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Ward 1 – William A. Brady

Ward 2 – Pauline M. Cormier

Ward 3 – David R. Cormier

Ward 4 – Mark C. Bodanza

Ward 5 – Peter A. Angelini

MINUTES

CITY OF LEOMINSTER

CITY COUNCIL

AUGUST 22, 2022

JOHN P. MAHAN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRESENTATION OF CITATION, 6:40 PM.

Presentation of a citation for Judith M. Sumner.

Councillor Brady presented Judith Sumner with a citation for her 28 years of service to the City. Councillor Brady, Councillor Chalifoux-Zephir, and Councillor Freda thanked Mrs. Sumner for her years of dedication and service. Council President David Cormier wish Mrs. Sumner a happy and healthy retirement.

INFORMATIONAL MEETING, 6:41 PM

Relative to six-year contracts.

Gregory Chapdelaine, Purchasing Agent for the City of Leominster, gave an overview of the City current contracts. Councillor Freda asked at what point do you consider it cost effective to enter into a six-year contract instead of a three-year contract. Mr. Chapdelaine stated that City enter a six-year contract when they are comfortable with the Vendor Market and eligibility requirements for certain contracts. They are exclusion clauses and termination at will clauses within the contract to protect the City.

The information session ended

The session ended at 7:05 PM.

PUBLIC FORUM, 6:55 P.M.

The public forum is an opportunity for any member of the audience to speak on a matter specifically listed on the Council Agenda. Speakers will be asked to come to the microphone and state their formal name and address along with identifying the specific item(s) they wish to address. Each speaker is respectfully asked to keep their comments within a two (2) minute time frame. The Council will not be responding or answering any questions; however, at the discretion of the Council President, clarification may be given.

Public Forum opened at 7:06 PM. Council President David Cormier asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak for or against any item listed on the agenda. No one spoke.

The Public Forum closed at 7:06 PM.

I. REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL, 7:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the City Council opened at 7:00 pm. Councillor Chalifoux-Zephir made a motion to enter into recess. Councillor Freda seconded the motion.

By a vote of 9-0 the motion carried unanimously. The City Council went into recess at 7:01 PM and reconvened at 7:13 PM.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL OF COUNCILLORS IN ATTENDANCE

- **Moment of silence for Jeffrey Stephens**
 - a. **A moment of silence was held for Jeffrey Stephens. City Councillor's shared their appreciation and fond memories working with Mr. Stephens.**

IV. APPROVAL OF RECORDS

- **August 8, 2022- This meeting minutes were approved and placed on file.**

V. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Money Orders

C-06 Dean J. Mazzearella, Mayor; Request that an appropriation of \$15,000.00 be made to the Dog Officer Expense Account; the same amount to be transferred from Stabilization. (*Finance; Regular Course 08/22/2022; 2/3 Vote*)

This communication was given regular course.

C-07 Dean J. Mazzearella, Mayor; Request that an appropriation of \$58,000.00 be made to the following Insurance Expense Accounts; the same to be transferred from Stabilization. (*Finance; Regular Course 08/22/2022; 2/3 Vote*)

Risk management \$16,000
Liability Insurance \$4,000
Workers Compensation \$38,000

RE: Due to contract increase

This communication was given regular course.

Appointments

Dean J. Mazzearella, Mayor: Request the reappointment of Paul Kennedy, to the position of Forest Warden: term to expire 04/15/2024. (*Ways & Means; Regular Course 08/22/2022; Majority Vote*)

This reappointment was given regular course.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR, CONTINUED

Petitions

C-08 Dean J. Mazzaella, Mayor; Request that the City Council adopt the attached ordinance updates. This ordinance update to Chapter 16. Personnel. Section 16-30 of the Leominster Revised Ordinances reflects:

1. Leominster Fire Department salary and wage adjustments for the FY 2022 through FY 2024.
2. Leominster Police Department Salary and wage adjustments for the FY2022 through FY 2024.
3. Dispatch salary and wage adjustments for the FY 2022 through FY 2024. (Legal Affairs; Regular Course 8/22/2022; 2/3 Vote)

This petition was given regular course. By a vote of 9-0 a public hearing was set to for September 12, 2022, at 6:50PM.

VI. PETITIONS FIRST TIME ON THE AGENDA

2-23 Peter Angelini, Ward 5 Councillor: Request that the City accept the provisions of Massachusetts General law Chapter 32, Section 3, Group-Paragraph allowing EMT's as members of Group 4. (Legal Affairs; Regular Course 08/22/2022; Majority Vote)

This petition was given regular course with a referral to the Mayor. Fire Chief, Retirement Board, and Human Resources.

3-23 Peter Angelini, Ward 5 Councillor: Request that the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 41, Section 11N, Indemnification of EMT's. (Legal Affairs; Regular Course 08/22/2022; Majority Vote)

This petition was given regular course with a referral to the Mayor. Fire Chief, and Human Resources.

4-23 Peter Angelini, Ward 5 Councillor: Request that the City accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 41, Section 111M, EMTS's Leave without loss of pay. (Legal Affairs; Regular Course 08/22/2022; Majority Vote)

This petition was given regular course with a referral to the Mayor. Fire Chief, and Human Resources.

VII. MATTERS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL

VIII. FINANCIAL REPORT

The balance of the stabilization fund was \$19,918,858

IX. FINANCE

X. NEW BUSINESS

XI. OLD BUSINESS

XII. COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Councillor Cormier informed the City Council that starburst will be this Saturday August 27, 2022. Also informed the Council that Early Voting starts Saturday from 9:00 to am to 5:00 pm.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Councillor Bodanza made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councillor Chalifoux-Zephir seconded the motion. The motion carried the unanimously by a vote of 9-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm.

- Katelyn Huffman, City Clerk