

**CITY OF EASTPORT  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
22 WASHINGTON STREET - CITY HALL - 4:00 P.M.**

*Council President, Gilbert Murphy, called this Special Council meeting for the purpose of discussion of dredging/boat ramp matters.*

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**Those in Attendance:** Council President, Gilbert Murphy; Councilor Scott Emery; and Councilor Mary Repole. Also present was City Manager, Elaine Abbott, and City Clerk, Ella Kowal. **Those Absent:** Councilor Hailley Bradbury and Councilor Shannon Emery.

**Those present in the Audience were as follows:** Gerry Morrison. Michelle Thompson, Pauline Emery, Edward French, Danny Waggoner, and Marie Holmes.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Council President called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

**II. DREDGING/BOAT RAMP**

Council President addresses this item of the meeting to say a meeting was held earlier this week and that there was some misunderstanding and insinuations that the Port had not put it out to bid when it actually had gone out to bid and that there were a total of three bids received and that the work had come down from \$122,000.00 to approximately \$50,000.00 and what the Port is asking for and that it is the City's responsibility to do this because the boat ramp belongs to the City of Eastport and that the Port is asking for \$50,000.00 to help assist with the expense of dredging out the boat ramp and that the dredging will be administered by the Port.

Councilor Repole asks if there are any questions. Michelle Thompson comments to say that she has the highest bid and the actual bid and says that when the Port was talking about the low bid of \$123,000-\$122,000 and now it is being said that it is \$50,000 and she feels it is comparing apples and oranges. She continues further to say that there are two dredging jobs and that is the Port wants another section dredged besides the boat ramp and that they have their own project and that is why the job went out to bid in the first place. She continues to say that the reason they want to dredge more of the inner basin is because they can fit more boats which is a definite to provide more income for them. Pairing it with dredging the boat ramp is a great idea but her concern is what is the City's cost versus the Port's cost. She says that the bid of \$123,000-\$122,000 to do the dredging and that there is two parts of the job; scooping out the dirt and then there is taking it away and spreading it out by the race track. She states the \$123,000 was when Downeast Masonry and Construction was going to do the entire job themselves. They were not going to be working from the water and were going to be working from the land and it would require them to build a road and excavate that way. She continues to say that there is a savings anyways just by doing part of this work from the water and then they will still have to bring the dirt. She states that at the last meeting Chris Gardner said for MMI to dredge from the water it would be \$5,000 a day and said it would take three days. Her question is why is the Port asking for \$50,000 and questions if the rest of the money for taking the dirt away and says that he never gave a set price on the second part of the job.

Council President, Gilbert Murphy, responds that the \$50,000 includes hauling the dirt away and affirms that this is the total for the job. Michelle Thompson reminds Council that they asked for a breakdown of the work and feels that they do not know what the whole quote is for the entire job. She further states that this quote is for removing 1100 cubic yards of material which is the boat ramp dredging plus the other stuff the Port wants done that is for the entirety of the job. Her question is how do they price out just the dredging of the boat ramp and dirt removal versus the dredging of the rest of the inner basin so that they can pay their fair share. She feels it is a great idea and that MMI just did a great job finishing up what CPM could not do. She comments to say it will be faster, but that she doesn't want to be over charged.

The City Manager, Elaine Abbott, responds to say that it is a very good question and informs that she reached out to someone after the last meeting to see if they could give an idea of what they might charge for this. She further comments to say that this person is DEP certified, etc. This person came and met with her today and told her that he could do the job for \$75,000 which consists of dredging just the boat ramp to also include disposal.

Ms. Thompson's point is that if we are going to be charged \$50,000 and if it is going to be cheaper to pair this with the Port job, what is the cost of the total job and would like that number from the Port. She is all for saving money by pairing the job if that is the case.

Councilor Repole addresses Gerry Morrison and asks if he can enlighten them. He responds that there was money savings by having his company and Wayne Clossey do it but that he could not speak to percentages of what it would cost the City versus the Port. He further comments to say that he was asked by CPM to take care of the problem and they are ready to go. Ms. Thompson reiterates that what she is asking for is the total price of the job of the new way it is going to be done as it cannot be compared to the \$123,000 being done from land. She asks the City Manager if the

quote she received was from land only or both water and land. The City Manager responds it was quoted from water. Council President, Gilbert Murphy, responds that the person who gave the quote of \$75,000 was going to haul it away. The City Manager responds that it also included the spreading and seeding which is the largest part of the job as there is a lot to the drying out, spreading, seeding, and the required specifications of that. Ms. Thompson makes the request of asking the Port what the total cost is for the job when we do not really know how much they are paying. Councilor Repole comments to say that it is very clear to her after having a quote for \$75,000 to do the same job that Gerry Morrison is willing to do for \$50,000 and should it be more than that the Port will pay it and notes that the job cannot be done any cheaper. The job is now time sensitive and the equipment is there and ready to go. To bring this back it would be more. Gerry Morrison clarifies that the \$5,000 day expense includes crew, equipment, and all operating costs. Councilor Repole speaks for herself and feels it is a really good deal for the City and reminds everyone that they have been trying to find a way to give better access recreationally as well as to the fishermen and feels that this do just that.

**MOTION** REPOLE **SECOND** SCOTT EMERY **(PASSED 3-0)**

To approve authorizing taking the \$50,000 from the boat ramp fund to pay for the dredging the boat ramp at the inner basin and that it is to be administered by the Eastport Port Authority.

### **III. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** SCOTT EMERY **SECOND** REPOLE **(PASSED 3-0) TIME: 4:15 P.M.**

To adjourn.