

**EASTPORT CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019  
CITY HALL - 22 WASHINGTON STREET - 4:00 P.M.**

**City Officials Present:** Councilor Hailley Bradbury, Councilor Scott Emery, Councilor Jeanne Peacock, Council Peter Small, and Council President, Rocky Archer. Also present were the City Manager, Ross Argir, and the City Clerk, Ella Kowal.

**Public Attendance:** None, but City Manager informs that Lora Whelan of the Quoddy Tides would like to hear from him should there be any motions made.

**I. CALL to ORDER**

Council President called the meeting to order at 4:14 p.m.

**II. ADJUSTMENT(s) to AGENDA**

*THERE WERE NONE*

**III. DONATION to SHEAD'S INDUSTRIAL ARTS PROGRAM in LIEU of  
INSTALLATION of SIGN at CITY HALL BUILDING**

Council President addresses the City Manager and asks that he enlighten Council on this request. Ross Argir responds to say after months of not being able to find a contractor, he reached out to Eric Voisine and rather than paying him he offered up the students of Shead's Industrial Arts Program and they installed it and he asked that the City consider making a donation to the Industrial Arts Program. The City Manager comments to say that although he does not know how much something of this nature would normally cost, he is recommending an amount of \$150.00.

Councilor Bradbury responds that she feels this is reasonable. Council President suggests \$100.00. Councilor Peacock asks how long it took to install it and the City Manager responds about two days and that Richard Clark and Eric Voisine both instructed him during class time. He also notes that the donation is specific to the Industrial Arts Program. Councilor Bradbury comments to say that the reception to this class has been very positive and that they also permit seventh and eighth graders to participate as well.

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

To approve and authorize the donation of \$150.00 to Shead's Industrial Arts Program in lieu of installing a sign on the front of the City Hall building.

#### **IV. REPAIR/PURCHASE of BOILER at the MILL BUILDING**

The City Manager addresses the City Council updates them that during the City's annual heating system services, it was determined by Dead River and confirmed by Howie Johnson, that the heat exchanger on one of the mill boilers was broken and needs replacing. It is one of a couple of boilers but this one services a part of the building that has in floor radiant heat with an active sprinkler system and requires heat.

Councilor Peacock asks which part of the building it is and the City Manager responds it is the portion that Wayne Clossey rents and further comments to say if you are standing at the back of the building looking into the big door it is to the left.

The City Manager updates Council that we have received a quote from Dead River to replace the heat exchanger on this boiler and that it came in at \$3,654.68. He further states that the other option Howie suggested and that Dead River was going to work on a quote to replace the boiler but they did not provide one. However, he believed that amount to be somewhere between \$5,000.00 and \$7,000.00 but since we do not have that figure from Dead River; we cannot say for sure.

Councilor Small responds to say that if we go that route, whomever buys the facility would get a whole new boiler and that cost is not include in the price that the City is asking for the building. The City Manager's recommendation is to replace the heat exchanger as there is \$7,000.00 in repairs budgeted for that building and if we to replace the boiler, it would exhaust all of that whereas if we go with repair of the heat exchanger, we would have about half of the budgeted amount left.

Council President asks if the issues with Dead River were ever resolved with regard to them in the delivery of propane. The City Manager responds to say that Public Works now has propane and they seem to be more responsive as they do not seem to be prepared to handle this for the upcoming year. The City Manager notes they are improving and that Howie has done a good job in leading them along.

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

To authorize the repair/replacement of a heat exchanger of the boiler at the mill and to accept and approve the quote received from Dead River for an amount not to exceed \$3,654.68.

The City Manager addresses the Council with regard to a letter received from a concerned taxpayer with regard to the properties on Stevens Avenue that the City has acquired and that he has provided them all with a copy for their review and consideration.

Council President asks the City Manager if he wishes for them to address his report provided to Council and he said it was not necessary but rather an update.

**V. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION** PEACOCK **SECOND** SMALL **(PASSED 5-0) TIME: 4:20 p.m.**  
To go into Executive Session for Personnel Matters under Title 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A).

**MOTION** BRADBURY **SECOND** EMERY **(PASSED 5-0) TIME: 5:05 p.m.**  
To come out of Executive Session.

***ACTION TAKEN***

**MOTION** BRADBURY **SECOND** PEACOCK **(PASSED 5-0)**  
To instruct the City Crew of the Public Works Department to complete the cleanup of the three tax acquired lots located at 10, 12, and 14 Stevens Avenue and that it be done by the next Council meeting of November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and they also instruct the City Clerk to send a letter to the concerned taxpayer of their motion.

**VI. ADJOURN**

**MOTION** SMALL **SECOND** PEACOCK **(PASSED 5-0) TIME: 5:09 p.m.**  
To adjourn.

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