

City of Belfast
Council Chambers-Belfast City Hall
Tuesday, February 4, 2020
Regular Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Regular Council Meeting No. 15

1) Call to order

2) Roll call: Mayor Eric Sanders; Councilors Mary Mortier, Neal Harkness, Brenda Bonneville, Michael Hurley and Paul Dean, City Manager Joseph Slocum, and Admin. Assistant Manda Cushman.

3) Pledge of Allegiance

4) Adoption of the agenda

5) Acceptance of the minutes

Special Council Meeting and Work Session of January 14, 2020, Regular Council Meeting of January 21, 2020 and Special Council Meeting of January 22, 2020.

6) A. Open to the public

If you are here to speak, please come to the podium, identify yourself, and state your town of residence. The Council values your input and respectfully asks that comments be limited to 3 minutes. This is an opportunity for the Council to listen but not to respond in any kind of question and answer format. The Council will reflect on your comments and consider them for possible action at a later date.

B. Organization and Department Reports

- Update from the Director of Code and Planning on the commercial solar field application, which is scheduled for Planning Board review at their February 12th meeting.
- Status update on the Planning Boards review of the Nordic Aquafarms project from the Director of Code and Planning.

7) Communications

8) Old Business and Council Committee Reports

- Request from the City Clerk to set up committee interviews for two new applicants.

9) Permits, Petitions and Licenses - Consent Agenda

- A.** Request to approve an application by Khristopher Hogg d/b/a Perennial Cider Bar & Farm Kitchen located at 84 Main Street, Belfast, Maine for a renewal Vinous only Restaurant Class I-IV liquor license (interior only).
- B.** Request to approve an application by Meanwhile LLC d/b/a Meanwhile In Belfast located at 2 Cross St., Belfast, Maine for a renewal Spirituous, Vinous and Malt Restaurant Class I-IV liquor license (interior/exterior).
- C.** Request to approve an off premises catering permit for Rollie's Bar & Grill for the Winter Whoopla Bonfire & Ice Bar event located at 47 Main Street, Belfast on February 1, 2020 from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- D.** Request to approve a Facility Use application by Waldo County for use of the City Park Pavilion on Wednesday, July 22, 2020 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for their Annual Employee Appreciation Day.

10) Business

- A)** Presentation by the Director of Code and Planning, Wayne Marshall, on a proposal to amend our Zoning Ordinance to increase the height limitations for the Washington Street area.
- B)** Public Hearing on proposed amendments to the City's Zoning Ordinance that would increase the height limitations for the Washington Street area.
- C)** Request from the Director of Code and Planning, Wayne Marshall for the Council to vote to accept the proposed amendments to the City's Zoning Ordinance that would increase the height limitations for the Washington Street area as a First Reading and to schedule a Second Reading on the proposal along with a Public Hearing for February 18th, 2020.
- D)** Request from the VFW for financial contribution to help defray the cost of replacing American flags on the street poles throughout the City Belfast.
- E)** Discussion and consideration of changes to winter parking rules in Washington, Cross and Beaver Street parking lots.
- F)** Request to approve a plan for disbursement of reimbursement funds for training from the Brunswick Police Department.
- G)** Request to pay a stipend for a Transfer Station employee who held some additional responsibility during the illness of the former Transfer Station Manager.

H) Update from the Belfast Creative Coalition.

I) Request the Director of Code and Planning, Wayne Marshall, to accept and award the bids for the shore stabilization project on the east side of the Armistice bridge.

J) Request from the Director of Parks and Recreation, Norm Poirier, to approve the complete 2020 Belfast race series with dates and locations.

K) Request for guidance from the City's Information Technology Working Group regarding whether the City should consider hiring a year round in-house IT employee rather than an outside consulting firm.

L) Request from the Economic Development Director for funding to help promote the 2020 Regional Job Fair.

M) Request from City Manager to go into Executive Session to discuss an Economic Development matter pursuant to 1MRSA 405 (6) C.

N) Signing of Council Orders

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12) Communications

13) Adjourn