

## MANAGER'S REPORT

City Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 3, 2010

**TO: Mayor Walter Ash Jr. and Honorable Members of Belfast City Council**

**FROM: Joseph J. Slocum, City Manager**

**DATE: Friday, July 30, 2010**

### **Non-agenda items:**

*Please note early starting time of 6:30 p.m.*

We anticipate moving directly into an executive session with the City Attorney on a legal matter and then being out of executive session by 7:00 p.m. to go on with Public Hearings and the rest of the Council meeting.

At the end of the Council meeting, which we expect will be relatively short; we anticipate adjournment to a work session on the Master Plan for the Waterfront and Downtown Area.

### **Agenda:**

**10.B Request by City Manager to conduct an executive session to discuss a legal matter with the City Attorney pursuant to Title 1, Chapter 405 MRSA Section 6E.**

**10.C Discussion on Maine Municipal Association's election of executive committee members.**

It's that time of year when we as a municipality get to vote for executive committee members for the Maine Municipal Association. I recommend Clint Deschane of the Town of Hermon and Michelle Beal from the City of Ellsworth.

**10.D Discussion and possible action on the second reading of amendments to the Belfast City Code of Ordinances regarding a proposal to allow the raising of domesticated chickens.** [\(click for more info\)](#)

City planner Wayne Marshall will have attachments in your packet. Essentially we are allowing for people to raise a limited number of chickens at their residence.

**10.E Update on the development of the new City web site.**

With the departure of the City Clerk we needed a new staff person to spearhead the effort to create a new City web site. This is a very important priority for the welfare of our community as well as for

economic development. I have asked Thomas Kittredge, Belfast Economic Development Director, to take responsibility for working with Council members and selecting a consultant in getting this process into motion as soon as possible.

**10.F Signing of Council Orders.**

This is as short a report as I can muster. Many thanks to all those who have worked so hard since last December to get us through the budget process for this new fiscal year. I particularly want to thank City Treasurer Rickie LeSan for her patience and her detail through this extended process. Have a good weekend and encourage safety in everything you come across. There is a lot of traffic and a lot of distracting fun happening and it is too easy to let our guard drop a little. Everyone can help summer be better for everyone else.