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BRUNSWICK TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes
January 25, 2010

Councilors Present: Chair Joanne T. King, W. David Watson, Benjamin J. Tucker, Suzan Wilson, John M. Perreault, Gerald E. Favreau, Margo H. Knight, E. Benet Pols, and Deborah R. Atwood

Councilors Absent: None

Town Staff Present: Gary Brown, Town Manager; Fran Smith, Town Clerk; John Eldridge, Finance Director; Tom Farrell, Director of Parks and Recreation; Dave Markovchick, Director of Economic Development; John Foster, Public Works Director; Anna Breinich; Director of Planning and Development; Jeff Hutchinson, Codes Enforcement Officer; Kris Hultgren, Town Planner; Craig Worth, Deputy Public Works Director; Russ Wrede, Police Department; and TV video crew.

Chair King called the meeting to order and asked for the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

Public Comment:

Fred Blanchard, Harpswell Road, spoke on his concerns with tax increases and made suggestions to reduce budgets.

Joanne Moore, 17 Larry Lane, expressed concerns about wind turbines in other communities and the noises they produce.

Correspondence: None

Adjustments to the Agenda:

Councilor Watson requested, as the item's sponsor, that item 180 be removed from the agenda.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

(a) Financial Update

Manager Brown gave this report, and responded to a question from Chair King.

(A copy of financial reports will be attached to the official minutes.)

(b) Council Committee Updates

Councilor Watson, Tom Farrell, and Dave Markovchick updated the Council on the Region I Junior Olympics.

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Reports were given on the following Council committees: the Brunswick Teen Center and Police Station Subcommittee.

(c) MRRA Update

Manager Brown gave this report.

Councilor Knight and Chair King spoke on this item.

(d) Homeland Security Grant for Police Department

Manager Brown presented this grant.

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Wilson seconded, to allow the Police Department to apply for a Homeland Security Grant to assist with the purchase of federally mandated communications equipment. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

(A memo from the Police Department will be attached to the official minutes.)

(e) Update on landfill test results

Craig Worth, Deputy Public Works Director, gave this update. He responded to questions from Chair King and Councilor Watson.

Councilor Wilson spoke on this item.

(f) Council Retreat Update

Manager Brown gave this update.

(g) Council Goals for 2010

Manager Brown spoke on this item and requested Councilors submit goals by next Monday.

(h) Upcoming Workshops/Meetings

Manager Brown spoke on upcoming workshops.

After discussion, it was decided that the February 11 meeting will be televised.

(i) Update on People Plus Renovation Project

Manager Brown gave this update.

Councilor Atwood, Chair King, Councilor Pols, Councilor Favreau, and Councilor Perreault spoke on this item.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. The Town Council will consider approval of the following Special Amusement License, and will take any appropriate action.

Sagtuck/Midcoast OTB Inc.
D/B/A: Winner's – A Sports Grill
20 Farley Road

Gary Sagris

Chair King opened the public hearing; hearing no comments, she closed the public hearing.

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Favreau seconded, to approve a Special Amusement License for Winner's – A Sports Grill, located at 20 Farley Road. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

4. The Town Council will consider approval of the following Alcohol Beverage License, and will take any appropriate action.

Byrnes Irish Pub LLC
D/B/A: Byrnes Irish Pub
16 Station Avenue

Joe Byrnes

Chair King opened the public hearing.

Anne Young, 67 Cumberland Street, spoke on concerns with drinking and driving.

Chair King closed the public hearing.

Joe Byrnes, owner, responded to questions from Councilor Perreault and Chair King.

Councilor Tucker abstained from the vote since his law firm represents Mr. Byrnes.

Councilor Favreau moved, Councilor Knight seconded, to approve an Alcohol Beverage License for Byrnes Irish Pub located at 16 Station Avenue. The motion carried with eight (8) yeas. Councilor Tucker abstained.

TABLED ITEMS:

177. The Town Council will consider setting a public hearing for March 1, 2010, on amendments to the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 5, Buildings and Building Regulations, relative to increasing permitting fees, and will take any appropriate action.

Manager Brown spoke on this item.

Councilor Perreault and Councilor Wilson spoke on this item.

Councilor Pols moved, Councilor Atwood seconded, to set a public hearing for March 1, 2010, on amendments to the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 5, Buildings and Building Regulations, relative to increasing permitting fees. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

178. The Town Council will consider taking public comments on March 1, 2010, on the proposed Development Review Fees Schedule and changes to the Minor Modifications Policy, and will take any appropriate action.

Councilor Pols moved, Councilor Watson seconded, to take public comments on March 1, 2010, on the proposed Development Review Fees Schedule and changes to the Minor Modifications Policy. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

180. The Town Council will consider setting a public hearing regarding changes to the weapons target practice areas, under Chapter 17 of the Municipal Code of Ordinances, and will take any appropriate action.

This item was withdrawn.

NEW BUSINESS

5. The Town Council will consider setting a public hearing for February 8, 2010, for the Brunswick Downtown Development/TIF District, and will take any appropriate action.

Manager Brown spoke on this item.

Councilor Tucker, Chair King, Councilor Knight, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Pols, Councilor Favreau, Councilor Atwood, and Councilor Perreault commented on this item.

Manager Brown and Dave Markovchick responded to Councilors' questions.

Councilor Atwood moved, Councilor Favreau seconded, to set a public hearing for February 8, 2010, regarding the Brunswick Downtown Development/TIF District. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

6. The Town Council will discuss a proposed Road Acceptance Ordinance, and will determine if any future action is necessary.

Manager Brown spoke on this item and responded to Councilor Perreault's and Councilor Wilson's questions.

Chair King, Councilor Pols, and Councilor Watson spoke on this item.

7. **The Town Council will discuss changes to the Council Rules of Order and Procedure relative to tabling motions, executive sessions, and notification for public meetings, and will determine if any future action is necessary.**

Fran Smith, Town Clerk, and Manager Brown spoke on this item.

Councilor Tucker, Councilor Pols, Councilor Wilson, Chair King, and Councilor Favreau spoke on this item.

This item will come back to the Council at their next meeting for their consideration.

8. **The Town Council will consider a Resolution authorizing the Town Treasurer to waive foreclosure on certain real estate tax lien mortgages, and will take any appropriate action.**

Manager Brown spoke on this item and responded to Councilor Perreault's question.

Councilor Wilson also spoke on this item.

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Tucker seconded, to adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Town Treasurer to Waive Foreclosure on Certain Real Estate Tax Lien Mortgages. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

(A copy of the adopted Resolution will be attached to the official minutes.)

CONSENT AGENDA

(a) Minutes December 21, 2009

(b) Minutes January 4, 2010

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Tucker seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda Item A. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas. Councilor Perreault and Councilor Wilson did not vote as they were not on the Council for this meeting.

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Pols seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda Item B. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

Executive Session: Union Negotiations Per 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D)

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Pols seconded, to go into executive session to discuss union negotiations Per 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D). The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

Councilor Watson moved, Councilor Wilson seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with nine (9) yeas.

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Frances M. Smith
Town Clerk
February 2, 2010

February 8, 2010
Date of Approval

Council Chair