

**CITY OF EASTPORT  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
SHEAD HIGH SCHOOL - LIBRARY - 6:00 P.M.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION - 5:30 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M.

(Ref. WS700295 & WS700296)

<u>_x_</u> Personnel Matters	<i>Title 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A)</i>
<u>_x_</u> Real Property or Economic Development	<i>Title 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(C)</i>
<u>   </u> Labor Negotiations	<i>Title 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(D)</i>
<u>_x_</u> Consultation w/Legal Counsel	<i>Title 1 M.R.S.A. § 495(6)(E)</i>
<u>   </u> Poverty Abatement Application	<i>Title 36 M.R.S.A. § 841</i>

**City Council Attendance:** Councilor Hailley Bradbury, Councilor Scott Emery, Councilor Councilor Mary Repole, and Council President, Gilbert Murphy. Also present were City Manager, Elaine Abbott; Legal Counsel, Dennis Mahar; and City Clerk, Ella Kowal.

**Those Unable to Attend:** Councilor Shannon Emery.

Council President calls this portion of the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**MOTION** REPOLE      **SECOND** SCOTT EMERY **(PASSED 4-0) TIME: 5:31 P.M.**  
To go into Executive Session for Personnel Matters under Title 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A); Real Property or Economic Development under Title 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(C); and Consultation with Legal Counsel under Title 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(E).

**MOTION** REPOLE      **SECOND** SCOTT EMERY **(PASSED 4-0) TIME: 5:55 P.M.**  
To come out of Executive Session.

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

(Ref. WS7000297)

**Those in Attendance:** Councilor Hailley Bradbury, Councilor Scott Emery, Councilor Mary Repole, and Council President, Gilbert Murphy. Also present were City Manager, Elaine Abbott; Legal Counsel, Dennis Mahar; and City Clerk, Ella Kowal. **Those Unable to Attend:** Councilor Shannon Emery.

**Attendees in the Audience:** Gordon Smith, Kathryn Lewis, Susan Coopersmith, Robin Farrin, Pamela Francis, Jon McNERney, Will Bradbury, and Mr. DeWitt.

**I. CALL TO ORDER** - Council President called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

## **II. ACTION from EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION** REPOLE **SECOND** SCOTT EMERY **(PASSED 4-0)**

To authorize signing and accepting the City Manager's (Elaine Abbott) contract for another three years.

**MOTION** REPOLE **SECOND** BRADBURY **(PASSED 4-0)**

To authorize and approve a refund check for an amount of \$348.46 back to S.L. Wadsworth & Son for overpayment of property taxes.

**MOTION** REPOLE **SECOND** SCOTT EMERY **(PASSED 4-0)**

To approve the transfer of cemetery lots EA,EB,& EC in Bayside West for 2A&B Section E as requested by Karen Conley.

## **III. PUBLIC HEARING(s)**

*(Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Section 6.12)*

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

Tax Assessor, Robert Scott, was unable to attend the meeting to explain the purpose of the request. Council President proceeds forward with the reading of the request brought forth and the advertisement that was circulated.

Council President makes a final call for questions or comments, there were none.

Council President, Gilbert Murphy, closes the public hearing at 6:05 p.m.

## **IV. ACTION on PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

**MOTION** REPOLE **SECOND** BRADBURY **(PASSED 4-0)**

To approve the proposed amendment as submitted and recommended by the Eastport Planning Board to change Section 6.12 to reflect a change from 7-foot height limit on the side and rear property lines to an 8-foot height and acknowledging that there would be no change to the 4-foot front line height limit.

## **V. ADJUSTMENT(S) TO AGENDA - THERE WERE NONE**

## **VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Opening & Award of Bid(s) for the Sale of 25-Foot Trailer**

The City Clerk informs Council members that only one bid was received and gives it to the Council President, Gilbert Murphy, for opening. He reads aloud the bid received from David Sweeney for an amount of \$1,520.00.

**MOTION** REPOLE      **SECOND** SCOTT EMERY      **(PASSED 4-0)**

To accept and award the bid for the sale of the 25-Foot Trailer to David Sweeney for an amount of \$1,520.00.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Opening/Award of Bid(s) for Sale of City Property – 45&47 Third Street - Tax Map I7-0D1-10/11

The City Clerk updates Council that there were no bids received.

**MOTION** REPOLE      **SECOND** BRADBURY **(PASSED 4-0)**

To approve re-advertising and putting out to bid the sale of city property located at 45&47 Third Street for a minimum amount of \$23,000.00.

- b) Opening/Award of Bid – Vanasse Road Project

**MOTION** REPOLE      **SECOND** SCOTT EMERY      **(PASSED 4-0)**

To accept and award the bid for the Vanasse Road project to Sunkaneze Project Solutions for an amount of \$16,752.14 and that the funds are to be expended from the Special Reserve account.

- c) Council Approval to put out to Bid (2) 1-Ton Spanco Crane Hoists

**MOTION** REPOLE      **SECOND** BRADBURY      **(PASSED 4-0)**

To authorize putting out to bid (2) 1-Ton *Spanco* Crane Hoists at \$1,000.00 each and that the awarded bidder(s) must remove them within two weeks from the accepted date of the bid.

- d) Appointment of Robert Bean as Liaison to the State – Re: Shackford Head  
(*requested by the Parks and Recreation Committee*)

**MOTION** REPOLE      **SECOND** BRADBURY      **(PASSED 4-0)**

To authorize and approve the appointment of Robert Bean as liaison to the State with regard to Shackford Head.

- e) Request – Indigenous People's Day (being brought forth by Robin Farrin)

Robin Farrin addresses the City Council and speaks to her request before Council in support of consideration to changing Columbus Day to Indigenous People's Day and that it is a sign of respect to our Passamaquoddy neighbors.

Mr. Gordon Smith adds that it is long overdue and that he is in agreement, however, he did not feel that it should fall on the same day as another historic person and that we should honor the indigenous people by giving them a day of their own.

Councilor Hailley Bradbury speaks in support of Robin Farrin's request and that it is long overdue.

A member of the audience addresses Council and suggests that they make a plan and a decision so that they can make plans for next year. She further speaks to fables. Another member of the audience speaks to the myths of Christopher Columbus and that students were upset of the real history around Columbus and how untruths of that were perpetuated in schools. She feels this would be an opportunity for Eastport to align itself in the right way. She further notes that towns such as Portland, Brunswick, Belfast, Starks, and Bangor have recently moved forward with being on board as recognizing this as Indigenous People's Day.

Gordon Smith speaks to today's standard versus back then. He emphasizes that we should honor the history not necessarily the deeds. He further comments to say that he is in support of honoring Indigenous People's Day just make it a different day.

An audience members comments to say that it is a way of stopping a myth/an untruth and to stop the perpetual harm and that it is not political. Another comment is brought forth that it also comes as acknowledging our Passamaquoddy neighbors and the wrong doing that was done and that this needs to be looked at.

**MOTION** BRADBURY **SECOND** REPOLE **(PASSED 3-1)**  
*Councilor Scott Emery voted "NO"*

To authorize and approve changing Columbus Day to Indigenous People's Day and that Robin Farrin will submit a resolution at the next Council meeting for Council signatures.

- f) Council Approval for the Repair of Overhead Door at the Mill Building  
(former Olson space)

**MOTION** BRADBURY **SECOND** REPOLE **(PASSED 4-0)**

To authorize the repair of the overhead door at the mill building for an estimated cost of \$2,763.00.

- g) Council Approval for the Purchase and Upgrade of Tasers for Police Dept.

**MOTION** BRADBURY **SECOND** REPOLE **(PASSED 4-0)**

To table this matter.

- h) Council Approval for the Buy Back of up to Two Weeks of Vacation/Comp Time

**MOTION** REPOLE **SECOND** BRADBURY **(PASSED 4-0)**

To approve the buy back of up to two weeks of vacation/comp time.

- i) Accept Donation of a Hot Spot from Bangor Savings Bank

**MOTION** REPOLE **SECOND** BRADBURY **(PASSED 4-0)**

To approve the acceptance of a Hot Spot from Bangor Savings Bank.

- j) Rescheduling of November, 2017 Council Meeting from 11/8/17 to 11/16/17  
**MOTION** \_\_\_\_\_ **BRADBURY** **SECOND** \_\_\_\_\_ **REPOLE** **(PASSED 4-0)**  
To approve and authorize the rescheduling of the November, 2017 Council meeting from 11/8/2017 to 11/16/2017 as requested by the City Clerk.

- k) Opening of City Property for the Special Hunt for Antlerless Deer  
(from 11/27/2017 to 12/9/2017)  
**MOTION** \_\_\_\_\_ **BRADBURY** **SECOND** \_\_\_\_\_ **REPOLE** **(PASSED 4-0)**  
To approve the opening of City property for the Special Hunt for Antlerless Deer from 11/27/2017 to 12/9/2017 for the area of Morang's Pond on County Road and that hunters must register with Chris Bartlett for the fixed locations and that fixed blinds and tree stands are to be utilized.

The City Manager emphasizes the importance that all hunters must familiarize themselves with the State laws as well as the local ordinances which are available on the City website as well as at City Hall.

- l) Council Liaison/Manager Updates  
**MOTION** \_\_\_\_\_ **REPOLE** **SECOND** \_\_\_\_\_ **SCOTT EMERY** **(PASSED 4-0)**  
To accept the liaison/manager updates as presented.
- m) Council Approval of Consent Agenda  
**MOTION** \_\_\_\_\_ **REPOLE** **SECOND** \_\_\_\_\_ **BRADBURY** **(PASSED 4-0)**  
To approve the Consent Agenda as submitted.

### **VIII. COUNCIL ISSUES**

Councilor Hailley Bradbury updates that Council is working on the potential sale of the mill building to assist in eliminating the burden of the taxpayers.

### **IX. ADJOURN**

**MOTION** \_\_\_\_\_ **REPOLE** **SECOND** \_\_\_\_\_ **BRADBURY** **(PASSED 4-0)** **TIME: 6:43 P.M.**  
To adjourn.