

Town Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday December 14th, 2016

Roll Call: Michael Perkins, Chairman Dana Wrigley Donald Borman
Byron Wrigley, Sr. Mark Fisher

Others present: Gary Bowman, Town Manager Janice Porter, Town Clerk
David Groder Madeline St. Armour, Sentinel Reporter Jon Cox
Bill Lee Eric Sharpe Lisa Hallee Max Marston
Harold Buzzell
Kimberly Lindlof, Executive Director Central Me Growth Council
Chris Gaunce, Central Me Motors
Michael Runser, President Valley Distributors
Gavan Donegan, Central Me Growth Council

Budget & Advisory Committee members: Michael Rossignol, Chairman
William Kennard Kelly Pinney-Michaud Donna Pullen Charles Sweigart
Donald Ponitz Kelly Roderick Angela Jurdak

Business Agenda:

1. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Mark Fisher and voted 5-0 to approve the minutes of the meetings held on November 22nd, 2016, and to sign the disbursement warrant.
2. Chris Gaunce, Chairperson of the Central Maine Growth Council, presented an over view of CMGC currently working with Waterville, Fairfield and Winslow, as well as other economic development organizations, local colleges so that the region will have a strong comprehensive approach to economic development. CMGC would like the town of Oakland to become a municipal partner in 2017. Their focus is comprised of the following main areas: municipal town planning, workforce development and local/regional economic development (e.g. grants. Business expansion, retention and attraction). Within their letter dated November 3, 2016 it was stated that they “desire a mutually beneficial relationship that will provide the town of Oakland with a return on its investment. The CMGC is requesting an investment of \$20,096.18 from the town for 2017. Council members along with the Budget & Advisory Committee members will consider this item at a future meeting.
3. David Groder and Max Marston submitted “letters of interest” and spoke with Council members regarding their desire to fill the vacant seat of Harold Buzzell on the Budget

and Advisory Committee. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Michael Perkins and voted 5-0 that the appointment will be made by the Council at their next regularly scheduled meeting on December 28, 2016. The term will expire in December 2019.

4. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Byron Wrigley, Sr., and voted 5-0 to authorize the Town Manager to sign the 2017 Service Agreement with Electronics End LLC for recycling at the Transfer Station. With this agreement the town will now be accepting many more items at no cost to the resident. The service agreement will be for a term of two (2) years.
5. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Byron Wrigley, Sr., and voted 5-0 to approve the first reading of the Town of Oakland Prohibition Ordinance for marijuana. Language within the ordinance prohibits retail marijuana establishments, including retail marijuana stores, retail marijuana cultivation facilities, retail marijuana products manufacturing facilities, and retail marijuana testing facilities, and retail marijuana social clubs, are expressly prohibited in this municipality. It was noted that the ordinance is **not** intended to prohibit any lawful use, possession or conduct pursuant to the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act, 22 MRSA 558-C. The ordinance requires a second reading on December 28, 2016, at which time if there are no changes, the ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Manager's report:

1. Councilmen Borman presented the "Belgrade Area Dams Committee Report". Mr. Borman explained that the committee will address some growing water leakage problems on the Great Pond Dam's spill way structure in the amount of \$10,000 and an additional \$10,000 for the annual continuing maintenance and repairs to all three Dams. Oakland's portion of that amount is \$3,400 (equal to 17%) of the three towns.
2. Councilors received the November Library Report.

Other:

Executive Session: 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6)(F). Discussion of confidential records.

It was moved by Michael Perkins seconded by Dana Wrigley and voted 5-0 to enter into executive session at 7:10 pm. per 1 MRSA Section 405(6)(F) – Discussion of confidential records.

It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Donald Borman and voted 5-0 to come out of executive session at 7:20 pm.

It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Byron Wrigley and voted 5-0 to abate two years of property taxes in the amount of \$1,867.16 plus interest and miscellaneous fees for 2011-2012 and 2012-2013, Case 2016-1.

Adjournment – It was moved by Byron Wrigley seconded by Mark Fisher and voted 5-0 to adjourn at 7:20 pm.