**Town Council Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday January 25th, 2017

Roll Call: Michael Perkins, Chairman Dana Wrigley

Donald Borman Mark Fisher Harold Buzzell

Others: Gary Bowman, Town Manager Janice Porter, Town Clerk

Business Agenda:

1. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Mark Fisher and voted 5-0 approving the minutes of the meetings held on January 11th, 2017, and to sign disbursement warrant.
2. Council members signed the Sewer Commitment for the user period October thru December 2016 in the amount of $140,394.01.
3. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Harold Buzzell and voted 5-0 to approve the scrap iron bid from Kennebec Scrap in the amount of $72.50. The business currently provides the box for collection and free transportation of the collected items.
4. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Donald Borman and voted 5-0 to approve the increase of the summer parks and recreation fees from $25.00 to $35.00 for a four (4) week session. The increase will help defray some of the departments additional cost because of the minimum wage increase. The increase in wages is approximately $3,900.00. Councilors recommended that the participants receive a letter of explanation regarding the minimum wage increase and how it affects the budget.

Managers Report:

1. The Maine Fire Chief’s Forestry Committee reviewed applications submitted for Volunteer Fire Assistance grants for fiscal year 2016. The Oakland Fire Department was awarded $1034.00 in grant funds to be used with an equal share of local funds, to purchase equipment as listed on the award letter.
2. Councilors received the November and December Assessor’s report. Councilors noted that in the future it would be appropriate to meet with department heads to share information.
3. The Manager discussed the 2017-2018 working budget with Councilors. Thus, far an increase of $71,360 from last year’s budget, which includes minimum wage increases, oil price increases and a request from Central Maine Growth Council to join their organization. We’re unable to keep a flat budget because our costs are going up.

Executive Session: It was moved by Michael Perkins seconded by Dana Wrigley and voted 5-0 to enter into executive session at 6:30 pm per 1 MRSA Section 405(6)(A) Personnel Matters.

It was moved, seconded and voted to come out of executive session at 7:55 pm.

It was moved, seconded and voted to create a committee to oversee the negotiations with the Oakland Police Department as they seek to unionize. Members of the committee will consist of Councilor Michael Perkins, Councilor Donald Borman and the Town Manager Gary Bowman.

Adjournment

It was moved by Harold Buzzell seconded by Dana Wrigley and voted 5-0 to adjourn at 7:56 pm.