

**MINUTES
DOVER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 13, 2002
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
7:00 P.M.**

1. MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Hofemann led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mayor Nossiff, Mayor Pro Tem Taylor, Councilors Tweedie, Whitmore, Christenbury, Dunnington, Hindle and Hofemann were present. Councilor Quigley was absent.

4. PROCLAMATIONS/AWARDS

The Mayor stated we have important proclamations here this evening; he introduced his uncle and aunt who are visiting this country from Lebanon.

He then introduced Gary Cyr. Gary stated he is here to make a special presentation to the City of Dover. He joked that he had brought Dom Domingo with him. Lt. Col. Cyr, is here tonight to recognize the city employees that have been called to active duty, one of them is Bruce Woodruff and he is recognizing the additional benefits that were put in place by the city in order for Woody to serve his country so that his family will not suffer and they will be able to pay the bills while he is gone. He presented the Committee Chair Award plaque to the Mayor.

Next, he stated we have an important proclamation on behalf of Megan DeColfmacker who made important contributions to the community in her short life. He read the proclamation proclaiming Saturday, 3/30/2002 the day to celebrate in loving memory Megan DeColfmacker's life by giving the gift of life.

5. CITIZEN'S FORUM

The Mayor stated Citizen's Forum has changed in scope. Each person has 5 minutes to speak and the council will try to answer any questions a person might have.

Crystal Kent from the Citizens for a Seacoast Aquarium stated she is here to give an aquarium update. This project will give people an over all concept about our planet and ecosystem. Tax dollars will not be used to build this aquarium. This project will not affect our rivers in an adverse way. Since they do not know where their new location will be, she cannot say what the traffic problems might be, but they are looking to be near the highway. They want people to stop by on their way through town. The number of visitors are people and not the number of cars. Many visit by school bus, tour bus, etc. If anyone has questions, citizens may call her directly. Her telephone number is 436-7778 and ***www.Seacoast aquarium.com*** is their website.

Anna Boudreau lives at 9 Northam Drive and is here on behalf of the Open Lands Committee and coordinator of the Education Outreach Committee. She is here to speak about a resolution they will vote on tonight. She gave a quick background on this issue. Ms. Boudreau explained they were awarded the grant for estuaries, see item 11.B.1. She gave everyone the dates of the workshop, the first one is next week. She is looking for the City Council to approve the grant. It must be approved before the money can be released.

Joyce El Kouarti, of 112 Bellamy Woods is also here for the proposed grant and is coordinator of the Growing Greater workshop. It is her understanding that managing Dover's rapid residential growth, containing costs of providing city services, and retaining community character have been identified by the City of Dover as priorities. In response to the city's growth which has lead to an increase in taxes and the disappearance of fields, forests and farmlands. She also explained about the March 20th workshop. Ms. El Kouarti wants both the council and Open Lands Committee, as well as, the Conservation Commission members there. Her committee requests the council reschedule the Cocheco Dredging Workshop to another date.

Dom Domingo of 5 Birch Drive on behalf of the resolution for naming the old middle school. There are 12 of them in his family still alive and 9 have served in the military service. He is here to honor Captain McConnell, a Dover native. What Captain McConnell is to us is the top jet fighter; not only us but to the world. We had a civil defense control center named for him before here at City Hall but that was closed down. He feels it would be fitting for us to approve this resolution. He has a copy of the movie based on the life of Captain McConnell. He presented the movie, then he has a proclamation that Governor Shaheen presented. This is one project that is cost effective as he will get donations. He is planning to get a plaque to put in the State Capital. At this time he asked Arlene Meserve, the first cousin to Captain McConnell to speak. He then presented the 9/1/99 proclamation that he had previously presented, but it has a spelling error.

Arlene Meserve of 10 Farmington Drive, is here to have the old middle school named for Joseph McConnell, she read a prepared statement about his life stating he was her first cousin. She presented a scrapbook on his life to the Mayor for the council to look at, at their convenience.

Bernard Stillwagon is here to talk about last Wednesday night's meeting. He is concerned about the Mayor not being able to have the right to vote. He does not believe in an anonymous group and he feels some of them are right here on this city council. He feels the former Mayor rubber stamped everything. Mayor Nossiff was elected by the taxpayers and he feels he is here to keep his promise to the taxpayers. Soon there will be a budget hearing coming up, he has a problem with councilors that might have a conflict of interest on certain items coming up for vote. He wants an amendment on the floor so the Mayor can vote again. The people elected him to sit in that chair and vote. He continued by reviewing assorted police records including beatings to some people in the last few years. He is opposed to building a shooting range for the police department. He concluded by wishing the Mayor's relatives that are visiting here well.

Joe Twardus of 64 Tolend Road is here to speak about moving the ward house out to the County Farm Road – Riverside Rest Home. He is opposed to this move as he wants the people to be able to walk to the ward house, it is too expensive for a citizen to hire a cab. He has always lived in Ward 6, if they can't get a location, they should move Ward 6 to Rochester.

Bob Latture of 25 Birch Drive was going to vent about last week's contract vote except that he feels other union contracts will be beating down their doors to get other contracts adopted. Also, he is here to talk about the bad actions that were taken last week, he feels we all should work together to regain each others respect.

The Mayor closed Citizen's Forum.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Resolution RE: Renaming the Former Middle School. Sponsored by Councilor Jason Hindle. **(See Item 10C-1)**

Peter Schmidt wants to address this matter. He remembers Joe McConnell's career, however, as outstanding as his accomplishments were, he feels there are many others that deserve recognition as

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well. As there are many that have served in the many conflicts we have had. He would like the middle school named the Veterans Center. He is opposed to naming the middle school only after one person, as he would like the naming of the building after all of our veterans. Maybe they did not sacrifice their lives but they served their country. He would like to see a friendly amendment.

Dom Domingo is speaking for New Hampshire Gold Star Mothers Day. This is for any mother who has lost a son or daughter in an American armed conflict. We have 3 Gold Star Mothers in Dover (Mrs. McGlone, Mrs. Vatistis, and Mrs. Reardon). This was Bill 258 passed on 5/28/99 and effective 7/29/99. This event will be the first Sunday after Easter. This year it will be April 7, 2002.

In regards to the former speaker, he pointed out the Jenny Thompson pool being named after the Olympic champion and he went on about his military service. The honoring of Captain McConnell is long overdue. We have a native son who has risen above us all. No one will ever accomplish what he has done.

Bernard Stillwagon pointed out several more Gold Star Mothers for Dom's information.

Seeing no one else the Mayor closed the Public Hearing.

- B. Resolution RE: Acceptance of Cherrywood Drive, Ironwood Lane and a Part of Cottonwood Drive as City Streets. Sponsored by Councilor Parks Christenbury. **(See Item 10C-2)**

No one.

- C. Ordinance #04-02/13/2002, Chapter 3, Administrative Code, Section 3-60A, Dover Arena Commission, Council Representative. Sponsored by Councilor Jason Hindle. **(See Item 10A-1)**

No one.

- D. Ordinance #15-02/13/2002, Chapter 166, Vehicles and Traffic, Section 166-30, Schedule A, Parking Violation Schedule. Sponsored by Councilor Jason Hindle, Transportation Advisory Commission. **(See Item 10A2)**

No one.

- E. Ordinance #06-02/13/2002, Chapter 166, Vehicles and Traffic, Section 166-56, Schedule I, No Parking Any Time, Repeal Section of Locust Street. Sponsored by Councilor Jason Hindle, Transportation Advisory Commission. **(See Item 10A-3)**

No one.

- F. Ordinance #07-02/13/2002, Chapter 166, Vehicles and Traffic, Section 166-56, Schedule I, No Parking Any Time, Lincoln Street. Sponsored by Councilor Jason Hindle, Transportation Advisory Commission. **(See Item 10A-4)**

No one.

- G. Ordinance #08-02/13/2002, Chapter 166, Vehicles and Traffic, Section 166-56, Schedule I, No Parking Any Time, South Pine Street. Sponsored by Councilor Jason Hindle, Transportation Advisory Commission. **(See Item 10A-5)**

No one.

- H. Ordinance #09-02/13/2002, Chapter 166, Vehicles and Traffic, Section 166-56, Schedule I, No Parking Any Time, Richmond Street. Sponsored by Councilor Jason Hindle, Transportation Advisory Commission. **(See Item 10A-6)**

No one.

- I. Ordinance #10-02/13/2002, Chapter 166, Vehicles and Traffic, Section 166-56, Schedule I, No Parking Any Time, Dover Street. Sponsored by Councilor Jason Hindle, Transportation Advisory Commission. **(See Item 10A-7)**

No one.

- J. Ordinance #11-02/13/2002, Chapter 166, Vehicles and Traffic, Section 166-56, Schedule I, No Parking Any time, Section of Court Street. Sponsored by Councilor Jason Hindle, Transportation Advisory Commission. **(See Item 10A-8)**

No one.

- K. Ordinance #12-02/13/2002, Chapter 166, Vehicles and Traffic, Sections 166-56, Schedule I No Parking Any Time, and Section 166-57, Schedule J, Limited Time Parking, Section of Henry Law Avenue. Sponsored by Councilor Jason Hindle, Transportation Advisory Commission. **(See Item 10A-9)**

No one.

- L. Ordinance # 13-02/13/2002, Chapter 131, Offenses, Section 131-9, Motor Vehicles on School Property and Park Grounds. Sponsored by Councilor Jason Hindle. **(See Item 10A-10)**

No one.

- M. Ordinance #14-02/13/2002, Chapter 89, Dogs, Section 89-5, Replacement of Lost License Tag; and Section 89-6, Penalty for Unlicensed Dogs. Sponsored by Mayor Alexander G. Nossiff by Request. **(See Item 10A-11)**

No one.

7. MINUTES

- A. Regular Council Meeting – February 13, 2002

Taylor moved, seconded by Tweedie to accept. All in favor.

8. REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND STANDING COMMITTEES

- A. Transportation Advisory Commission – Councilor Jason Hindle

The committee met last month and they discussed the formation of a subcommittee. The subcommittee will be looking at parking in the downtown area. Also they had discussed a lot of these ordinance matters that are before them this evening, Richmond is the only street that will be affected. The subcommittee will be reporting back on 5/15 and they will bring it to the council.

- B. Joint Building Committee (Horne Street School, DHS Mezzanine) – Councilor Jason Hindle

Hindle stated they had met last Saturday with Christenbury and Nick Skaltsis, Marjorie Fisher was not available; he named the 4 finalists for the project: Dave Witcher Builders, FERD Construction, Beloin Construction, Pine Brook Corporation, bids will open up on 3/29. He continued about the mezzanine expansion with the four additional classrooms. The project will be put on hold temporarily. They would really like to preserve the mezzanine.

C. COAST Bus – Councilor Ray Tweedie

On March 4 COAST had a ribbon cutting at City Hall for the 3 new buses. In attendance were Mayor Nossiff, Councilors Whitmore and Tweedie. The Executive Committee Board met on 3/12/02 in preparation for the full COAST Board meeting on 3/26/02.

D. Planning Board – Councilor Parks Christenbury

Christenbury reported they met on 3/12 and passed many minor lot line adjustments. **SEE NOTES.** Also, they considered and accepted an application for a major subdivision of land – 25-lot subdivision on Littleworth Road. There will be a site walk on 3/16 at 9:30 a.m. There are drainage issues. The CDBG will also be coming up tonight and be referred to a public hearing. It was a very tough battle. They are forming subcommittees at the Planning Board level and he named the committees. Also, he mentioned the issue in tonight's paper of the Comfort Inn and that it is a 99-unit motel that is being proposed. They will need a variance to be granted in this case.

E. School Board Liaison – Kevin Quigley

Christenbury met with Mayor Nossiff, Mayor Pro Tem Taylor and Nick along with Councilor Whitmore to present the school budget. It was a very productive meeting.

F. Solid Waste Advisory Commission – Councilor Thomas Dunnington

Dunnington stated they had met on 2/14 and spent some time looking at plans for the new recycling center and their needs, as well as, future needs. They also talked about dealing with the trash issue that has been mentioned here. There are pamphlets available for distribution in the Clerks Office, Library and Tax Office regarding this issue. They are urging the clerks that wait on people that come in to register their cars to pass these brochures out. He found out that when it is multi unit buildings the property owners are ultimately responsible. The commission did find out it is allowable to put a bag in to a trash barrel if there is a problem with animals in your neighborhood. He continued going over the rules for putting trash out. He would like people to use common sense in this issue. Enforcing this is the real aspect, there is information that is sent to all new residents and there will be a brochure on the rules and regulation dealing with trash. They are trying to solve this problem. Hindle commends Dunnington and his committee for their work. Hindle still wants the ordinance published in the Community Notes.

G. Dover Arts Commission – Councilor Thomas Dunnington

Dunnington stated they had met at the recreation center a couple of days ago and Gary Bannon showed them around based on what has been proposed as using it for a cultural center. There were several in attendance, and there is a great deal of interest in this facility. They talked about a private/public partnership, there is money available and they may be able to do it without using taxpayer dollars. They will be back to the Council with sketches. One of their concerns is the people that use the building currently. The concept is right now to move ahead with this project. They would like it to include some boutiques and shops along with entertainment. They feel they could get approximately 200 people for entertainment and it has great potential. Also they are working with a Main Street intern and will be going out to identify where this information can be met. The last item is the Arts Commission will be bringing to Dover on August 7 the Shakespeare Festival, "As You Like It". Tim Sheldon has given them permission to use the courtyard area. Also Peter Forsythe has informed him the band shell may be open by then as an outdoor stage concept.

Tweedie offered his support and thanked them, also he would like to write to Congressmen and Senators for funding for this project.

H. Seniors Advisory Committee – Councilor Roland Hofemann

Hofemann has been busy this month in his pursuit of helping seniors. He also visited the Somersworth Senior Center. He talked about “don’t shut out the shut ins. He receives calls all throughout the day from seniors and their concerns. He has followed through on the senior citizens building roof repair, the drips are coming down to the card table. They would like this project on the front burner. He has spoken to Howard Dean, Governor of Vermont and got some good ideas. He became a member of the Strafford Committee on Aging. He is gathering information on the 911 cell phone program, this is the first he has mentioned it. He is also looking for an abatement on veterans, as well as, senior citizens abatements. Dunnington says the Senior Center is owned by the City, so why is it not fixed. He understands it is contracted out.

Taylor moved to accept, seconded by Whitmore. All in favor.

9. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

Mr. Beecher stated his report is on the website. Relative to changing next week’s meeting to accommodate the Open Space Committee, so the response was non-committal, he needs an answer tonight if possible. If they do not meet next week, it will have to be 4/3. Councilor Whitmore would like to attend the Open Lands also.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. ORDINANCES IN 2ND READING

1. Ordinance #04-02/13/2002, Chapter 3, Administrative Code, Section 3-60A, Dover Arena Commission, Council Representative. Sponsored by Councilor Jason Hindle.

Hindle moved, seconded by Whitmore to adopt. Christenbury offered an amendment, seconded by Whitmore, Tweedie moved to amend further, seconded by Whitmore to say “for the duration of his or her term”. All in favor of the amendment. Hindle asked to speak because the City Manager and others feel because of the additional ice sheet that a councilor should be present at these meetings to report back to the council. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 7-0. The Mayor is not allowed to vote unless there is a tie.

2. Ordinance #15-02/13/2002, Chapter 166, Vehicles and Traffic, Section 166-30, Schedule A, Parking Violation Schedule. Sponsored by Councilor Jason Hindle, Transportation Advisory Commission.

Hindle moved, seconded by Whitmore to adopt. Christenbury questioned whether this is for the shortfall of \$30,000. Christenbury asks, do these officers have other duties to offset this, he also has concerns about attracting people to the downtown core. The Chief projects that the cost of parking enforcement will be increased and without this ordinance they will be short. There is a positive balance of \$54,000. They have one officer for manure pickup who is mobile. Hindle also tries to answer Christenbury’s question on the downtown merchants. There is a program where they can hand out a certificate that shows they are actually shopping in the downtown area. Tweedie asks if this ordinance takes effect on passage and where will this year’s money from the passage of this ordinance go. The Chief says it will bolster the enterprise fund. Christenbury motions to table as we are forming a comprehensive committee to study the downtown parking issue. We should wait for the results. He also raises the questions of how are we going to enforce it and pay for it. Hofeman seconds the motion. Hofemann, Dunnington and Christenbury in favor of amendment to table. Motion to amend fails. Tweedie has one more question to the Chief; whatever they write for tickets will the money go to

the fund balance? The Chief says, yes. Taylor asks, if someone has a ticket and does not have their final notice, will it be a new ticket? Christenbury stated if we are writing fewer tickets, then he assumes we would want to cut back \$30,000; not propose and increase. The Mayor believes there is a shortfall on this one, we should find the money in the general budget. People get very excited about parking tickets. This seems like a tremendous amount for a ticket. This will be detrimental to the citizens. Taylor makes the observation that as a parent of a UNH student, the first violation in Durham is \$15. Dunnington says he will support this but he does agree with Christenbury on when we review this issue in detail. Main motion passed on a roll call vote of 5-2. Christenbury and Hofemann opposed.

3. Ordinance #06-02/13/2002, Chapter 166, Vehicles and Traffic, Section 166-56, Schedule I, No Parking Any Time, repeal section of Locust Street. Sponsored by Councilor Jason Hindle, Transportation Advisory Commission.

Hindle moved, seconded by Tweedie to adopt. Hindle says this is simply a housekeeping matter. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 6-0. Christenbury is out of the room.

4. Ordinance #07-02/13/2002, Chapter 166, Vehicles and Traffic, Section 166-56, Schedule I, No Parking Any Time, Lincoln Street. Sponsored by Councilor Jason Hindle, Transportation Advisory Commission.

Hindle moved, seconded by Whitmore to adopt. Dunnington has a question about the restrictions. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 7-0.

5. Ordinance #08-02/13/2002, Chapter 166, Vehicles and Traffic, Section 166-56, Schedule I, No Parking Any Time, South Pine Street. Sponsored by Councilor Jason Hindle, Transportation Advisory Commission.

Hindle moved seconded by Tweedie to adopt. Motion passed on roll call vote of 7-0.

6. Ordinance #09-02/13/2002, Chapter 166, Vehicles and Traffic, Section 166-56, Schedule I, No Parking Any Time, Richmond Street. Sponsored by Councilor Jason Hindle, Transportation Advisory Commission.

Hindle moved seconded by Tweedie to adopt. He stated this ordinance is for public safety purposes. Christenbury has a concern about the numerous cars that park there because they have to park somewhere. His concern is where are these cars going to go. He will vote for this but if the residents come back because they can't get off the street, we will have to address it again. Hindle answers Christenbury's concerns, the residents were notified and only one resident attended. Taylor commented that these are mostly rental units on this street. Tweedie wants to send notices to the residents as well as owners. Dunnington stated he is real familiar with this area and it is a very crowded section of town. He can almost guarantee the residents do not know this is happening tonight and it is a hazard. He would like to hear from people up there. He would really like to contact the tenants in that area. Christenbury has a suggestion, when the parking attendant is not doing manure patrol, we could put notices on the windshields to notify residents of the ordinance's intent. Tweedie's suggestion is if there is a way to notify the tenants before they pass this tonight, he would like to do that. Hindle says this comes up on a regular basis on this committee, this is just like the trash problem, he feels the property owner is ultimately responsible. This is a problem all over the city. Hofemann is not comfortable with the question, but what is the alternative. Hindle says that is good question, Atkinson was in the same predicament a few years ago. Motion to adopt failed on roll call vote of 1-6. Hindle in favor.

7. Ordinance #10-02/13/2002, Chapter 166, Vehicles and Traffic, Section 166-56, Schedule I, No Parking Any Time, Dover Street. Sponsored by Councilor Jason Hindle, Transportation Advisory

Commission.

Hindle moved to adopt, seconded by Tweedie. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 7-0.

8. Ordinance #11-02/13/2002, Chapter 166, Vehicles and Traffic, Section 166-56, Schedule I, No Parking Any time, Section of Court Street. Sponsored by Councilor Jason Hindle, Transportation Advisory Commission.

Hindle moved to adopt, seconded by Tweedie. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 7-0.

9. Ordinance #12-02/13/2002, Chapter 166, Vehicles and Traffic, Sections 166-56, Schedule I No Parking Any Time, and Section 166-57, Schedule J, Limited Time Parking, Section of Henry Law Avenue. Sponsored by Councilor Jason Hindle, Transportation Advisory Commission.

Item withdrawn.

10. Ordinance # 13-02/13/2002, Chapter 131, Offenses, Section 131-9, Motor Vehicles on School Property and Park Grounds. Sponsored by Councilor Jason Hindle.

Hindle moved to adopt, seconded by Tweedie. This item was brought up as a result of vandalism to the ball fields last fall. Dunnington has a problem with the amount of the minimum fines. He would prefer to see "up to" in the fine section. Dunnington amends it to say up to \$250, Tweedie seconds the amendment. Taylor has a problem with that, there may be damage in the amount of \$10,000 and they would only pay \$250? Dunnington says this does not address restitution. Christenbury agrees with Dunnington's motion to amend. Tweedie wonders who determines the fine, Dunnington says this goes on in district court everyday, the judge is the final arbitrator of this. All in favor of amendment. Main motion passed on a roll call vote of 6-1. Taylor opposed.

11. Ordinance #14-02/13/2002, Chapter 89, Dogs, Section 89-5, Replacement of Lost License Tag; and Section 89-6, Penalty for Unlicensed Dogs. Sponsored by Mayor Alexander G. Nossiff by Request.

Taylor moved to adopt, seconded by Whitmore. Taylor asked where the money goes. The City Clerk explained, some to the State, some to the Police Department, etc. Christenbury offers an amendment on this to change to "up to \$250.00", Hofeman and Taylor second the amendment. Amendment passed on a vote of 6-0. Main motion passed on a roll call vote of 6-0. Dunnington abstained.

B. ORDINANCES IN 3RD READING

C. RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution RE: Renaming the Former Middle School. Sponsored by Councilor Jason Hindle.

Hindle moved, seconded by Christenbury to substitute as a whole. All were in favor. Hindle moved, seconded by Tweedie to adopt. Hindle stated with all due respect to Councilor Schmidt, we have that green space in front of the building and if the school department is in agreement, they can make a park there and call it Veterans' Park after all veterans past, present, and future. Joseph McConnell was an outstanding human being and the City should be proud. Hindle continued about the picture found in the trash of Joseph McConnell. The picture is now memorialized in the Woodman Institute, he did amend the resolution to say the Joseph McConnell, Jr. Center as this building will house several different occupants; some of the school department, HUB, the recreation department, etc. He feels this is a proper distinction for Captain McConnell to have this building named in honor of him. Hofeman echoes Hindle's and Domingo's arguments on this issue. Christenbury differs on this. Dover has had other young men that have died in the call of duty. Captain McConnell went above and beyond the call of

duty but he thinks we should wait until people have passed on before naming a building after a person. This is a fitting tribute, Mayor Nossiff agrees in recognizing the native son. Motion passes on roll call vote of 7-0.

2. Resolution RE: Acceptance of Cherrywood Drive, Ironwood Lane and a Part of Cottonwood Drive as City Streets. Sponsored by Councilor Parks Christenbury.

Christenbury moved, seconded by Tweedie to adopt. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 7-0.

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Tag Permit – Strafford County Headstart
2. Raffle – Great Bay Figure Skating Club
3. Parade Permit – Portsmouth Christian Academy

Taylor moved, seconded by Tweedie to accept. All in favor.

B. RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution RE: Authorization of Receipt of N.H. Estuaries Project Grant Monies. Sponsored by Councilor Raymond A. Tweedie and Councilor Brenda Whitmore.

Tweedie moved, seconded by Whitmore and Christenbury to adopt. All councilors in favor.

2. Resolution RE: Award of Bid #B02038 for Fireworks Display. Sponsored by Mayor Alexander G. Nossiff by Request.

Taylor moved, seconded by Tweedie to adopt. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 7-0.

3. Resolution RE: Transfer of Appropriation for General Assistance. Sponsored by Mayor Alexander G. Nossiff, by Request.

Taylor moved, seconded by Whitmore to adopt. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 7-0.

4. Resolution RE: Award of Bid #B0234 for River Street Pump Station Chemical Feed System Improvements. Sponsored by Mayor Alexander G. Nossiff, by Request.

Taylor moved, seconded by Tweedie to adopt. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 7-0.

5. Resolution RE: Setting Voting Hours for the State Primary Election on September 10, 2002, State General Election on November 5, 2002 and the Municipal Election (Wards 1, 2 and 3 ONLY) on November 6, 2002. Sponsored by Mayor Alexander G. Nossiff, by Request.

Taylor moved, seconded by Tweedie to adopt. Tweedie would like to extend the opening and closing time on both ends by an hour. Christenbury is opposed to this as his wife works at the polls and she would never be in favor of this proposal. The City Clerk is also opposed to this idea, people are always welcome to vote absentee if they were not able to get to the polls when they are open. All in favor.

6. Resolution RE: Designation of the City Hall Auditorium as the Ward Two (2) Polling Place. Sponsored by Mayor Pro Tem Kathleen Taylor, Ward 2 City Councilor.

Taylor moved, seconded by Christenbury to adopt. Hindle has a question, where would candidates stand to campaign? Whitmore asked, will we be designating an entrance. All in favor.

7. Resolution RE: Designation of the Riverside Rest Home as the Ward Six (6) Polling Place. Sponsored by Councilor Thomas Dunnington, Jr., Ward 6 City Councilor.

Dunnington moved to table for a month to search for a more central location, Tweedie seconds the motion. All in favor.

8. Resolution RE: Release of Minutes from September 27, 2001 and December 12, 2001 Non-Public Sessions. Sponsored by Mayor Alex Nossiff.

Taylor moved, seconded by Christenbury to adopt, motion passed on a roll call vote of 5-2. Tweedie and Dunnington opposed.

9. Resolution RE: Award of Blanket Purchase Order for Continued Professional Consulting Legal Assistance. Sponsored by Mayor Alexander G. Nossiff, by Request.

Taylor moved, seconded by Hindle to adopt. The Mayor commented he would like an update from this attorney. Christenbury will support this resolution as this attorney came on board when he served on the council the first time. Also, he is recognized as one of the great attorneys in this State. Mr. Beecher stated the attorney will be here on 4/3/2002 to speak to the council. The Mayor would like to know how much we have paid him over the years. The City Manager will provide that information to him. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 7-0.

10. Resolution RE: Award of Purchase Order for Construction Phase Limited Engineering Services – Wastewater Treatment Facility Blower Building. Sponsored by Mayor Alexander G. Nossiff, by Request.

Taylor moved, seconded by Tweedie to adopt. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 7-0.

11. Resolution RE: Award of Purchase Order to Public Service of New Hampshire (PSNH) for Transmission Line Relocation Services. Sponsored by Mayor Alexander G. Nossiff, by Request.

Taylor moved, seconded by Tweedie to adopt. Tweedie asked Pete Lavoie about the amount. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 7-0.

12. Resolution RE: Award of Purchase Order for Laminated Wood Structures for Electrical Transmission Lines Support. Sponsored by Mayor Alexander G. Nossiff, by Request.

Taylor moved seconded by Tweedie to adopt, motion passed on a roll call vote of 7-0.

13. Resolution RE: Award of Bid #B02937 for Summer Recreation Programs Bus Transportation Services. Sponsored by Mayor Alexander G. Nossiff, by Request.

Taylor moved, seconded by Tweedie to adopt. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 7-0.

Taylor moved, seconded by Dunnington to suspend the rules to introduce item 11.B.14. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 7-0. Taylor moved, seconded by Tweedie to move item to a public hearing on April 10, 2002. All in favor.

14. Resolution RE: Acceptance of the Action Plan and Expenditures For the Fiscal Year 2002 CDBG Entitlement Funds. Sponsored by Mayor Alex Nossiff by request.

Christenbury stated he has one more item under "new business". Christenbury moved to nominate Councilor Whitmore as the council liaison, ex officio, to the Arena Commission, seconded by Tweedie. This is in keeping with the ordinance, item 10.A.1., that passed this evening. The Mayor commented that Whitmore is very qualified but he has a problem with procedures this evening. Also the previous councilor that was appointed last month is not here. Christenbury pointed out that the ordinance was not even passed as yet last month. Therefore, the position was not created as yet. Christenbury continued, it was not done by a motion anyway, but now it is legal to appoint. The Mayor wants it to go to the appointments committee, also he now wants to know if Quigley knows about this. Christenbury stated he has spoken with Quigley, however it is a moot point as it was not authorized. The Mayor understands the problem but does wonder if Quigley knows. Christenbury stated he has nominated Whitmore, now he moves the question, Tweedie seconds the motion. All in favor of motion.

C. ORDINANCES IN 1ST READING

1. Ordinance #16-03/13/2002, Chapter 166, Vehicles and Traffic, Section 166-50, Schedule C, Stop Intersections (Various). Sponsored by Councilor Jason Hindle, Transportation Advisory Commission.

Taylor moved, seconded by Tweedie to refer to a public hearing on April 10th. All in favor.

2. Ordinance #17-03/13/2002, Chapter 100, Elections, Adding New Chapter. Sponsored by Councilor Brenda Whitmore, Councilor Raymond Tweedie and Councilor Thomas Dunnington Jr.

Taylor moved, seconded by Tweedie to refer to a public hearing on April 10th. All in favor.

D. COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter – Attorney Robert Fisher

Taylor moved, seconded by Christenbury to accept and place on file. All in favor.

12. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor spoke very highly of Megan DeColfmacker, saying this is the least we can do to memorialize this family for all she did for this community.

The Mayor and Hofemann are working to revise credits for the elderly as well as the veterans, he has received comments from several citizens. They want to enhance their income by taking into account inflation. Thirdly, he had a good time on WTSN radio in speaking to the citizens. The questions were good. This is a good outlet and will continue, any questions can be asked, as it is unscreened. They are trying to reach out to the citizens of the City of Dover.

13. COUNCIL MATTERS OF INTEREST

Christenbury stated he is speaking as a veteran and on the proposed exemption. If you could tie it to some type of income, this would be the way to go as he does not need the big exemption. Secondly, he has attended the recent School Board meetings, he congratulated Nick Skaltsis and the board on their handling of the recent issues and how the citizens are willing to work with the School Board now.

He feels we could all learn a lesson on how they have conducted themselves. Hindle commended Dunnington on his performance in "Joseph". He also thanked the Mayor for his support in naming the building across the street to honor Joseph McConnell. On that same note, he spoke to the City Manager today about having a joint meeting with the School Board to discuss the plans for that building. The City Manager offered Saturday a.m. on April 20th as a date to tour that facility.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Taylor moved, seconded by all to adjourn, all in favor at 9:55 pm.

Judy Gaouette
City Clerk