

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 1998
DOVER CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
7:00 P.M.

**NON-PUBLIC EXECUTIVE SESSION RE: LABOR 6:30 PM - CITY
MANAGER'S OFFICE**

1. MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Otis Perry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mayor Pro Tem Perry, Councilor Rawding, Councilor Reese, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Berry, Councilor Jalbert, Councilor Johnson, Councilor Landry.

Members Absent: Mayor Wil Boc

4. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. Ordinance #01-01/14/98, Chapter 22, Code of Ethics. Sponsored by Mayor Wil Boc. (item #10A-1)

Mayor Pro Tem Perry introduced Rosemary Zurawel to speak on the proposed Changes.

Rosemary Zurawel stated the changes include changing the making up of the Board to expand it to include 5 public members with staggered terms. She stated also to be changed are the initial hearings for investigative purposes. They would be closed hearings unless the person against whom any ethics complaint was made, requested that those hearings be made public.

Mayor Pro Tem Perry opened the public hearing asking if there was anyone wishing to speak.

Seeing no one, Mayor Pro Tem Perry closed the public hearing.

5. CITIZEN'S FORUM

Doris Grady, 42 Longhill Rd., stated that she is curious about something. She asked if the \$150,000 for kindergarten is going to be bonded for 15 years, what

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will the cost to the City eventually be? She asked if it will become \$250,000 over time, particularly where we have the \$121,000 in Foundation Aid?

Mayor Pro Tem Perry stated that this item is going to be referred to a public hearing in March and will be discussed then.

Doris Grady asked who will keep the Foundation Aid, the City, the School or will it be used to fix maintenance problems?

Seeing no one else wishing to speak Mayor Pro Tem Perry closed Citizen's Forum.

6. MINUTES

A. Minutes of January 21, 1998 – Public Hearing

B. Minutes of January 21, 1998 – Workshop

C. Minutes of January 28, 1998 – Regular Meeting

Berry moved to accept, seconded by Johnson.

Motion passed to accept the minutes with minor corrections on an 8-0 vote.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Pro Tem Perry stated that Mayor Boc attended the first budget workshop on 2/2/98. He stated that on 2/6/98 Mayor Boc attended the Dover Middle School Fundraising Dance at the Dover Elk's Club and made a presentation to Lou McGraw recognizing her volunteer efforts in publishing the Dover Middle School Newsletter. He further stated that on 2/9/98 Mayor Boc attended the Dover School Board regular meeting and was encouraged by the progress that has been made on implementing the building of the classrooms at Horne Street and Garrison Schools to implement Kindergarten.

Mayor Pro Tem Perry made the recommendation for the following appointments to the Parking and Traffic Committee: Councilor Landry, Councilor Reese and Mayor Boc.

Berry moved to accept the report as given, seconded by Jalbert.

Motion passed on an 8-0 vote.

8. REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

A. Solid Waste Advisory – Councilor David Landry

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Landry stated that Citizen's Solid Waste Advisory Commission met on 1/29/98. He stated that the minutes of 12/18/97 meeting were accepted. He stated that Bob Steele spoke on a variety of issue and commented with regard to the remaining available space at Turnkey for accepting the City's trash. He stated that Mike Bobinsky spoke regarding the costs of the recent ice storms and the collection and disposal of debris and referenced a possible pickup of roadside trees and limbs in the spring. He stated that Earle Goodwin expressed some concern regarding the school recycling programs. He stated that a subcommittee was arranged for this made up of Earle Goodwin, Doug Kemp and Judy Mettee. He also stated that roughly 600-700 Christmas trees were collected by Garrison and Horne Street School at a \$2.00 - \$3.00 price. He stated Wilson has asked him to speak to the commission regarding volunteer organizations to get trash bags for volunteers cleaning up the City. He stated that trash bags will be made available to various volunteer groups in the future. He stated that copies of the proposed 98/99 budget for solid waste were distributed and will be reviewed over the next several meetings. He stated that the next meeting is scheduled for 2/12/98 at 6:00 PM in the City Manager's office. He stated that there are alternate positions available on the commission and interested parties should come and see what the commission is about.

Mr. Beecher asked Councilor Landry to ask Mr. Goodwin if he would replace all the candy he eats out of his candy jar after those meetings.

B. Planning Board – Councilor Jerry Reese

Reese stated that the Planning Board held a lengthy meeting on 2/10/98 which ended at approximately 10:25 PM. He stated that at this meeting applicants for CDBG money gave their presentations for funding requests. He stated that an application for a site plan for Chargrin Arneau at 15 Fairday Drive was approved which will increase the tax revenues to the City. He stated that an application for a site plan for James Smith on County Farm Cross Rd. was accepted to build a new horse barn and training facility and also a possible bridge over a stream of water to access some of the conservation land belonging to the City. He stated that the final item on the main part of the agenda was consideration and acceptance of land for the Cocheco overlook partnership located at Main and Washington Street. He stated that this is the first step in building parking spaces at the Corner of Main and Washington Streets. He stated that this will generate 58 parking spaces and is the first step in their plan to build a multi-story parking facility.

Reese stated that a public hearing was held on the Community Development Block Grant request. He stated that they received 19 proposals from 18 different agencies. He stated that the number of requests for subsistence aid is amazing to him. He stated that Mike Bobinsky was at the meeting and was impressed by the quality of presentations and the real need that the organizations have. He stated that there will be a special meeting held next week to begin work on the CIP at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers.

C. Joint Building Committee – Councilor W. Scott Rawding

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Rawding stated that the JBC met on 2/3 to interview two architects, the H.L. Turner Group and the Banwell Architects. He stated that the JBC voted 6-0 to select Team Design subject to a negotiated and acceptable fee. He stated that on 2/10 the JBC met again and Team Design had accepted the recommendations of the JBC. He stated that they voted 6-0 again to have them as the architect. He stated that they are pleased to have the first phase behind them. He stated that they discussed many possible school layouts. He stated that these meetings are open to the public and encouraged any citizen with ideas for the new Middle School to attend. He stated that the next meeting will be held on 2/17 at 7:00 PM in the Superintendent's Office.

Rawding further stated that after much discussion they have decided to go ahead with Phase II which is selecting a construction manager. He stated that they decided to select 10 for solicitation and hope to come to a conclusion by 3/3/98.

D. Ad Hoc Electrical Partnership Committee – Mayor Pro Tem Otis Perry

Perry stated that the Partnership Committee met on 2/5/98. He stated that they spent the time going through the applications they have received and decided on 4 which they are going to request to come in for interviews. He stated that the interviews will occur over the next four weeks.

Reese moved to approve the reports as given, seconded by Jalbert.

Motion passed on an 8-0 vote.

9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Beecher stated he is pleased to report that the City is still in excellent shape from a budget standpoint for this fiscal year. He stated that through today we have received 72% of our non-property tax revenues in the General Fund and are at a 60% expenditure rate. He stated that the Council's budget is the highest over budget at this point. He stated that 21 building permits were issued last month with a total assessed value of \$1.1 million and we received \$6,830 in fees for six single family dwellings. He stated that relative to building permits, 170 were issued last year. He stated that he is pleased to report that the Chamber of Commerce and the DEDC would like to meet with the Council for a short retreat to develop some economic goals and objectives through the year 2000. He stated that also on the economic development front the City has been approached by two out of state companies that would add significant employment and square footage to the Park.

Mr. Beecher stated that Jan Robinson, Secretary in the City Manager's Office, is retiring at the end of the month. He stated that everyone is invited to a reception on Wednesday, the 25th from 2 to 4 PM to recognize her for her service. He stated that that he will be passing out a memo relative to

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recreation activities. He stated that a workshop will be held on 3/18/98 at the Arena. He stated that he wants everyone to be informed about the new programs that they will be introducing to the Council later this year including the Henry Law Skate Park Project and the athletic fields on Mast Road, as well as an Arena expansion project. He stated that the Arena Commission will be meeting on 2/17 in the Butterfield Gym to discuss this project.

Jalbert moved to accept the report as given, seconded by Reese.

Motion passed on an 8-0 vote.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. ORDINANCES IN 2ND READING

1. Ordinance #01-01/14/98, Chapter 22, Code of Ethics. Sponsored by Mayor Wil Boc.

Berry moved to adopt, seconded by Jalbert.

Rawding stated that he was involved in the Ethic's Board last year and stated he would like to thank all the members for their hard work.

Motion passed on an 8-0 roll call vote.

B. ORDINANCES IN 3RD READING

C. RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution RE: Loan Authorization for Griffin Well Air Stripper Equipment. Sponsored by Mayor Wil Boc, by Request.

Berry moved to adopt, seconded by Jalbert.

Reese asked if there is a chance we will not get this money back if Madbury Metals reopens?

Mr. Beecher stated yes, that this part of the process of the current negotiations.

Motion passed on an 8-0 roll call vote.

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11. NEW BUSINESS:

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Resolution RE: Award of Blanket Purchase Order for Continued Personal Computer Software Training. Sponsored by Mayor Wil Boc, by Request.
2. Raffle – Dover Recreation
3. Tag – Dover Northside Baseball
4. Parade (Walk) – Arthritis Foundation Northern New England Chapter
5. Tag – Dover South Side Little League
6. Tag – Dover Cheer Stars
7. Raffle – Dover Youth to Youth

Berry moved to adopt 11A-1 and to grant items 11A-2 thru 11A-7, seconded by Jalbert.

Motion passed on an 8-0 roll call vote.

B. RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution RE: Use of Water Capital Reserve for Griffin Well Air Stripper. Sponsored by Mayor Wil Boc, by Request.

Berry moved to adopt, seconded by Reese.

Reese asked if and when we get this money from whoever purchases Madbury Metals, will we pay this loan off immediately?

Mr. Beecher stated yes.

Motion passed on an 8-0 roll call vote.

2. Resolution RE: Award of Change Purchase Order for Additional Professional Consulting Services. Sponsored by Mayor Wil Boc, by Request.

Berry moved to adopt, seconded by Jalbert.

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Mr. Bobinsky stated that this resolution provides a change order to an engineering consulting firm, CMA, to provide construction inspection oversights into the insulation and odor control equipment. He stated that as a result of project delays and complications they have extended their time with us resulting in additional costs. He stated that these expenses will be recovered.

Reese stated that so that he is clear, he stated that we are authorizing not to exceed \$12,000 but we expect to get back \$14,000.

Mr. Bobinsky stated yes, that is correct.

Motion passed on an 8-0 roll call vote.

3. Resolution RE: Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Dover and the AFSCME Local #572, AFL-CIO. Sponsored by Mayor Wil Boc, by Request.

Mayor Pro Tem Perry stated that they will not be voting on this resolution right now. He stated that further discussion on this item will be held after the regular meeting and then it will be voted on.

After reconvening the meeting, Berry moved to adopt, seconded by Jalbert.

Mr. Beecher stated that this is a contract between the City of Dover and the AFSCME Local #572, AFL-CIO. He stated that the first year of the contract will be July 1st, 1996 through June 30th, 1997 status quo with the previous contract, the second year of the contract will be status quo from July 1st, 1997 through June 30th, 1998 and year three which will be July 1st, 1998 and expire June 30th, 1999 the contract will be changed as follows. He stated that for the first year of the contract and the current year of the contract employees will be awarded a 3% lump sum bonus based on actual wages paid during those particular periods and based upon the signing date of the contract between the City and the Union. He stated that year three of the contract will be an adjustment of the salary range by a minimum of two and a maximum of four percent, and calls for an annual employee merit evaluation program. He said that with regards to insurance, the first two years will stay status quo and the third year beginning July 1st, 1998 and expiring June 30th, 1999 the City will pay the cost of single person coverage for all plans currently offered by the City and employees would pay the difference of 12.5% if they elect to remain with the J.W. Plan for the difference between the single and the two person coverage and the single and the family coverage. He stated that all other insurance currently offered by the City the employee will co-pay at a 7.5% difference.

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Rawding stated that he wants to thank the council and the members of the union for doing their best to create a fair contract for the City. He stated that he believes this to be a fair compromise.

Motion passed on an 8-0 roll call vote.

4. Resolution RE: Bond Authorization – School Kindergarten Construction. Sponsored by Mayor Wil Boc, by Request.

Berry moved to refer to a public hearing on 3/11/98, seconded by Reese.

Motion passed on a 6-2 vote (Wilson and Rawding opposed).

C. ORDINANCES IN THEIR 1ST READING

1. Ordinance #03-02/11/98, Chapter 166, Vehicles and Traffic. Sponsored by Mayor Wil Boc, by Request.

Berry moved to refer to a public hearing on 3/11/98, seconded by Reese.

Motion passed on an 8-0 vote.

D. COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE

12. COUNCIL MATTERS OF INTEREST

Johnson stated that he wants clarification on whether Mayor Pro Tem Perry can vote tonight, as acting Mayor.

Reese stated that he would like information from Jeff Harrington before the next public hearing on the kindergarten bond.

Rawding stated that he received a phone call from a concerned businessman regarding a parking problem on Central Avenue. He stated he would like to meet with the Parking Committee members to discuss this.

Jalbert asked Rawding if the telephone call was from Mr. Kelley? He stated that he already spoke with Chief Fenniman about the problem and they are working on the problem right now.

Mr. Beecher stated that he has a meeting with the offending party regarding this problem.

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Meeting recessed at 7:50 PM. Will reconvene in 30 minutes.

13. ADJOURNMENT

JUDY GAQUETTE
DEPUTY CITY CLERK