

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 13, 2023

The Regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Mallory in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Kwiatkowski, Raab, Mallory, Mills, Dodd, Darling and Bedwin.

Absent:

Public Comments on Agenda Items Only:

- Wes LeMarble had a question on agenda item 9-A. LeMarble asked what the rate would be and if that would be tied to inflation or if that would be tied to the budget. Would that be an automatic increase or would that be something reviewed by the Council.
- Sabolsky gave LeMarble a breakdown of the annual increases in water and sewer rates and charges.

Approval of Agenda and Receive and File all Communications:

- Councilwoman Dodd moved to approve the amended agenda and receive and file all communications. Seconded by Councilwoman Mills.
- Mayor Mallory commented that he doesn't believe Council is ready to appoint to the Historic District Commission yet because there are still points in the ordinance that were discussed last meeting that haven't been taken care of.
- Mayor Pro Tem Bedwin expressed that he agrees.
- Councilwoman Raab expressed that she disagrees.
- Mayor Mallory asked for a roll call vote.
- Clerk Alyssa Singles asked for clarification on the motion. Asking if item 10-D is being removed from the agenda.
- Mayor Mallory told Singles that the current motion on the floor is for approving the agenda.
- Singles called roll, Mayor Mallory voted no.
- Councilwoman Mills asked if Mayor Mallory voted no. Councilwoman Mills asked what is being approved.
- Singles explained that the motion currently on the floor is approving the amended agenda. Mayor Mallory wanted a roll call and so far he has voted no to approve the amended agenda.
- City Manager Sabolsky explained that item 10-D has to be on the agenda because it was tabled at the last meeting. This item can be dealt with when they reach that agenda item.
- Mayor Mallory changed his vote. Roll call vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

- Councilwoman Mills moved to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of May 9, 2023, as presented. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bedwin. Motion carried unanimously.

Departments, Board and Commissions:

- Office of Emergency Management, May Report.
- Cheboygan Police Department, May Report.
 - Sabolsky commented that he has been getting a lot of compliments from the community on our Police Department.
 - Mayor Mallory has a question for Chief Rifenberg; asking regarding the hit and run accidents. Mayor Mallory commented that the number is way higher than last year. Mayor Mallory asked if Chief Rifenberg knows why that is.
 - Chief Rifenberg does not know what the changes would be to cause the increase. Chief Rifenberg said that he has been encouraging the Police Officers to spend more time in the community versus in the office.
 - Councilwoman Mills said her and Councilwoman Raab commented that the police force is more active.
- Cheboygan Fire Department, April and May Reports.

Bills and Disbursements:

- Prepaid Bills and Disbursements for the Month of May 2023.
 - Councilwoman Mills moved to approve the prepaid bills and disbursements for the month of May 2023 in the amount of \$788,865.57. Seconded by Councilman Kwiatkowski.
 - Councilwoman Darling asked about item 15 – Country Cleaning.
 - Sabolsky explained that bill is for cleaning 220 Water Street. He is unsure how many months that is for their services. That is paid by the DDA.
 - Councilwoman Darling commented on how that is a large amount of money for cleaning.
 - Sabolsky commented that at the next Council meeting, Council will be looking at the DDA’s budget and how much they budget a year for that service. It is a large building to clean and they do a lot of work for the building.
 - Councilwoman Mills asked if these are all City funds or just the general fund.
 - Sabolsky said it is everything.
 - A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.
- Unpaid Bills and Disbursements for the Month of May 2023.
 - Councilwoman Darling moved to approve the unpaid bills and disbursements for the month of May 2023 in the amount of \$33,335.51. Seconded by Councilwoman Mills.
 - A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolutions:

- Consideration of Resolution.
 - Councilwoman Mills moved to approve a Resolution to Establish Annual Increases in Water and Sewer Rates and Charges. Seconded by Councilwoman Dodd.
 - Sabolsky said that about a year ago when they increased the water and sewer rates, they also discussed having an annual increase but no action was taken at that time. This is the same increase that Jason Karmol put in his model to establish fees. We are establishing for a five-year period starting this July 1st every year to increase water and sewer rates. This would be an increase of 3% every year for the next five years.

- Councilwoman Darling asked what the annual increase is.
- Sabolsky said that it is 3% every year. Executive Assistant Casey Clear gave Council an excel spreadsheet showing what the rates are every year for the next five years.
- Councilwoman Mills said that the Finance Committee went over these numbers over and over for at least two meetings and this is the only way we will be able to pay our bills.
- Sabolsky commented that Karmol was comfortable with a 3% increase every year for the next five years. If numbers need to be adjusted due to things such as inflation, it will be brought back to Council.
- Councilwoman Mills commented that the 3% is not just inflation, we have to deal with Union contracts, employee benefits, etc. Karmol has ran these numbers multiple times regarding this issue.
- Councilman Kwiatkowski said that a large portion of money is needed to pay the debt service.
- A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.

General Business:

- Consideration to place 6-Month Delinquent Water/Sewer Utility Bills as Liens on the 2023 Summer Tax Roll.
 - Councilman Kwiatkowski moved to approve the placing of 6-month delinquent water/sewer utility bills as liens on the 2023 Summer Tax Roll and direct the City Assessor to spread these amounts against the properties. Seconded by Councilwoman Mills.
 - Mayor Pro Tem Bedwin asked what sort of fees do people pay to have this service.
 - Sabolsky commented that its not really a service, it is because they have not paid their utility bill.
 - Mayor Pro Tem Bedwin asked if they are paying interest or any sort of fee.
 - Clear said she would have to check into seeing if the 1% that we get from the County includes 1% on delinquent water/sewer. Clear will have to check on how that factors into the tax bills.
 - Sabolsky told Mayor Pro Tem Bedwin that there is a penalty if you pay your water bill late. Sabolsky commented that we will start issuing letters, per our ordinance, to shut water off.
 - Councilwoman Raab commented that before it was mentioned that there are programs that help people with their utility bills, but some of those programs want a letter from the municipality warning of a potential shut off. Councilwoman Raab asked how this impacts people that have tax exemptions.
 - Clear commented that the people who receive tax exemptions will receive a bill that looks just like a tax bill, but the only thing on the bill will be the delinquent water/sewer and it does explain that.
 - Sabolsky also explained that a property can't be foreclosed on if the lien is just from outstanding water/sewer bills.
 - Councilwoman Mills asked when the shut off notifications will start.

- Sabolsky said it is currently being worked on to make sure we are doing everything correctly.
- Councilwoman Mills requested an update regarding that soon.
- Sabolsky said that he can have a better update in July.
- Councilwoman Raab mentioned having an 'Old Business' category put on the agenda so we don't miss a follow up.
- A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.
- Consideration to schedule a Public Hearing for June 27, 2023 for Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Operating Budget.
 - Councilwoman Raab moved to schedule a public hearing for June 27, 2023 for adoption of the fiscal year 2023-2024 operating budget for all funds of the City of Cheboygan. Seconded by Councilwoman Darling.
 - Councilwoman Mills asked if there would be a Finance Committee meeting between now and then.
 - Sabolsky said hopefully there can be a Finance Committee meeting before the next Council meeting. Sabolsky is still working with Rehmann to get everything together.
 - Councilwoman Darling asked if they will be provided a copy before they vote on it.
 - Sabolsky said yes, they will receive a copy. He will talk more regarding the upcoming budget in his City Manager's report.
 - A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.
- Consideration of Eligibility Policy.
 - Councilwoman Darling moved to adopt the amended policy, now titled "Eligibility for Office/Employment in the City" for the City of Cheboygan. Seconded by Councilwoman Mills.
 - Councilwoman Darling asked what brought this policy on.
 - Sabolsky said that this is an existing policy. A policy was created back in 2019 after there was a discovery that a person on Council was not a residing where they said they were. Sabolsky believes that this should not only apply to Council, but should apply to people on Boards and Commissions and employees of the City. We did have someone in the past that we wanted to hire, but did not because that individual owed money to the City. Sabolsky thinks that as Council, Commissioners and employees, we should be setting the example.
 - Councilman Kwiatkowski asked regarding the "possible disciplinary action" mentioned in the policy for employees that owe debts; he doesn't like that being in there.
 - Sabolsky explained that people are being hired on a condition and they have to fulfill that condition. If they don't fulfill that condition, they could face disciplinary action because a City policy is being violated.
 - Councilman Kwiatkowski asked what kind of action would be taken.
 - Sabolsky said that the person may get suspended, possibly get written up. Sabolsky explained that this is up to Council to decide.
 - Councilman Kwiatkowski mentioned that there is a clerical error on the Sworn Declaration of Residency. That should have a signature line for the person that fills it out.
 - Sabolsky commented that Singles will add that in.

- A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.
- Consideration of Appointment to the Historic District Commission.
 - Mayor Pro Tem Bedwin moved to deny the appointment of Mary Herbert to the Historic District Commission. Seconded by Councilwoman Mills.
 - Councilwoman Darling asked why Mayor Pro Tem Bedwin wants to deny the appointment.
 - Mayor Pro Tem Bedwin stated that for his job he has to drive a lot, so he listens to the other Commission's recordings of meetings. A month ago, he listened to the HDC's meeting recording and he stated he was concerned about what he was hearing. That leading him to reread the ordinance and discover that four people were appointed in April and there are three seats remaining. In the ordinance, it says that two people need to be from historic organizations and one person has to be an architect if we can find one. The HDC's appointments were then tabled at the last Council meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Bedwin expressed that he is opposed to Hebert's appointment. In the most recent meeting of the HDC, Mayor Pro Tem Bedwin stated that the Commissioners spent most of the meeting talking about how they were disappointed in Council's actions, calling it a "slap in the face" and "crap". Mayor Pro Tem Bedwin said that all Council is doing is making sure the ordinance is being followed. In addition, Mayor Pro Tem Bedwin said that Hebert has stated that she will benefit from the CLG application. It will benefit the community, but it needs to be done correctly. There is a conflict-of-interest statement in there in which discusses that if someone owns a property that would be benefiting from an action from the Commission, they cannot vote on that item, but the Commission is full of Hebert's friends, so the conflict will be there indefinitely.
 - Councilwoman Raab said that the conflict of interest has been discussed before. There have been several people on Council that have had to vote on different issues, and if there is a conflict of interest, they abstain from voting. Raab said that Hebert does not and will not vote on items regarding her properties. Councilwoman Raab commented that the three items Mayor Pro Tem Bedwin brought up at the last meeting, have been in the ordinance, they are not new. Councilwoman Raab stated that they are the same three items as before. Councilwoman Raab stated that she has checked with Lansing regarding the concern. Regarding the architect, we do not have any available architects within the City of Cheboygan. Councilwoman Raab said she talked with Alan Higgins from SHPO and he said because of the Commission's work with David Kimble over the years, who is a known historic architect in the State of Michigan, he felt the Commission's work back and forth with him would be sufficient for the CLG application. Councilwoman Raab said that all the requirements have been met. Councilwoman Raab believes that this is a disservice to the Commission. Many properties can benefit from the CLG status. Councilwoman Raab said that she forwarded Sabolsky a copy of Higgin's email regarding those condition concerns and she did not get a response. Councilwoman Raab expressed that she highly disagrees with Mayor Pro Tem Bedwin's reasons for denial.

- Discussion was had regarding the historic ordinance. Before it was titled 'Historic Resources'. That was repealed and the new 'Historic District' ordinance was passed by Council.
- Sabolsky stated that some of the Commission conditions being discussed are in fact new.
- Mayor Pro Tem Bedwin said that in the HDC meeting recording, it was said that the old ordinance is very similar to the new ordinance. Mayor Pro Tem Bedwin then stated that he went and pulled the old ordinance and it was passed in March of 2002. The 'Historic Resources' ordinance is drastically different from the 'Historic District' ordinance. With the new ordinance, the Historic District Commission has the power to tell people what to do with their properties, where as when it was the Historic Resources Commission, they had no say in what people can do with their properties. Historic Resources does not require people to be from organizations or architects; all it requires is that you have an interest, competence or knowledge in preservation and live within the City. Mayor Pro Tem Bedwin expressed his concern to follow the ordinance.
- Hebert asked if she would get a chance to respond.
- Mayor Mallory said she would in public comments.
- Ray Lofgren asked, if the Mayor allows, can't the public speak during the meeting.
- Mayor Mallory requested to wait until public comments.
- Ray Lofgren and Mayor Mallory discussed allowing comments only during public comments.
- Councilman Kwiatkowski expressed that he would like to hear Hebert's comments before Council votes on a motion.
- Mayor Mallory allowed Hebert to comment.
- Hebert commented that she believes people think that she will profit greatly from the work that has been done from the Commission. Hebert expressed that that is simply not true. Hebert said that she has self-funded almost \$450,000.00 worth of work. In that time, she has had many people come to the Carnegie. Hebert discussed the importance and influence of the Carnegie. Hebert discussed her professional background. Hebert expressed the ability to profit from this is non-existent, but she knows it's a controversy. Hebert has asked her attorney to draft documents regarding the financial situations regarding the community. Hebert expressed again that she is not profiting off of these projects. Hebert believes these buildings are important to the community. Hebert stated that people involved in historic preservation will not come here because they believe the City does not support historic preservation. Hebert said she would be happy to meet with anyone and discuss the details of the financing. Hebert is fully transparent.
- Lofgren stated that there has to be something else going on that he is not understanding. Lofgren discussed abstaining from voting and said that Councilwoman Dodd did not abstain and she voted on the bills and disbursements. Lofgren does not like to see Council clashing. Lofgren said that Hebert has the right to be discouraged or upset that things aren't moving forward. Lofgren stated that he believes something is going on and it needs to stop.
- Councilwoman Mills stated that from her perspective, this has nothing to do with money. Councilwoman Mills' concern is that she has been through this with the Housing

Commission, when things are not done properly and rules are not followed, severe consequences are the outcome. Councilwoman Mills does not want to see that happen again. None of this is a personal attack, but only to make sure everything is done correctly.

- Mayor Mallory agreed with Councilwoman Mills.
- Councilwoman Darling expressed that she is confused on this matter. Councilwoman Darling expressed that she doesn't feel comfortable voting on this because it is not clear to her.
- Singles clarified that the motion on the floor was to deny the appointment of Mary Hebert.
- A roll call vote was taken. Ayes from Mayor Mallory and Mayor Pro Tem Bedwin. Nays from Councilman Kwiatkowski and Councilwoman Raab. Councilwoman Mills, Councilwoman Darling, and Councilwoman Dodd abstained from voting. Motion failed.
- Mayor Mallory expressed that Council has not demonstrated that we have tried to get a historic architect on the Commission. From Mayor Mallory talking to different people, that effort is important. After that point, he believes we are ready to appoint more people to the Commission.
- Councilwoman Mills expressed that the effort for the architect needs to be documented.
- Mayor Pro Tem Bedwin encouraged Council to listen to the last few HDC meetings.
- Council discussed the advertisement for an architect. Sabolsky stated that he needs to reread the ordinance because the architect may have flexibility when it comes to living within City limits or not.
- Councilwoman Raab, Mayor Mallory and Sabolsky discussed regarding communications with Alan Higgins.
- Sabolsky expressed that this would be best to revisit at the first meeting in July and a motion does not need to be made.
- Council discussed that this will be revisited in the first meeting in July.
- Consideration of Well Components Replacement.
 - Councilwoman Darling moved to authorize the City Manager to spend up to \$60,000.00 to complete pumping system replacement on Well #8. Seconded by Councilman Kwiatkowski.
 - Sabolsky explained that we are experiencing issues regarding the well.
 - Councilman Kwiatkowski mentioned that he spoke to Karmol this morning and that Ramsby did the original install that lasted 30 years. Councilman Kwiatkowski said that other quotes were gotten for this and Ramsby's was the lowest. Councilman Kwiatkowski said that Karmol supports going forward with Ramsby.
 - Sabolsky said that he appreciates Councilman Kwiatkowski's diligence regarding this item, but any questions for City staff should go through Sabolsky and to not contact staff directly as stated in the Charter.
 - Councilwoman Darling asked where Well #8 is.
 - Sabolsky said its down by the wastewater treatment plant. Sabolsky said that there may be a chance that we can end up paying for this with the USDA loan we just received. We

- may be able to submit this and get this payment reimbursed through the USDA. This needs to be done as soon as possible.
 - Councilwoman Raab asked if it is typical that we don't get more than one quote.
 - Sabolsky said that Karmol did get more than one quote, as Councilman Kwiatkowski stated.
 - A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.
- Consideration of Recommended 2023-2024 Property Tax Millage Rates for the Bonds and City Operation Requirements.
 - Councilwoman Mills moved to approve the recommended property tax millage rates for the bonds and operation requirements as presented. Seconded by Councilwoman Dodd.
 - Councilwoman Raab asked if the paperwork will be in on time.
 - Sabolsky responded yes.
 - Councilman Kwiatkowski commented on the refunding bonds, there is no millage.
 - Clear commented that the Equalization Department puts this together and provides it to us, but she will check on last years.
 - Councilman Kwiatkowski discussed how this form is filled out.
 - Sabolsky said that they will discuss with Rehmann about this tomorrow, but it does need to go to the County.
 - Clear said she will figure out Councilman Kwiatkowski's concern and get this to Equalization so the tax bills can be available July 1st.
 - A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.
- Evaluation of City Manager.
 - Sabolsky requested a closed session per MCL 15.268(a).
 - Councilman Kwiatkowski moved to go into closed session per MCL 15.268(a) to discuss the evaluation of the City Manager. Seconded by Councilwoman Dodd.
 - A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously
 - Closed session was entered at 8:06pm.
 - Closed session ended and Council reconvened at 8:44pm.

City Manager's Report:

- Sabolsky reported that while we were in closed session, Clear went and found that the Country Cleaning bill was for five months of weekly cleaning and supplies.
- Clear also reported that she found the excel spreadsheet to get the millage calculated properly.
- Sabolsky told Council that the City applied to the State Land Bank for over \$200,000.00 for demolition of some City owned buildings. Those buildings would be the old wastewater treatment plant, a building at the cemetery and the blue building at the park. We are still waiting to learn if we got it. There will be more funds available in the fall and that would be a highly competitive round.
- Sabolsky recently went down to the fishing piers with Bill Sanders and Maverick Construction. Sabolsky requested some cosmetic improvements for there are areas where you can see tire tracks. That has been fixed. The architects of the fishing piers did not realize that we have a large beaver population. Some beautiful trees have been placed, so Sabolsky called Scott Hancock to figure out a solution to protect those trees from the beavers and so far it has worked.

- Fleet Manager Erik is working on rebuilding an old fire pump so that we can water those trees at the fishing piers. Sabolsky said that we have to be careful as we do projects because we do make beautiful assets for the community, but it also becomes a liability for our limited staff to take care of.
- Sabolsky told Council that we are reapplying for the DNR Sparks Grant for the remaining 4-5 fishing piers that need to be installed. The DNR awarded Phase 1 and we were in Phase 2 by our scoring. There is a good chance that everyone in Phase 2 will get funded. Sabolsky has heard really great comments about everything. People have brought up that the wood is a little rough at the piers, but it is designed that way so if you are in a wheelchair going down, it will help prevent accidents.
- Rate increases are coming up. Workers' compensation has gone up from about \$27,000.00 to \$60,000.00. Our health insurance is going up anywhere from 8-12%. Liability insurance went from \$120,000.00 a year to \$131,000.00 a year.
- Regarding the Walmstrom project, the drainage permit is almost completed and is awaiting Sabolsky's signature. The second draft of the landscaping plan was received yesterday and Sabolsky hasn't had the chance to review it yet.
- Stephen Lindsay and Sabolsky are meeting with the President of Walstrom and their attorney to solve the issue about the easement. Sabolsky reminded Council that we have a sewer line going right under the existing building and the new building.
- Regarding City staffing, Kennedy Duvall is our new Police Officer. She will be starting July 5th. Roy Hartman is doing code enforcement and he has been doing a great job. Tim Wilkinson has taken a job in the U.P. so his position will need to be filled at the plant. Sabolsky mentioned another wastewater treatment plant position that may need to be filled.
- Sabolsky told Council that Treasurer Byrd's last day is June 15th. We are currently using Rehmann Group to help modernize our financial operations. Various members of City staff will be filling in to assist with various Treasurer duties. Some seasonal employees will be hired to help with the Parks and Recreation Department. Sabolsky discussed some landscaping improvements the Parks Department has made to City Hall.
- Sabolsky mentioned that Martha with the Parks Department told him that there are 43 lights out over in the Police Department that have two bulbs each, so 86 lights are currently out. They are florescent bulbs which we cannot buy anymore so they have to be replaced with LED lightbulbs. Those LED lightbulbs are \$20.00 apiece. An electrician will also need to come in and retrofit our fixtures. We are waiting on a quote from the electrician on that. We will also contact the electric company to see if there are any rebates.
- Regarding the Black River Dam, Council approved \$25,000.00 plus a \$5,000.00 contingency to fix the dam on the golf course back in November. They have been working on that dam. They got inside and put some rings in to stabilize that pipe. They noticed a couple of areas where there is rot washed out on both sides. There is a change order coming through. Sabolsky has approved that change order. Sabolsky described a problem with a pipe. Sabolsky went out to the Soil and Water Conservation District and they have given us a \$10,000.00 grant.
- There is a mural celebration/dedication on June 15th at 5:30pm for the Majestic Riverview Park and then at 6:00pm there will be one for the new mural at Washington Park.

- Sabolsky mentioned that the City needs to do their part to update and maintain our properties. Landscaping has been done at City Hall and at the Crib Light. Sabolsky is going to see if he can get a quote to seal the parking lot.
- Sabolsky told Council that the Opera House air conditioner is not working. Sabolsky told the Opera House to get a quote on fixing it. He has a feeling, since we have heard this in the past, that we will be told that the air conditioner is outdated and parts are no longer made for it.
- Regarding Redevelopment Ready Community, Sabolsky has been working on this. Sabolsky said that he needs to take 10 hours of classes online. He will be the point of contact person since former MEDC fellow, Anna Sangster is no longer here. Once we get that done, a lot of grant possibilities will be available. Sabolsky told Council that we need to update our Comprehensive Plan as well as our Zoning Code. If we are moving forward on the Redevelopment Ready Certification, then we are eligible to get grant funding for those documents, which is also a part of the RRC process.
- The engineering RFQ is out. Sabolsky is unsure of the date that it is due back by.
- Singles said that her and Karmol went over the RFQ dates today.
- The Children's Trail event on Saturday was great and there was a big turnout.
- Schneider and Police Chief Rifenberg have been working on signs for the Marina. They have envelopes in the process of being printed and they will be establishing signs with the QR code so people can scan and pay.
- Sabolsky has reached out to a law firm that did an article in the MML magazine about a Police and Fire Levy so we can consider that in the future.

City Clerk's Comments:

- Singles reported that she is working on getting ready for the Special Election. The ballots should be in soon and she will be ordering the precinct kit needed. The precincts have been consolidated into one for this election. Absentee Ballot Applications are being sent out this week and she has over 800 to send out.
- Councilman Kwiatkowski asked when the election is.
- Singles responded August 8th.
- Councilman Kwiatkowski asked how many candidates.
- Singles responded that there is one candidate on the ballot
- Councilwoman Raab asked if the election will be held at the Recreation Center.
- Singles responded that it will.

Public Comments:

- Richard Lemorie commented that he dropped off a letter to Council last week regarding water/sewer rates.
- Sabolsky commented that it was put in the Council packet.
- Lemorie wanted to know what Council was going to do about his concerns. He also talked about a millage that was passed to fix the roads, yet they are not fixed and he would like to know why.
- Mayor Mallory commented that there are streets that have plans to get fixed.
- Sabolsky commented that Mill Street is going to be completely redone (water, sewer, road).
- Mayor Mallory commented that Court Street will also be done soon.

- Clear said that both Mill Street and Court Street are going to be worked on starting this summer.
- Lemorie doesn't understand why the roads only get fixed when there is a water/sewer problem. Lemorie discussed the millage.
- Mayor Pro Tem Bedwin said that it doesn't make sense to repave and fix a road when it's going to have to be torn up a few years later to fix the water/sewer underneath the road.
- Discussion was had regarding the City roads and how the funding for fixing roads and water/sewer works.
- Mary Hebert said that she would like to do whatever she needs to resolve the ongoing issue/controversy of her appointment to the Historic District Commission. Hebert would like to work through whatever necessary to move forward.

Committee Updates:

- Mayor Pro Tem Bedwin reported that Finance Committee has not met.
- Councilwoman Raab commented that the Historic District Commission met last week Monday. Councilwoman Raab reported they have been going over the same items and trying to move forward.
- Councilwoman Dodd reported that the DDA met last week Tuesday. Three grants were approved. One of the grants was for the Arts Council for a sign. Two grants went to Scoops. DDA voted to change their meetings to the third Tuesday of the month instead of the first Tuesday of the month. Councilwoman Dodd report that Mr. John Stritmatter resigned from the DDA.
- Councilwoman Mills reported that the Housing Commission has not met because they are moving their meetings to the third Tuesday of the month. She is waiting for more information regarding the time.
- Councilwoman Raab commented that she saw on the Housing Commission website that the meeting is scheduled for the third Tuesday at 3:00pm.
- Councilwoman Darling reported that the Parks and Recreation Commission met. Regarding Felix Merchant Park, one of Felix Merchant's nieces said yes to moving his memorial rock over to Veteran's Park, but another said no. The Commission is working on their communication and a website where everything necessary regarding parks and recreation can be in one place. There is continued work regarding the pocket park. John Gravlin resigned from the Commission. Councilwoman Darling reported that the Board of Commissioners are doing a lot of year end things, such as annual reports. Councilwoman Darling reported that they discussed Old Orchard Beach Road. They need a Director for the front of the court.

Messages and Communications from Mayor and Council Members:

- Councilwoman Raab said that today was the first day she learned that Byrd is leaving.
- Councilwoman Dodd and Councilwoman Darling said it was the first time they heard of anything regarding Byrd too.

Adjournment:

- Mayor Mallory adjourned the meeting at 9:18pm.

Mayor Brett Mallory

Clerk Alyssa Singles

Mayor Pro Tem Adam Bedwin

Councilwoman Diane Mills

Councilman Kenneth Kwiatkowski

Councilwoman Mary Darling

Councilwoman Diane E. Raab

Councilwoman Hayley Dodd