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City of Belfast
Council Chambers-Belfast City Hall
Monday, November 1, 2021
7:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting

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Regular Council Meeting No. 9

1) Call to order

2) Present: Mayor Eric Sanders, Councilors Mary Mortier, Neal Harkness, Brenda Bonneville, Michael Hurley and Paul Dean; City Manager Erin Herbig and Assistant to the City Manager Manda Cushman.

3) Pledge of Allegiance

4) Adoption of the agenda

Councilor Bonneville, seconded by Councilor Harkness, made a motion to adopt the agenda. This motion was approved, 5-0.

5) Acceptance of the minutes

Regular Council Meeting of October 19, 2021.

Councilor Mortier, seconded by Councilor Harkness, made a motion to accept the minutes from Regular Council Meeting of October 19, 2021. This was approved, 5-0.

6) A. Open to the public

City Manager Erin Herbig noted that Council received 1 emails and 0 postal mail, prior to the start of the Council meeting to be included as part of the Open to the Public.

1. Earl Mackenzie of Isleboro provided an update on the proposed plans for the former Em-Bee Cleaners building.

B. Organization and Department Reports

City Manager Erin Herbig reminded the public of Election Day hours and voting locations, informed the public that the City Clerk's Office and Transfer Station closed tomorrow November 2, 2021, and that on November 11th all City non-emergency facilities will be closed in observance of Veteran's Day, and reminded Council of their next scheduled Council Work Session on Tuesday, November 30th at 7:00 p.m.

7) Communications

Councilor Dean reminded the public to wear orange if heading out into the woods as deer hunting season has started.

Councilor Mortier informed the Council and public that New Years by the Bay will be canceled this year out of an abundance of caution due to the current state of COVID-19.

Councilor Hurley discussed how nice it was to see young families out trick-or-treating on Cedar Street and discussed the upcoming Election.

Mayor Sanders thanked the Council and staff for all the work they have accomplished and if reelected all the work that they will continue to do.

8) Old Business and Council Committee Reports

- City Manager Erin Herbig recommended scheduling committee interviews on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., Council unanimously agreed.

9) Permits, Petitions and Licenses - Consent Agenda

- A. Request to approve an application by Moonbat LLC d/b/a Marshall Wharf Brewing Company located at 36 Marshall Warf, Belfast, Maine for a Malt & Vinous Restaurant Class III &IV liquor license (interior only).
- B. Request to approve an application for a Special Amusement Permit by Moonbat LLC d/b/a Marshall Wharf Brewing Co. for live entertainment, music, vocals – Karaoke, DJ and dancing located at 36 Marshall Wharf, Belfast, Maine, interior/exterior.
- C. Request to approve an application for a Special Amusement Permit by Bowen's Tavern, for live entertainment, music, vocals – Karaoke, DJ and dancing located at 181 Waterville Rd., Belfast, Maine, interior only.

- D. Request to approve an off premises catering permit for Bell the Cat, Inc. for a private wedding event located at the Fireside Inn, 159 Searsport Ave., Belfast, ME on October 16, 2021 from 4:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
- E. Request to approve a parade permit application by VFW Post 3108 to conduct a “Veterans Matter” parade/demonstration for Veteran’s to walk from Waldo Ave. to the waterfront on Wednesday, November 11, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

Councilor Mortier, seconded by Councilor Dean, made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda. This was approved, 5-0.

10) Business

A) Consideration of approval of a three-year Union Contract between the City of Belfast and the Belfast Police Association/Fraternal Order of Police.

City Manager Erin Herbig, Mayor Eric Sanders and Councilor Mortier reviewed the proposed three-year Union Contract between the City of Belfast and the Belfast Police Association/Fraternal Order of Police.

Councilors thanked all involved in the negotiations.

Councilor Hurley, seconded by Councilor Bonneville, made a motion to approve a three-year (July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2024) Union Contract between the City of Belfast and the Belfast Police Association/Fraternal Order of Police. This was approved, 5-0.

B) Request to appoint Communications Assistant Mackenzie Barnhart as the Public Access Officer for the City of Belfast.

City Manager Erin Herbig reviewed the request to appoint Communications Assistant Mackenzie Barnhart as the Public Access Officer for the City of Belfast.

Councilor Harkness, seconded by Councilor Dean, made a motion to appoint Communications Assistant Mackenzie Barnhart as the Public Access Officer for the City of Belfast. This was approved, 5-0.

C) Request by Airport Manager to have the City Council authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Northern Line Construction to remove the nine Airport obstruction poles.

Airport Manager Kenn Ortmann reviewed the request to enter into an agreement with Northern Line Construction to remove the nine Airport obstruction poles.

Councilor Bonneville, seconded by Councilor Hurley, made a motion to authorize the City Manager to sign an agreement with Northern Line Construction, P.O. Box 562, Dover Foxcroft, ME 04426 to remove the nine Airport obstruction poles. This was approved, 5-0.

D) Request by the Economic Development Director to have the City Council authorize the submission of two grant applications to the United States Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Program.

Economic Development Director reviewed the request to have the City Council authorize the submission of two grant applications to the United States Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Program and answered Council questions.

Councilor Mortier, seconded by Councilor Harkness, made a motion to authorize the submission of an application to the USEPA for a Brownfield Assessment Grant; authorize the submission of an application to the USEPA for a Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund Grant; and authorize the City Manager to sign any and all documents necessary for the submission of these two grant applications. This was approved, 5-0.

E) Request to go into Executive Session on a Personnel matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) A.

Councilor Mortier, seconded by Councilor Hurley, made a motion to go into Executive Session on a Personnel matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) A at 7:55 p.m. This motion was approved, 5-0.

Councilor Harkness, seconded by Councilor Mortier, made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session on a Personnel matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) A at 8:48 p.m. This motion was approved, 5-0.

F) Signing of Council Orders and housekeeping items.

11) Communications

Councilor Bonneville discussed the upcoming Election.

Councilor Hurley discussed concerns with paving of Wales Park walkway.

Councilor Harkness discussed impact of climate change in Belfast.

12) Adjourn

Councilor Harkness, seconded by Councilor Mortier, made a motion to adjourn at 8:48 p.m. This motion was approved, 5-0.

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AMANDA CUSHMAN, BELFAST MAINE