

**CITY OF EASTPORT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9th, 2019
SHEAD HIGH SCHOOL - LIBRARY - 6:00 P.M.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION - 4:00 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M.

(Ref. WS700 & WS700)

 x Personnel Matters
 x Real Property or Economic Development
 Labor Negotiations
 x Consultation w/Legal Counsel
 Poverty Abatement Application

Title 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A)
Title 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(C)
Title 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(D)
Title 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(E)
Title 36 M.R.S.A. § 841

Those in Attendance: Councilor Hailley Bradbury, Councilor Scott Emery, Councilor Jeanne Peacock, Councilor Peter Small, and Council President, Roscoe Archer. Also present were City Manager, Ross Argir; City Clerk, Ella Kowal; and Legal Counsel, Dennis Mahar.

MOTION PEACOCK SECOND BRADBURY (PASSED 5-0) TIME: 4:07 P.M.

To go into *Executive Session* for *Personnel Matters* under *Title 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A)*.
Reference to file recording *WS700384*.

MOTION EMERY SECOND SMALL (PASSED 5-0) TIME: 5:14 P.M.

To come out of *Executive Session*.
Reference to file recording *WS700385 & 700386*.

MOTION PEACOCK SECOND SMALL (PASSED 5-0) TIME: 5:30 P.M.

To go into *Executive Session* for *Real Property or Economic Development* under *Title 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(C)* and for *Consultation with Legal Counsel* under *Title 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(E)*.
Reference to file recording *WS700387*.

MOTION SMALL SECOND PEACOCK (PASSED 5-0) TIME: 6:34 P.M.

To come out of *Executive Session*.
Reference to file recording *WS700388*.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

(Ref. WS700389)

Those in Attendance: Councilor Hailley Bradbury, Councilor Scott Emery, Councilor Jeanne Peacock, Councilor Peter Small, and Council President Roscoe Archer, III. Also present were City Manager, Ross Argir; City Clerk, Ella Kowal; and Legal Counsel,

Attendees in the Audience: Anne Stanley, Donna Thayer, Lora Whelan, Marged Higgison, Greg Golding, Kris Sullivan, Tess Ftorek, John and Judy Knapp, Mary Williams, Chester Jenkins, Victor Rosser, Jamie Bacon, Marie Holmes, Debra Nelson, Michael Morse, Aurea Stoll, Cynthia Morse, Sally Mahoney, Robert Scott, Dennis Mahar, Bob Peacock, Analeis, William Tibbetts, Dora Adams, Karen & Kevin Raye, Hugh French, Mary Repole, Peter Repole, Barbara Wilson, Howard Johnson, Inez Pastore, Tammi Chaisse, Paul Cox, Richard Zierke, Jean Chellis, Meg McGarvey, Butch Harris, Jacob Mumme, Walter Cummings, Colleen Dana-Cummings, Pamela Koenig, Eleanor Norton, Patricia Todd-Lewis, Peter Harris, Kathryn Lewis, Ryan Jones, Gerry Morrison, Jeff Sullivan, Lisa Bradbury, Paul Emmert, the Arroyos, Linda Vault-Smith, Bob DelPapa, Basil Pottle, Claudia Jones, Dagny Silas, Steve Ftorek, Tom and Cynthia Ries, Pat Condelmo, Nicols Fox, Heidi Holley, and Elizabeth Hastings-Renner.

I. CALL TO ORDER - Council President called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

II. ACTION from EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION BRADBURY SECOND SMALL (PASSED 5-0)

To schedule a Council Workshop/Special meeting for Monday, October 21st, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. To be held at City Hall to discuss personnel matters.

III. PUBLIC HEARING(s)

Zoning Ordinance Amendment (A zoning district change from shore land limited commercial (SLC) to shore land general development (SGD))

Council President opens the public hearing at 6:03 p.m.

The City Manager defers to the Assessor, Robert Scott, and he addresses the Council and updates them that this is in reference to a location on Battery Street which was previously known as the marina owned by the late Jimmy Segien. He updates them that the property has been purchased by a new owner and it is now split between shore land general development on the north end up by Shackford Cove and shore land limited commercial which runs down past Peter Small's way. He would like to use the shore land general development on his lot which would make him a conforming on the house to the setback which is 25 feet. The house sits 45 feet at the high water mark. Legally, the new owner is non-conforming but he is restricted on expanding the house on what he would like to do, not up but out. If he is conforming in the general development district with the change, then he can expand a little bit more than the 30% that is allowed. He further notes that the Planning Board has recommended approval. He continues to say that this will move the shore land general development district south about 290-300 feet and would make the house conforming to the ordinance.

Council President calls for questions and/or comments from the Council and the public, there were none; and he declares this public hearing closed at 6:06 p.m.

Amendment to Shellfish Ordinance (requested by Shellfish Warden, Kevin Brodie)

Council President opens the public hearing at 6:07 p.m.

The City Manager reminds Council that this amendment was brought about and requested by the Shellfish Warden to add Section 304.14 to the Shellfish Conservation Ordinance to read as follows: "Recreational Shellfish Licenses shall not be granted to individuals who hold valid Maine State Commercial Shellfish Licenses". He further comments to say that this prevents those with a State of Maine commercial licenses to come in and harvest at a commercial rate.

Meg McGarvey from the audience asks for clarification of what this amendment means and its purpose. The City Manager responds that the ones that hold a State commercial license would need to purchase a commercial license on the local level.

The City Clerk confirms that the State allots us to sell ten resident commercial licenses and one non-resident commercial license and these numbers are based on a percentage of the previous year's sales.

Council President calls for additional questions/comments from Council and the public, there were none; and he declares this public hearing closed at 6:10 p.m.

Sale of City Property/The Mill Building - 1 Arnold Street - Tax Map #E3-0B3-01

Council President opens the public hearing at 6:11 p.m.

The City Manager addresses the Council and reminds that a public hearing is required and that the mill building is up for sale for a price of \$399,000.00 and a letter has been received requesting that the City maintain ownership of a small portion of the property that the Camp Lee Stephenson Memorial is on and that it be excluded from the sale.

Councilor Peacock comments to say that they did receive that letter from Wayne Wilcox and that they worked very hard to memorialize the people that were at that camp and feels that we should honor that.

Council President asks if there is anything further from the Council and the public and there was none; and he declares this public hearing closed at 6:12 p.m.

IV. ACTION on PUBLIC HEARING(S)

MOTION BRADBURY **SECOND** EMERY **(PASSED 5-0)**

To approve the zoning ordinance amendment as presented and submitted.

MOTION PEACOCK **SECOND** BRADBURY **(PASSED 5-0)**

To adopt and approve the amendment to the Shellfish Ordinance as presented and submitted to add Section 3.04.14 to the ordinance to read as follows: Recreational Shellfish licenses shall not be granted to individuals who hold valid Maine State Commercial Shellfish Licenses.

MOTION EMERY **SECOND** SMALL **(PASSED 5-0)**

To proceed with the sale of city property at 1 Arnold Street, referenced to tax map E3-0B3-01, formerly known as the mill building, and that it exclude the small portion of property that the the Camp Lee Stephenson memorial is on.

V. ADJUSTMENT(S) TO AGENDA

The City Clerk requests an adjustment to remove Item E from the Consent Agenda for the appointment of Ross Argir to the Parks & Rec Committee and to adjust the consent agenda for the appointment of Brenda Sullivan to the Parks & Rec Committee.

MOTION BRADBURY **SECOND** SMALL **(PASSED 5-0)**

To approve the adjustment to the Consent Agenda to remove Item E for the appointment of Ross Argir to the Parks and Rec Committee and to replace it with the appointment of Brenda Sullivan to the Parks and Rec Committee.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - THERE WAS NONE

VII. NEW BUSINESS

a) Accept USDA Grant & Loan Offer for WWTP & Sewer Upgrade
(\$2,067,000/Grant & \$2,070,000/Loan)

The City Manager, Ross Argir, reminds Council that this was discussed a bit at the infrastructure workshop meeting of the Sewer project we are undertaking and that he went to Bangor and met with the USDA and that we have been offered grant money for an amount of \$2,067,000 and a low interest subsidized loan for an amount of \$2,070,000 to complete the funding package for this project. He further comments to say that the result of taking that loan, and would it not take into effect for a year or two, but that Sewer user rates would need to be increased by 28%. He continues to say that the engineers are here tonight and can speak to these upgrades and that they are not optional as we are required to remain in compliance with the DEP. He addresses Bill Olver and he takes the floor to address the Council.

Mr. Olver reminds Council that they have been working with the City for the last seven years to upgrade the waste water treatment plant and the pump stations and that the system is thirty years old. He states that most treatment plants have a useful life of twenty years. The last ten years we have been operating with equipment that is obsolete and DEP has come into town several times over the last five years or so

and basically has said that we must upgrade otherwise they will enforce against us. These upgrades and fixes are being done in phases and the current Phase II will wrap up the plant. He refers to the detail presentation that he gave on September 4th, 2019. He recaps the information that he gave at that meeting and basically we were told is that the thirty year old plant was in poor condition and that the equipment we are using for processing is obsolete and ready to fail. DEP has expressed concern and that the City must address the plant and if we do not tend to it they will move forward with enforcement because of that we are at the top of the list for access to funding. It is in the City's best interest to do this now. He updates that when he met with us about a month ago, we had about just under \$4,000,000 left over from the earlier phases but to do the rest of the plant project we really needed about \$4,000,000 and it was decided at the last meeting to put it out to bid and get some firm prices and see what is out there for funding. Bids were opened on September 17th, 2019 and the low bid came in at \$7,700,000.00 which came from Penza Corporation and they have worked with them all over the State. He continues to say that Rural Development requires a 4% contingency to be set aside when the project starts and this would bring the total project to \$8,085,000.00. We have \$3,948,000.00 left over from the earlier phases of earlier funding which meant we were short by \$4,137,000. With these prices, he and Ross went to Rural Development to see what they could do with the available money and they came back and said that they could offer a grant of \$2,067,000 which is 50% with a matching loan of \$2,070,000 which would make up the \$4,137,000 shortfall and this would allow us to finish the plant upgrade which is long overdue. They strongly recommend that we do it now as DEP will require us to do it later and if we were to turn down grant funding and we were to go back to them it may not be available at this percentage and notes that this is a good opportunity being offered.

The City Manager further comments to say that something he did not calculate into the projected increase was is that our both Jeff Sullivan and our engineer believe there will be greater efficiency of the plant once it is up and running and that there will be less sludge generated to dispose and less chemicals used and notes that some of these things may help offset the increase.

Council President asks if there are any questions of the Council, there were none.

MOTION PEACOCK SECOND BRADBURY (PASSED 5-0)

To accept the USDA grant for an amount of \$2,067,00 and a low interest subsidized loan offer for an amount of \$2,070,000 for the waste water treatment plant and sewer upgrade as submitted and presented.

b) Award Bid for Sewer Project

MOTION BRADBURY SECOND PEACOCK (PASSED 5-0)

To accept and approve awarding the bid to Penza Corporation for the sewer project for an amount of \$7,700,000.

- c) Council Approval to Accept Dog Park Donation - \$1,000.00
MOTION BRADBURY **SECOND** SMALL **(PASSED 5-0)**
To accept an anonymous donation of \$1,000.00 for the Dog Park.

- d) Council Approval to Authorize the Treasurer to Create a Line Item to Accept All Dog Park Donations Moving Forward and to Process Them
MOTION PEACOCK **SECOND** BRADBURY **(PASSED 5-0)**
To approve authorizing the Treasurer to create a line item to accept all dog park donations moving forward and to process them accordingly.

- e) Accept & Award Bid - Ferry Landing/Tides Foundation

The City Manager, Ross Argir, updates Council that no bids were received for this project. He makes reference that Council can consider to re-advertise it or look at it putting it on the docket for next year.

MOTION EMERY **SECOND** SMALL **(PASSED 5-0)**
To re-advertise it and put it out to bid again.

- f) Increase of Agent Fee Only for Motor Vehicle Registrations Municipal Only
(New Registrations from \$4.00 to \$5.00 & Re-Registrations from \$3.00 to \$4.00)

MOTION BRADBURY **SECOND** SMALL **(PASSED 5-0)**
To approve and authorize an increase to the agent fee for motor vehicle registrations from \$4.00 to \$5.00 on a new registration and from \$3.00 to \$4.00 on re-registrations.

- g) Perpetual Care – Cemetery Lot – Hillside West – Terrace Avenue – Lot #17 & 18 - \$550.00
(for David Loiterstein & Polly Kipp)

MOTION SMALL **SECOND** BRADBURY **(PASSED 5-0)**
To approve and accept perpetual care for an amount of \$550.00 reference to cemetery lot #17& 18 at Hillside West, Terrace Avenue purchased by David Loiterstein and Polly Kipp.

- h) Perpetual Care – Cemetery Lot – Hillside West – Terrace Avenue – Lot #15 & #16 - \$550.00
(for Richard Netzband)

MOTION SMALL **SECOND** BRADBURY **(PASSED 5-0)**
To approve and accept perpetual care for an amount of \$550.00 reference to cemetery lot #15&16 at Hillside West, Terrace Avenue purchased by Richard Netzband.

- i) Council Approval for Purchase of Electronic Equipment for Police Department

The City Manager, Ross Argir, addresses Council relative to this item of the agenda and states that Chief Harris has asked him to bring forward a list of equipment. He also notes that consultation has taken place with the Washington County Sheriff's Department that it is needed in order for the department to function efficiently. He further comments to say that it takes them three different

computers to file reports as each one holds a separate function to what is filed. Thus, this is not conducive to the filing of reports in a timely manner. The staff member with the Sheriff's Department also has concerns about the security of the system as well such as threats from the outside. He continues with saying that the Deputy Sheriff may be in attendance of the meeting this evening takes a moment to see if he is in the audience and he was.

Deputy Sheriff, Dennis Dorsey, addresses the Council and the audience and introduces himself and makes it known that he is with the Sheriff's Department. He explains that he handles the information technology infrastructure communications between the Sheriff's office and the Washington County Communications Center and all the allying other agencies. He has had an opportunity to assess some of the departments within the County and they have found is that everyone is very dated and behind with the use of technology. He further speaks to that they have crimes going on that we do not hear about and that is not necessary media related. He continues to say that Eastport had an issue with security of network infrastructure. He also notes that the Eastport Police Department has not assessed what was needed for technology. Chief Harris brought him in to do an assessment. He speaks to what they refer to as the 2010 era. He makes reference that to the fact that more money is needed but that we need to start somewhere with the upgrade. He also communicates knowledge of viruses, etc. He places emphasizes not just on the importance of these upgrades to technology but the time and effort that goes into matters such as these should they be compromised. He shares that it is equally important to protect from the outside as well as from within. The use of technology with the Eastport Police Department is very weak and he explains that the improvements that Chief Harris is recommending is foundation and bringing the department up to where it needs to be to meet regulations. He expounds that his time is not paid by the Sheriff's office nor the Eastport Police Department but rather his own time. The reason for this is that he has the tools that work for him, and when the tools do not work, one cannot do their job and it becomes a real issue. A computer and the technology is access to data and is equally important to the job as a cruiser, a siren, etc. He strongly recommends that the Council accept and approve this request made by the Police Chief and also encourages that the Eastport Police Department have their own internet access which will assist with firewall protection. Council is reminded that this figure does not include the firewall.

The City Manager, Ross Argir, updates Council that because this was not a budgeted item it will need to come from Special Reserve and that this should be specific when they make their motion.

MOTION PEACOCK **SECOND** SMALL **(PASSED 5-0)**

To accept and approve the purchase of Electronic Equipment for the Eastport Police Department as submitted and requested for an amount of \$10,388.86 and that this will be expended from Special Reserve.

j) Consideration of a Parking Barrier in the City Hall Parking Lot/Front of Building

The City Manager addresses the Council with regard to a concern of how quickly cars come into the parking spots at City Hall and because it is located in front of the building and where City Hall staff offices are, he recommends Council give consideration to cement parking barriers. He continues to say that he has priced them out and spherical ones are \$400.00 and we would required four of them for a total cost of \$1,600.00. This would prevent the vehicle hitting the building and would be detained by the barrier. He continues to say that spherical ones are easier to set into the ground and more stable.

Meg McGarvey from the audience asks if they are filled with something and the City Manager responds that they are concrete.

MOTION PEACOCK **SECOND** BRADBURY **(PASSED 4-1)**
Councilor Emery voted "NO"

To authorize the purchase of parking barriers for the front of the building at City Hall which are to be of a spherical nature as presented by the City Manager for a total cost of \$1,600.00 and that the funds will come from Special Reserve.

k) Council Discussion of Contracting Out Services for Septic Pumping

The City Manager addresses Council and explains that this is really the start of conversation for considering contracting out our septic pumping services and suggests maybe looking at budgeting for this next year.

Councilor Peacock asks for further clarification and the City Manager explains that these are septic tanks that the City is obligated to maintain and he makes reference to locations being in Quoddy Village and Redoubt Hill.

A member of the audience reminds Council that he pays a Sewer Bill and resides on Redoubt Hill and does not have sewer and would like to know what the schedule is to do the septic pumping and that it has been awhile. The City Manager responds that in an ideal world it is set on a 3-year rotation and that it is his understanding that Redoubt Hill was pushed back a year due to some emergency work that needed to take place. He further comments to say that this would be avoided if it were to be contracted out. Councilor Emery asks who does it and the City Manager responds that historically it was Preston's but currently it is the City. Councilor Peacock asks what the difference in price be and the City Manager responds that this is something that the next City Manager would consider when preparing the budget. Council President comments to say this would come out of the Sewer budget. Councilor Bradbury asks about the sludging fees and the City Manager responds that would be part of the contract price to include disposal.

NO MOTION MADE

l) 21 Middle Street – Tom Humphrey – Modification/Extension of Agreement

The City Manager brings forth a request from Tom Humphrey for a one-year extension to complete the work relative to an agreement he and Sharon Normand have with the City back in 2015 for property at 21 Middle Street. He continues on to say that the work would be completed in a certain amount of time and that he and the property would be deeded to him and the work has not yet been completed. The south wall needs to be reconstructed and he is asking for an extension to assist with moving forward on this for completion of the project.

Council President calls for comments from the Council and Councilor Peacock notes that although it is taking a lot of time she doesn't see stopping it and feels we should let him continue. Councilor Bradbury updates that he has spent \$43,000 into the project. Bob DelPapa from the audience asks for clarification that it is for a one-year extension and comments to say that it is an eye sore. Meg McGarvey asks if the extension will jeopardize the condition of the building. Council acknowledges comments of activity with reconstruction in progress.

MOTION BRADBURY **SECOND** PEACOCK **(PASSED 5-0)**

To approve and authorize a one-year extension as requested by Tom Humphrey to assist in completion of the project at 21 Middle Street as per his agreement with the City.

m) Revisit for Consideration of a Loan – Runway Reconstruction Project/Airport - \$275,000

City Manager, Ross Argir, explains to Council that this a revisit for consideration of taking a \$275,000 line of credit at 2.18% interest to fund engineering fees to prepare us to accept a grant award of a little over \$5,000,000 for the reconstruction of the runway at the Eastport Municipal Airport. He continues to say that he would like to speak to the airport of the facts and what the City's options are and it's future. He updates that the airport was granted to the City by the federal government after World War II, and as such, if it were to stopped being used as an airport it would then go back to the federal government and it is quite the process to discontinue it. He reminds us that we have accepted AIP funds which are for improvements and that they come from the federal government which are \$150,000 per year with a local match of 5%. He continues further to update that each time we accept those funds, it adds a 20-year obligation to maintain whatever improvement was made.

He makes reference to talk and letters of support with regard to Cape Air service or some other commuter service into Eastport. He updates that he has had a conversation with a representative from Cape Air and that the it was preliminary at best and the understanding that he took away from it was that Cape Air may be willing to come to Eastport in the future but part of that equation would be

requiring the City to subsidize any potential losses that Cape Air would incur. Although there are federal funding out there to cover those losses, it was not an offer to come here to set up service without that guaranty. He also notes that the airport as it sits today would be acceptable to them and that the grant we are considering would not be a precondition of establishing service if it were to be established in the future. He continues to say that the grant we have received contains no local match, which is unusual, and a few of the airports in the region have received similar funding. He emphasizes that this \$275,000 line of credit covers the engineering fees up until what is to be projected some time next year when the grant award can actually be made as the engineering plans have to be in place before we can receive the grant funds. At that point, the \$275,000 would be paid back to the City and that what the City would be into it would be the interest on that line of credit and it is only on what the City has drawn down.

Council President reminds everyone that a public hearing was held at the last meeting and calls for questions/comments from the Council. Councilor Emery makes the Council President of an audience member that would like to speak and the audience is reminded by the Council President that the public hearing has already taken place and that they will be moving forward with Council's decision.

Karen Raye of the audience comments to say does other Council members agree with that. Councilor Peacock responds to say that she would like to hear from the public and the audience responds that the public wants to be heard. A member of the audience asks what the vote was last time. The Council President responds that it was 2-2 and that the fifth member of the Council was not in attendance. Council President agrees to give them five minutes.

Mr. Josh Dixon from Life Flight addresses Council and explains their roll and that they are a helicopter operation and touches on the services they have to offer with hospitals and medical facilities and also what resources have been lost and how it has affected Washington County. He comments further to say that people tend to see the airport as a mode of people coming and going but they are also a service to Coast Guard. It also allows us to bring an on demand hospital to Eastport and funding is not out there to build new hospitals and existing ones are losing services. He also updates that helicopters are unable to fly in icing conditions whereas airplanes can. He further comments that we are extremely fortunate to have an airport with an acceptable runway along with the support of the committee. He closes to say that their mission is dependent on our airport and it is vitally important in what they do. If choose not to accept this it could jeopardize further funding. He also notes with emphasis that our runway is crucial to this part of the State.

The City Manager updates Council that he has received a letter from the FAA and that our runway has been classified and downgraded from fair to poor.

A member of the audience asks why this is an issue for us to accept money from the government. Councilor Bradbury responds to say to be fair they owe it to do due diligence to every item of the agenda and that she appreciates fact based discussions and the passion but what holds the weight for her is the reality and factual evidence. She continues to say that no money is every free and that we are talking about extending the lifetime of our obligation. It is her belief to take the most time needed to make the best educated decision.

Kevin Rayem, the President of the Eastport Area Chamber of Commerce addresses the Council and he is here to represent the Chamber to make the Council aware of the fact that the thirteen member board of the Chamber of Commerce all of whom are active in Eastport's business community voted unanimously to urge the Council to support acceptance of the grant. He speaks to that their full membership of a meeting was held and a vote was taken there as well and that was unanimous also. They ask that the Council to support the airport and he speaks to the infrastructure and that it is essential to economic development. He agrees with Councilor Bradbury and that we do need to look to the future. He continues to say that Eastport's airport is unique and vital . He comments that the FAA grant is an extraordinary and rare opportunity at no expense to the City and the taxpayers. It is his understanding that there may have been some initial uncertainty or concern, on the ramifications of the engineering but it is going to be reimbursed through the grant itself and that the interest is minimal. He also reminds Council that the Council that the Airport Association is willing to pay up to \$5,000.00 of that cost. He speaks to our geographical location and the distance to larger facilities along with modes of transportation and that this would certainly assist with that. He continues further to reflect on those lives saved with the help of Life Flight being able to come into the airport and the potential to continue to save lives and that a price tag cannot be put on that. The airport is vital to the community as well as the surrounding communities. He ends with recognizing the potential for Cape Air in the future and also places emphasis that this grant requires no local match. The business community works hard to move the City forward and the economy of the area and it is unthinkable that the City might reject this grant and put that funding back to improve airports in other communities. He urges the Council to unanimously support the grant.

Meg McGarvey of the audience asks for clarification of the 20-year extension and Councilor Bradbury responds that each time we take money it extends that obligation to a 20-year period. She also expresses that we should all be able to have a level of conduct while in conversation with respect of each other. She reiterates that they need to have reasonable, calm, discussions.

Council President shuts down any further comment as it was getting out of hand and mentioned at the last meeting. He moves the meeting along to a vote of the Council.

The City Manager comments to say that in preparation for this meeting he looked at the last three fiscal years and what the full impact of the taxpayers was and notes that it takes into account what the revenue is and the expenses and the property tax revenue committed against the hangers at the airport. In FY2017 there was a \$7,000.00 impact to the taxpayers; in FY2018 there was a negative \$-657.00 impact and made money and relieved the tax burden, and in FY2019 there was a \$10, 242.13 impact to the taxpayers. The average for the three preceding fiscal years has been \$5,577 but when you take into account the property tax committed against the hangers, \$3,235.70 this leaves an actual average of \$2,321.00. However, that impact to the taxpayers has increased by \$12,000.00 as Federal Marine Terminals storing of windmill blades was terminated and that revenue went away. This leaves \$14, 322.00 as an estimate of the taxpayers impact moving forward. He also notes that \$11,000.00 reflects an annual payment on a loan for a separate airport project and will be refunded by FAA once that project is completed which is for the snow removal building which is slated for 20-21. Excluding this loan, it is about \$3,322.00 per year from the taxpayers.

Former Councilor Bob Peacock speaks to the airport and how it affects the fishing community and that it is near and dear to his heart. He speaks to the many that we have lost but he also recognizes the potential for saving lives as well. He speaks to the fuel system that we have that is accessible. The airport is vital to search and rescue.

Former Councilor Gilbert Murphy speaks to importance to the medical assistance it offers.

Councilor Bradbury emphasizes that they not be fearful of having informed conversations with common decency.

Councilor Peacock speaks to a small diagram which is reflective of the interest on said loan and recognizes the Airport Association intent to assist with that. This opportunity is an investment.

Councilor Bradbury asks that the motion include the amount of up to \$5,000.00 to be paid by the Airport Association and Councilor Peacock states "no" that is not part of the motion and does not wish to include it.

MOTION PEACOCK **SECOND** SMALL **(PASSED 5-0)**

To approve accepting the loan of \$275,000.00 with The First to fund the airport project to make the loan not to exceed 2.5% interest.

n) Legacy Park (requested by Linda Godfrey)

The City Manager informs Council that he will give the update from Linda Godfrey with his Manager's report.

- o) Council Liaison/Manager Updates

MOTION _____ BRADBURY **SECOND** PEACOCK **(PASSED 5-0)**

To accept the Council Liaison/Manager Updates as presented.

- p) Council Approval of Consent Agenda

MOTION _____ BRADBURY **SECOND** PEACOCK **(PASSED 5-0)**

To approve the Consent Agenda as submitted with the amendment to remove Item E for the appointment of Ross Argir to the Park and Recreation Committee and to add the appointment of Brenda Sullivan to the Park and Recreation Committee.

VIII. COUNCIL ISSUES

THERE WERE NONE

IX. ADJOURN

MOTION _____ SMALL **SECOND** _____ BRADBURY **(PASSED 5-0) TIME: 7:15 P.M.**

To adjourn.