

Tuesday, January 20, 2015

At a regular meeting of the City Council, in the City of Woonsocket, County of Providence, State of Rhode Island in Harris Hall on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 7 P.M.

All members are present.

The prayer is read by the Clerk. The Pledge of Allegiance is given by the assembly.

The following persons addressed the council under citizens good and welfare: William Doe, Steven Zulawnik, Charles Lemoine, Michael Platek and Richard Fagnant.

Upon motion of Councilman Jalette seconded by Councilman Gendron it is voted that the minutes of the regular meeting held January 5, 2015 and liquor hearing held January 9, 2015 be approved as submitted, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

Upon motion of Councilman Jalette seconded by Councilman Gendron it is voted that the consent agenda be approved as submitted, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

The following items were listed on the consent agenda:

15 CO 3 A communication from Water Department regarding Pare Corporation.

15 CO 4 A communication from Water Department regarding water facilities vulnerability assessment and emergency response plan.

15 CO 5 A communication from Water Department regarding engineering services for the Mt. St. Charles High service area water main improvement project.

15 LC 3 Upon motion of Councilman Jalette seconded by Councilman Gendron it is voted that the following licenses be granted, a voice vote on same being unanimous: 1 application for Class F1 and entertainment license and 4 applications for renewal of quarterly entertainment licenses.

15 CP 3 Request of Michael N. Dubois to address the City Council regarding Woonsocket Rotary Days is read by title. Mr. Dubois was present and addressed the council.

15 CP 4 A request of Council President Brien to address the following items: charter schools, animal shelter/personnel and Mulvey's building – Neighbor Works is read by title.

15 CP 5 A request Councilman Daniel Gendron to address the following items: police and fire contracts, World War II Veterans'

Memorial State Park, animal shelter and Mayoral academy charter school is read by title.

15 CP 6 A request of James Cournoyer to address the City Council regarding the RISE Mayoral Academy is read by title. Mr. Cournoyer was present and addressed the council.

The following remarks are made under good and welfare:

Councilman Jalette stated that Blake's Restaurant was open.

Councilman Mancieri spoke about fire on Wood Avenue and spoke about drop off of supplies or donations for victims. He stated that he attended the small business summit and thanked those in attendance. He requested report on police and fire calls. Addressed Police Chief re: parking on street for Convenience Store.

Councilman Moreau asked City Solicitor to explain how another official can sign for the mayoral academy in another city. He stated that he toured dispatch and saw status of progress.

Councilwoman Murray stated that the Mayoral application does state any town or city can sign application. She thanked Michael Dubois for update on Woonsocket Rotary days. She thanked the Martin Luther King committee for a great event.

Councilman Beauchamp congratulated the Martin Luther King

committee for a great weekend of events.

President Brien expressed his gratitude to the Martin Luther King committee. He addressed Public Works Director about signage at Dionne track. Questioned can a Mayoral Academy be considered without a community's ability to pay and stated that he will ask Woonsocket Budget Commission to work numbers into 5 year plan.

Councilman Gendron spoke about charter school analysis that we cannot endure. He thanked those involved in past weekend events. He thanked Police Chief for playing a key role.

15 O 2 An ordinance transferring funds (Public Works Department to City Capital Fund) is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Beauchamp seconded by Councilmen Gendron and Moreau it is voted that the ordinance be passed, a roll call vote on same being unanimous.

15 O 3 An ordinance in amendment of Chapter 2 entitled "Administration" of the Code of Ordinances is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Mancieri seconded by Councilman Beauchamp it is voted that the ordinance be passed for the first time, a roll call vote on same being 6-1 with Councilman Jalette voting no.

15 R 11 A resolution awarding a contract to Pare Corporation for distribution meter evaluation & replacement consulting services is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Beauchamp seconded by Councilman Mancieri it is voted that the resolution be passed, a voice vote on same being 4-3 with Councilors Gendron, Jalette and Brien voting no.

15 R 12 Water Division request for proposals and statements of qualifications for engineering services for the preparation of a vulnerability assessment and emergency response plan is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Beauchamp seconded by Councilman Mancieri it is voted that the resolution be passed, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

15 R 13 A resolution reappointing Peter J. Dufresne as a member of the Board of Assessment review is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Gendron seconded by Councilwoman Murray it is voted that the resolution be passed, a voice vote on same being unanimous. Councilman Mancieri recused himself from this vote.

15 R 14 A resolution authorizing the cancellation of taxes is read by

title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Jalette seconded by Councilman Gendron it is voted that the resolution be passed, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

15 R 15 A resolution requesting the General Assembly delegation from Woonsocket to introduce legislation pertaining to zoning boards is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Mancieri seconded by Councilman Beauchamp it is voted that the resolution be passed, however this motion is defeated on a 6-1 roll call vote with Councilman Mancieri voting yes.

15 R 16 A resolution requesting the General Assembly delegation from Woonsocket to introduce legislation and urge passage of legislation pertaining to the state plumbing code for meters located below grade is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Mancieri seconded by Councilman Gendron it is voted that the resolution be passed, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

15 R 17 A resolution requesting the General Assembly delegation from Woonsocket introduce legislation and urge support passage of

legislation pertaining Homestead exemptions for the City of Woonsocket is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Mancieri seconded by Councilwoman Murray it is voted that the resolution be passed, however before this is voted on

Upon motion of Councilman Beauchamp seconded by Councilman Gendron it is voted that the resolution be tabled, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

15 R 18 Water Division request to proceed with proposed Mt. St. Charles High service area water main improvements engineering services is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Jalette seconded by Councilman Beauchamp it is voted that the resolution be passed, however before this is voted on

Upon motion of Councilman Gendron seconded by Councilwoman Murray it is voted that the resolution be tabled, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

Upon motion of Councilman Gendron seconded by Councilors Mancieri and Murray it is voted that the meeting be and it is hereby adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

Attest:

Christina Harmon-Duarte

City Clerk