

Fort Fairfield Town Council Monthly Meeting
Council Chambers
Wednesday, December 18, 2019
6:00 P.M.

I. Roll Call

Councilors: Mark Babin, Mitchell Butler, Bob Kilcollins. Melissa Libby, Scott Smith
Staff: Andrea Powers, Billie Jo Sharpe, Ella Leighton, Mitchell Dufour, Tony Levesque,
Darren Hanson, Vince Baldwin, Fred Everitt, Tim Browning
Citizens: Six including the media.

II. Prayer

III. Pledge to the Flag

IV. Public Comment Period

Shelley Everitt, Fort Fairfield resident, asked the Council who will be paying for the Ambulance service and also the hike in the water and sewer bills when they build the new facility.

V. Correspondence and Reports

A. Licenses and Permits

As of December 18, 2019 we have not received any license renewals.

B. Financial Report

On October 29, we received \$99,688.00 from the State of Maine for Road Assistance. This is \$2,688.00 over our budgeted amount.

Checking account balance as of 11/30/2019 is \$75,078.35; Machias Savings balance \$5,000.00; CDARS balance \$813,860; ICS balance \$67,733. We have used \$1,050,000.00 From TAN.

Total excise tax collected to date is \$312,304.41 (49.97% of budget vs 41.67%); State revenue sharing \$172,572.49 (39.78% of budget) Real Estate & Personal Property taxes collected to date are \$453,212.04.

Loan Balances as of 11/30/2019:

Jones Fuel - \$2,230.63
Langley #5275 - \$19,016.63
Langley #5277 - \$6,899.37
Pelletier - \$788.91

C. Aroostook Waste Solutions – Stev Rogeski

Mr. Rogeski was not present.

VI. Old Business

A. Winter Carnival 2020

The first meeting of the Town of Fort Fairfield Winter Carnival will be January 2, 2019 immediately following the Special Town Council Meeting at 6 p.m. here in the Council Chambers. We welcome anyone interested in being on the committee to attend. We will discuss events for the day's activities.

B. Katahdin Trust Company/ Fort Fairfield Fire Rescue Department

On December 6, 2019 the Town Clerk, Billie Jo Sharpe, opened the bid envelopes for the RFP Fort Fairfield Fire Rescue Department. Machias Savings Bank offered a 5year 3.35% interest rate with no prepay penalty with a monthly payment of \$20,575.04. Katahdin Trust Company offered a 5, 10, or 15year at 2.94%, 3.42% and 3.82% fixed interest rates respectively with no prepay penalty with monthly payment of \$20,440.20, \$11,237.46 and \$8,347.18.

It was discussed that Notice of Award be given to the 15year term with Katahdin Trust Company as it was best suited for the Fort Fairfield Fire Rescue Department.

Recommendation: That Council accepts the Notice of Award given to Katahdin Trust Company for the RFP BID on \$1,138,000.00 for a term of 15 years no prepay penalty, with a 3.82% fixed interest rate and a \$8,347.18 monthly payment.

Mr. Kilcollins made a motion that Council accepts the Notice of Award given to Katahdin Trust Company for the RFP BID on \$1,138,000.00 for a term of 15 years no prepay penalty, with a 3.82% fixed interest rate and a \$8,347.18 monthly payment.

Mr. Butler seconded.

Discussion: None

Vote: All Affirmative.

VII. New Business

A. Legacy Wreaths

Even in the most difficult of times, the holidays bring families and friends together. It's indicative of joy and celebration and brings a greater sense of pride to a community. That's the magic of Christmas and all the Holidays. Our wreaths that line Fort's streets have become the central figure in our story.

Our former Christmas Wreaths have served our community well for over 30 years. They are available for purchase at \$50.00 each, with approximately 100 wreaths to be sold. It was time for a new energy and enthusiasm to be enjoyed for the next 30 years,

therefore, I am introducing a new program, Legacy Wreaths, available to sponsor for our citizens to take part in Fort's history and to remember and honor those we love and care for.

Let's get inspired to show our commitment to our community. Each Legacy Wreath Sponsorship is available for \$250.00 and will have a space on our Legacy Wreath Plaque to be displayed in the Town Office and each one of the sponsored Legacy Wreaths will have an engraved plate in honor of those being remembered.

Recommendation: That the Town Council approves the Legacy Wreath Program.

Mr. Butler made a motion that Town Council approves the Legacy Wreath Program.

Mr. Kilcollins seconded.

Discussion: None

Vote: All Affirmative.

VIII. Minutes of the November 20, 2019 Regular Council Meeting

Mr. Kilcollins made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2019 regular Council Meeting

Mr. Butler seconded.

Discussion: None

Vote: All Affirmative.

IX. Warrants: #14: \$208,996.08 #15: \$180,617.30

Warrant #14 in the amount of \$208,996.08 was completed on 11/29/2019. Checking account balance as of 11/30/2019 is \$75,078.35; Machias Savings balance \$5,000.00; CDARS balance.

Warrant #15 in the amount of \$180,617.30 was completed on 12/11/2019. Checking account balance as of 12/11/2019 is \$23,331.39; Machias Savings balance \$5,000.00; CDARS balance \$813,860; ICS balance \$67,733. We have used \$1,050,000.00 From TAN.

Mr. Butler made a motion that Council approves Warrants #14 and #15 as written.

Mr. Kilcollins seconded.

Discussion:

Vote: All Affirmative.

X. Other

XI. Manager's Report

The Managers Report is given to Councilors for informational purposes only.

XII. Adjournment

Mr. Butler made a motion to adjourn
Mr. Kilcollins seconded.

Vote: All Affirmative.

Council adjourned at 6:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Billie Jo Sharpe
Council Secretary