

**City of Belfast
Council Chambers-Belfast City Hall
Tuesday, November 19, 2019
Regular Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.**

Regular Council Meeting No. 10

1) Call to order

2) Roll call: Mayor Eric Sanders; Councilors Mary Mortier, Neal Harkness, Brenda Bonneville, Michael Hurley and Paul Dean, City Manager Joseph Slocum, and Admin. Assistant Manda Cushman.

3) Pledge of Allegiance

4) Adoption of the agenda

5) Acceptance of the minutes

Regular Council Meeting of November 5, 2019.

6) A. Open to the public

If you are here to speak, please come to the podium, identify yourself, and state your town of residence. The Council values your input and respectfully asks that comments be limited to 3 minutes. This is an opportunity for the Council to listen but not to respond in any kind of question and answer format. The Council will reflect on your comments and consider them for possible action at a later date.

B. Organization and Department Reports

- Update from the Code & Planning Department regarding the current work of the Planning Board on the regulation of larger solar arrays and need for Council review and action on Ordinance amendments and the Planning Board's review of the Nordic Aquafarm permits.

7) Communications

8) Old Business and Council Committee Reports

9) Permits, Petitions and Licenses - Consent Agenda

- A.** Request to approve a twelve-month Blanket Letter of Approval for Bingo for the Tarratine Tribe #13 I.O.R.M. & Auxiliary located at 153 Main Street, Belfast, Maine. This approval is granted from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

- B.** Request to approve a twelve-month Blanket Letter of Approval for Game of Chance (Cribbage) for the Frank D. Hazeltine Post 43 located at 143 Church Street, Belfast, Maine. This approval is granted from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.
- C.** Request to approve an application by Paul Naron d/b/a United Farmers Market of Maine located at 18 Spring Street, Belfast, Maine for a renewal of a Farmer's Market Authorization liquor license.
- D.** Request to approve a renewal application by Sarah Waldron & Seth Whited d/b/a Neighborhood at 132 High Street, Belfast, Maine for a Malt, Vinous and Spirituous Restaurant (Class I, II, III, IV) license, interior only.

10) Business

- A)** State Legislative update with Erin Herbig.
- B)** Request for consideration and possible removal of decaying trees located at 52 Church St., 58 Church St., 58 High St. and 8 Northport Ave.
- C)** Request from the UU Church to organize a Winter Solstice community celebration on Saturday, December 21st from 5:00 to 9:00 PM.
- D)** Request from the Climate Crisis Committee for authority to:
 - #1** Spend up to \$900 to purchase and install water level measuring and tide gauge equipment and
 - #2** to spend up to \$600 for enrollment in the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives Program and
 - #3** authority to spend been up to \$800 on the Committee's program of public meetings.
- E)** Request from the City Manager to reorganize the Tax Collectors responsibilities within the City Clerk and Treasurer's Office.
- F)** Request from the City Manager to name the City Treasurer, Theresa Butler, as the Tax Collector for the City of Belfast and commit to her responsibility the collection of outstanding taxes.
- G)** Request from City Council to memorialize Sandy Carey as our former Transfer Station Manager by renaming the entrance road to the transfer station "Sandy Carey Way".

H) Request from the City Manager for authority to pay additional compensation to our Transfer Station employees who have had to assume significant increase in responsibilities since the former Manager left work in late June.

I) Request from the City Manager to appoint a new Transfer Station Manager.

J) Update on City sidewalk improvement plans for the spring/summer of 2020.

K) Consideration from the Pedestrian, Hiking and Biking Committee to utilize "Complete Street" themes to make better use of certain streets and to foster improved access for all users of the roads and walkways.

L) Request to confirm the appointment of Chelsea Brasslett is a full-time Belfast Police Officer.

M) Request from Deputy Police Chief, Gerald Lincoln, to accept drug forfeiture monies totaling \$766.

N) Request from the Council to consider naming the Boat Launch at upper Mason Pond the "Walter Ash Jr. Recreational Area".

O) Discussion on the search for a new City Manager.

P) Confirmation of Sean Chase as a full time truck driver/laborer.

Q) Request from the Director of Code and Planning, Wayne Marshall, to appoint Bub Fournier as Belfast's Code Enforcement Officer.

R) Request from the Director of Code and Planning, Wayne Marshall, to continue Friday closure of the Code and Planning Office.

S) Request from the Superintendent of Wastewater Treatment, Jon Carman, to accept the bids on a new utility truck and to award the bid to the low bidder Quirk Auto group in the amount of \$81,924.

T) Discussion on replacement of computers for the Clerk, Tax and Treasure's Office.

U) Request from Economic Development Director, Thomas Kittredge, to enter into an agreement with Camoin Associates to conduct a market study for housing and economic needs to help both the private and public sectors better understand our local housing and commercial needs and demands.

V) Request to go into Executive Session to discuss an Economic Development matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) C.

W) Signing of Council Orders

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12) Communications

13) Adjourn