tracy L. Kapusta  
Rutland City Deputy Clerk