

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 10, 1998
DOVER CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
7:00 P.M.

1. MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Landry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Councilor Landry, Councilor Rawding, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Berry, Councilor Jalbert, Councilor Johnson, Mayor Wil Boc. Mayor Pro Tem Perry – Absent, will be late. Councilor Reese – Absent.

4. PUBLIC HEARING

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing.

1. Ordinance #6--05/13/98, Chapter 170, Zoning, Section 170-16 ETP District. Sponsored by Councilor Jerry Reese, Planning Board Representative.

Jerry Dee – Representative of the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Dee read a prepared statement regarding support of the ETP District.

Seeing no other speakers, the Mayor closed the Public Hearing.

5. CITIZEN'S FORUM

Paul Vatcher – 27 Richardson Drive. Mr. Vatcher thanked the Council for the opportunity to address the Council on his concern about the budget. He stated there are a number of citizens who are on fixed income and the Council must try to do everything in their power to hold the tax rate; make the cuts necessary and hold the budget line.

Lisa Stacy – 75 Longhill Road. Ms. Stacy applauded the Council. She also stated to the Council she feels the \$1.50 is too high. She asked the Council to cut arena, pool, and school new hires.

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Ed McCabe - Mr. McCabe asked the Council to take into account that new revenue has already been included that equals about a \$3 increase. He stated as good as the economy is for you and me, there are many people on fixed income. Mr. McCabe stated this should be an easy year but what happens when we hit bottom in the economy. He stated we can't say yes to everything, every time, every year.

John Scruton – 99 Sixth Street. Mr. Scruton stated he has been paying his property tax for 30 years. He stated since the 1980s, the property has been climbing to an unaffordable level. He stated maybe we should try to get the money from a different means besides property tax.

Valerie McKenney – 12 Niles Street. Ms. McKenney stated her property tax went down 5¢ last year, but sometimes a decrease is not good. She stated she is asking the Council to stay at \$1.89. She stated she too is on a fixed income in many ways. Ms. McKenney stated she is a school teacher. She stated she depends on the taxpayers being willing to pay her for what she does.

Mary Lou Staples – 11 Strafford Road. Ms. Staples stated she doesn't want the tax rate to increase. If the school department loses a \$200K grant, then they should not get it back. She addressed the increase in tax revenue is only being absorbed into increases and you need to make due with what you have. The council needs to do more with less. It can be done.

Pat Kenney – 33 Richardson Drive. Mr. Kenney is on a fixed income. He stated he loses money each year. He stated he doesn't mind paying taxes within reason.

Seeing no other speakers, the Mayor closed the Citizen's Forum.

6. MINUTES

- A. Minutes of April 29, 1998 – Special/Workshop Meeting
- B. Minutes of May 6, 1998- Workshop Meeting
- C. Minutes of May 13, 1998 –Regular Meeting
- D. Minutes of May 20, 1998 – Workshop Meeting
- E. Minutes of May 27, 1998 – Public Hearing

Johnson moved to accept items A, B, C, D, and E; seconded by Berry. Motion passed on 6-0 vote.

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7. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor stated on May 15, 1998 he attended Riverside Rest Home celebration for three residents who turned 100 years old Dover.

On May 30, 1998 the Mayor attended the Memorial Day celebration. He thanked Roland Belhuemer for his hard work in making Memorial Day special.

On June 6, 1998, the Mayor attended the Wentworth Home 100 years celebration.

Johnson moved to adopt the Mayor's Report, seconded by Jalbert. Motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

8. REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

A. Solid Waste Advisory – Councilor David Landry

Minutes presented. Landry also stated the last meeting on May 21 the school recycling program is very successful and in September 1998 a new plan should be accepted for recycling.

1. Recycling will be implemented at the parks and school programs.
2. Tin can recycling.

B. Planning Board – Councilor Jerry Reese absent. Landry stated the last meeting was on June 19.

Landry stated Consideration/Acceptance (C/A) was given for site plan revision for Kramer Fabrics approved with a condition.

C/A was given to Donald & Caran Thoms.

C/A for a minor subdivision for Will Leavitt on Bayview Road. Approved with conditions.

C/A for site review for Patrick Kragin on Knoxmarsh Road. Tabled for site walk.

C/A conditional use permit for Mark Phillips located on Back River Road. Approved with conditions.

Landry stated under

Old business a driveway waiver for Dennis Munson on Tolend Road was tabled.

Dan Gabriel provided information regarding a major subdivision located on Sixth Street. This too was tabled.

New items: A new updated Master Plan was presented, the Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Master Plan June 23, 1998.

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- C. Joint Building Committee – Councilor W. Scott Rawding. Given by Paul Johnson.

Johnson stated the committee met May 19. He stated they received the first financial report on the progress. A copy was sent to the City Council and the School Board. He stated total expenses to date are \$511,721.43.

Johnson stated the architect updated the committee on the telecommunications package. He stated, also an approval was made for modification on kitchen area / locker/showers in the gym for an estimated additional \$230K. They also discussed the sewer pump station for \$29K. Contractors Report is still running three weeks behind and they hope to have for the June 16, 1998 meeting.

- D. Ad Hoc Electrical Partnership Committee – Mayor Pro Tem Otis Perry. Given by the City Manager.

The City Manager met with the committee and with the two finalists and he will be meeting again in two weeks to make his recommendation to the committee.

Johnson moved to accept the reports, seconded by Rawding. Motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

The City Manager stated currently 100% of nonproperty tax revenue in the general fund has been collected and 94% has been expended.

Economic Development. The City Manager stated there will be a joint meeting on the Master Plan next week. He also reported that Kramer Fabrics is proceeding with their projects.

He also stated that the Dover Economic Development Committee (DEDC) met and have a subcommittee to deal with waterfront. He stated the committee has met with Northland developers and we will hopefully have a report in July.

The City Manager passed out a report on extended hours to City Hall and asked the council to accept his recommendation to wait until September so we can institute a citizens' survey.

Johnson moved to accept, seconded by Jalbert. Motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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A. ORDINANCES IN 2ND READING

1. Ordinance #6--05/13/98, Chapter 170, Zoning, Section 170-16 ETP District. Sponsored by Councilor Jerry Reese, Planning Board Representative.

Johnson moved to adopt, seconded by Berry.

Councilor Perry arrived.

Steve Stancel reviewed the change.

Rawding was very pleased to see the direction the Planning Department is moving and is very pleased to support this.

Perry stated he is not in favor, because we did this to attract the larger developers. Perry believes the existing zoning is a long-term plan for Dover and a much better plan for our future.

The motion passed on a roll call vote of 6-1. Perry opposed.

B. ORDINANCES IN 3RD READING

None.

C. RESOLUTIONS

None.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

None.

B. RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution RE: Authorization for Issuance of Tax Anticipation Notes for Fiscal Year 1999-Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) Sponsored by Mayor Wil Boc, by Request.

Perry moved to adopt, seconded by Johnson.

The City Manager stated the city operates in arrears and we use cash on an as needed basis.

Rawding stated we would save money if we took smaller bites.

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The City Manager stated there would be no savings, because we only go out when we need to.

Motion passed on a roll call vote of 7-0.

- D. Resolution RE: Fiscal Year 1999 Budget Appropriations, Property Taxes and Fees. Sponsored by Mayor Wil Boc, by Request.

Perry moved to adopt, seconded by Berry.

Perry moved to substitute in its entirety, seconded by Berry. Motion passed on 7-0 vote to bring in only.

Wilson stated for 35 years he has worked with business financial planning. He stated if he ran his company like the City does he would be in Leavenworth. Wilson stated the increase in spending is still \$2.26. He stated, and if we reduce the \$1.89 we will still be spending hundreds of thousands of new dollars. He stated Mr. Rivers asked at the last meeting where is the new revenue going. Wilson stated the new revenue has already been spent. He stated there is built in spending even if we get to zero. The taxpayer still loses.

Johnson moved to reduce the school budget by \$60K, seconded by Berry.

Berry stated there is a net savings of \$67K.

The school budget has net savings total of \$10K, plus what we are offering is \$60K for a total of \$70K.

Rawding stated we have spent a lot of money on education this year. He suggested we increase the school by \$1 million, not by \$1.4 million. He stated he was told the school had \$93K in savings over the previous budget and that is what he is going on.

Rawding moved to increase school spending to \$1 million only, seconded by Wilson or a decrease of \$400K.

Landry also suggested reducing the school budget by a minimum of \$400K, which provides \$1 million in new spending. He stated in 5 months we have approved:

- new middle school
- additions to Garrison and Horne
- contracts
- structure repair on Woodman
- art and science classroom

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- track and lights
- asbestos removal
- paving removal

Landry stated he voted yes to all that, but 25% of our population is senior citizens, and less than 7% are children.

Landry stated he looked at school budget, but he is not going to micro-manage it. He stated the new staffing equals \$301K. He stated he will support \$1 million.

Jalbert stated remember Augonblick. He supports education.

Wilson stated all we are talking about is reducing new money.

The Mayor gave a breakdown as follows:

Kindergarten will cost:	18¢
Maintenance	8¢
Curriculum in Science	11¢
Special Education	20¢
Teacher Contract	11¢

The Mayor stated he believes \$400K is too deep of a cut.

Rawding stated he is not going to choose between another child in class over a senior citizen. He stated he did not support contracts or kindergarten. He stated he believes the council chose the most expensive routes.

Motion to cut the school budget by \$400K fails on a 3-4 vote. Jalbert, Johnson, Perry, and Berry opposed.

Jalbert moved to decrease the school budget by \$325K, seconded by Perry.

Jalbert stated they have \$93K savings, if we cut \$318K or \$325K. He stated we need to make a commitment.

Berry stated he can't support \$325K.

Jalbert stated his motion is to decrease by \$325K and the \$93K is a separate issue.

Rawding stated we're deciding how much money we're taking out of people's pockets.

Landry stated he doesn't want to move this quickly.

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Motion to reduce the school budget by \$325K passes on a 4-3 vote. Berry, Rawding, and Johnson opposed.

Main Motion as amended to reduce the school budget passes on a 4-3 vote. Berry, Rawding and Johnson opposed.

The City Manager stated this equals a reduction of 34¢ on the tax rate to \$1.55.

CITY BUDGET

Organization 101 –

Wilson moved to increase by \$12K to purchase a TV camera. To provide public access to the citizens of Dover, seconded by Rawding.

Rawding stated he supports open government. He stated he thought the meeting would be televised by MediaOne and they made a commitment.

The City Manager stated the camera belongs to MediaOne. If they need the camera for other things, they may have to take it.

Wilson stated the two meetings per month would be covered. He stated a camera should be available at all times.

Berry stated he can't support an increase until we make cuts.

Perry stated until we can get someone to man the camera, he won't vote. He stated he believes it is a great idea.

Ed McCabe volunteered his group to cover it.

The Mayor asked if this is a commitment for all meetings. The School / Planning / Conservation, etc?

Ed McCabe stated he will speak to his group, but feels he can give a commitment to at least council meetings.

Rawding stated MediaOne should step up to the plate and supply the service.

Motion to increase the City Council Budget by \$12K.

Motion fails on a 1-6 vote. Wilson in favor.

101 – Landry moved to decrease 101-4303 by \$500, seconded by Jalbert.

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Motion passed on a 6-1 vote. Berry opposed.

112 – Johnson moved to decrease 4345 by \$6K, seconded by Perry.

Motion passed on a 6-1 vote. Berry opposed.

Perry moved to decrease 112-4301 by \$2K, seconded by Landry.
This would eliminate it in its entirety.

Motion passed on a 4-3 vote. Jalbert, Johnson and Berry opposed.

113 – Perry stated he doesn't feel we are micro-managing.

Perry moved to decrease 4202 by \$1K, seconded by Landry.
Perry moved to decrease 4352 by \$500, seconded by Landry.

Motion passed on a 4-3 vote. Jalbert, Johnson, and Berry opposed.

114 – Perry moved to decrease 4209 by \$1K, seconded by Landry.
Perry moved to decrease 4301 by \$3K, seconded by Landry.

Motion passed on a 5-2 vote. Jalbert and Berry opposed.

117 – None.

118 – None.

121 – Johnson moved to decrease 4440 by \$1500, seconded by Wilson.

Motion passed on a 6-1 voted. Berry opposed.

124 – Landry moved to decrease 4440 by \$2500, seconded by Johnson.

Motion passed on a 4-3 vote.

125 – Rawding moved to decrease 4345 by \$3,377, seconded by Jalbert.

Motion failed on a 2-5 vote. Wilson and Rawding in favor.

Landry questioned items 4201, 4207, and 4346. He asked if they all speak to vehicles?

The City Manager stated yes, and it is a city car versus their own being paid for mileage.

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151 – Rawding moved to decrease 4370 by \$500, seconded by Landry.

Jalbert feels this is wrong and doesn't support the amendment.

Motion fails on a 3-4 vote. Berry, Johnson, Jalbert, and Perry opposed.

152 – Perry moved to decrease 4352 by \$185, seconded by Rawding.

Motion passes on a 4-2 vote. Berry and Johnson opposed.

190 – Rawding moved to decrease 4303 by \$125K; leaving \$475K, seconded by Perry.

The City Manager stated we will need \$167K of this for the phone system.

The motion fails on a 3–4 vote.

210 – Landry moved to decrease 4440 by \$1K, seconded by Rawding.

Johnson moved to amend the motion to reduce all three accounts by \$2,250 in total for 4440, seconded by Landry.

Motion fails on a 6-1 vote. Berry opposed.

Motion as amended passed on a 6-1 vote. Berry opposed.

220 – Perry moved to increase 4392 by \$32,847, seconded by Berry.

Motion passed on a 5-2 vote. Johnson and Rawding opposed.

Perry moved to decrease \$10,300 from 4441, seconded by Wilson.

Motion passed on a 5-2 vote. Berry and Jalbert opposed.

Perry moved to suspend the rules and settle on a budget, seconded by Jalbert.

Motion passed on a 5-2 roll call vote. Wilson & Berry opposed.

RECESS

The City Manager stated we are presently at \$1.55

The school has been reduced \$325K and you have added \$2,212 to

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the City.

RECONVENE

Rawding moved to recommend the city side be reduced to \$535K with \$210K out of the balance fund. This brings the tax rate down to \$1.00, seconded by Wilson.

Jeff stated this is 98¢ increase overall.

Johnson feels \$325K on the school side is too much.

Berry also echoed that this cut is too deep on the school side and the city side.

The Mayor stated he feels this is too much of a cut.

Motion failed on a 3-4 vote. Rawding, Wilson, and Perry in favor.

Landry moved to rearrange. This would decrease \$200K on the city side and decrease \$300K out of Fund Balance. This would be a total reduction for the tax levy of \$450K.

Jalbert moved to decrease \$175K from the city side and \$275K decrease from the Fund Balance, seconded by Perry.

Jeff stated this makes the tax rate at \$1.08.

Johnson stated he can not support this kind of cut without reconsidering the school.

Rawding stated he can't support that with a vote. Rawding presented a visual of the people of the City of Dover's tax dollars.

Berry stated the people of Dover receive a lot of services for their tax dollar.

Berry moved the question, seconded by Wilson.

Motion passed 5-3.

Motion to amend by \$175K from the city and \$275 from the Fund Balance, passed on a 5-3 vote.

Rawding moved to pass the budget as amended, seconded by Landry.

Budget passed on a 5-2 vote. Berry and Johnson opposed.

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C. ORDINANCES IN THEIR 1ST READING

D. COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE

12. COUNCIL MATTERS OF INTEREST

None.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Berry moved to adjourn, seconded by Landry.

KAREN L. LARSON
CITY CLERK

NOTE: Tabled Items: None