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Minutes of Monday, August 18, 2008
City Council Chambers

Members Present: Mayor Michael O'Brien
Deputy Mayor Katherine Picard
Councilor Michael Mahoney
Councilor Erik Heikel
Councilor Jodi Harrington

Members Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Joshua Handverger

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and asked the Deputy Mayor Katherine Picard to lead the group in the pledge of allegiance.

There were no important announcements.

Cathy Resmer spoke during public comment period about how great she thought the YMCA at the community center is.

Councilor Harrington moves to accept the minutes of August 4th. Councilor Mahoney seconds the motion. Motion passes 4-0-0.

Councilor Heikel moves to table the August 7th, 2008 minutes. Minutes to be tabled until they could be shortened.

Councilor Harrington moves to approve the accounts payable warrant of August 14th. Councilor Mahoney seconds the motion. Motion passes 4-0-0.

Michelle Blaise presented an application for the Riverwalk Festival on September 27, 2008. Councilor Heikel moves acceptance of the application. Councilor Picard seconds the motion. Motion passes 4-0-0.

1 Amanda Perry and Library Board Cathy Resmer presented to the Council. She corrected an inaccuracy that the
2 Free Press ran about a drop in visit where in reality there was not much of a drop in visits. They reminded the
3 public that there are two openings on the library advisory board.
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5 Councilor Harrington makes a motion to change all but the first 3 30 minute spots to 2 hour spots. Councilor
6 Mahoney seconds the motion. Motion passes 3-1-0 with Councilor Picard voting against it.
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8 Andy Burnes presented an update to the Council on soliciting tenants to the downtown. He also presented for
9 consideration the Spinner Place lease to be signed with Champlain College. Councilor Heikel moves approval
10 of the lease contingent legal review and TD BankNorth Approval. Councilor Harrington seconds the motion.
11 Motion passes 4-0-0.
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13 Councilor Picard makes a motion to inactivate the parcel NO199 and set the value at \$0. Councilor Mahoney
14 seconds the motion. Motion passes 4-4-0.
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16 Mr. Ladd and Mr. Bailey presented to the Council an update on the STAG grants for the Morehouse
17 Brook/Brookside Housing project. The Council agreed that Mr. Ladd, Mr. Bailey and Mr. Palmer should
18 continue to investigate the use of the STAG grants for the Vactor.
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20 Councilor Picard makes a motion to adopt the change to the ordinance as presented by Chief McQueen and
21 Benoit. Councilor Harrington seconds the motion. Motion passes 4-0-0.
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23 The Mayor handed out an engagement letter for Attorney Robert Roesler to investigate as specified by the
24 resolution passed on August 7, 2008. Councilor Heikel makes a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the
25 engagement letter. Councilor Mahoney seconds the motion. Motion passes 4-0-0.
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27 Councilor Heikel moves not to take action on the request of Myer's Container Service to await a proposal to
28 change the ordinances. Councilor Picard seconds that motion. Motion passes 4-0-0.
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30 Councilor Heikel wishes to table the trash hauling ordinances until we could hear more from the Haulers.
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32 The Council postponed the Personnel Policy discussion to the next meeting.
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34 During the City Manager's update, the Manager informed the Council about the Military Jet Complaints, the
35 SRO, upcoming events and meetings, the amount that was adjusted by the CPA firm, the upcoming School
36 Board Meeting and our outstanding \$989k cumulative shortfall.
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38 During the Roundtable, Councilor Picard discussed the new seal, the downtown signs and the Community BBQ
39 held August 14th. Councilor Mahoney also spoke about the BBQ and inquired as to the status of the
40 investigation into the Police Chief's retaliation. The Mayor discussed the evaluation and the retreat.
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42 **At 8:30 p.m., Councilor Heikel makes a motion to adjourn. Councilor Michael Mahoney seconds the**
43 **motion. Meeting adjourns 4-0-0.**