

LONDONDERRY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 6, 2020

VIRTUAL MEETING

The Town Council meeting was held virtually.

Present: Chairman John Farrell; Vice Chairman Joe Green; Councilor Jim Butler, Tom Dolan and Deb Paul; Town Manager Kevin Smith; Assistant Town Manager Lisa Drabik; Executive Assistant Kirby Brown

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Farrell called the Town Council special meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by a moment of silence for all of those who serve us both here and abroad and for the first responders in Londonderry of the COVID-19 front lines and all of those who are vulnerable to the disease.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Farrell made an opening statement regarding the electronic meeting the Council is conducting. Chairman Farrell took a roll call of the Council members. All Council members checked in and stated no one was in the room with them.

Chairman Farrell thanked the public, first responders and supermarket employees who are feeding our community. Chairman Farrell stated that the Council urges people to stay home and continue social distancing.

Fire Chief Darren O'Brien gave an update on the Coronavirus in the Town of Londonderry. Chief O'Brien went over the changes the Town has taken. Chief O'Brien stated that people aren't practicing social distancing on the Rail Trail.

Councilor Deb Paul stated that she has gotten a few phone calls in regarding to the Town Common with flooding and concern of a sink hole. Town Manager Smith stated that the project isn't complete. They did phase one in the fall and phase two is being completed in the spring.

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There was no further public comment.

PUBLIC HEARING

NONE

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Farrell introduced Resolution #2020-03, a Resolution relative to the Town of Londonderry Family Medical Leave of Absence Policy in compliance with the Families First Coronavirus Response Act. This is a policy change and a first reading. The public hearing will be at the April 20th Town Council meeting. Assistant Town Manager Lisa Drabik presented. Drabik stated that this is the formal process. There were no questions from the Council.

Chairman Farrell introduced Resolution #2020-04, a Resolution relative to the acceptance of unanticipated revenue under RSA 31:95-b. Finance Director Justin Campo presented. Motion to approve Resolution #2020-04 made by Vice Chairman Joe Green and second by Councilor Dolan. Roll call vote was taken. Chair votes 5-0-0.

Chairman Farrell introduced Resolution #2020-05, a Resolution relative to carbon-pricing legislation. This is due to the citizen petition warrant article that was on the ballot in March. It passed by 1,592 votes to 1,187. Chairman Farrell took a consensus from the Council whether we would like to see carbon-pricing legislation enacted. There was no response so Chairman Farrell stated that he will take that as a no and this will be sent along in pursuit with the warrant article. Vice Chairman Green asked if the Council was approving a no vote. Chairman Farrell stated that the Council doesn't really vote on it. What he asked for was a consensus, argue in favor. The feedback he got was that the Council was not. The Council is required by law to send it along. Motion to approve Resolution #2020-05 made by Vice Chairman Green and second by Councilor Butler. Roll call vote was taken. Chair votes 5-0-0.

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Chairman Farrell stated that he asked the Council to pass in council goals for 2020. Councilor Dolan discussed his goals.

****The meeting was interrupted and ended abruptly. The Council logged off and quickly logged back in to adjourn.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Will be approved at the next meeting on April 20th due to the meeting interruption.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Councilor Dolan and seconded by Councilor Butler. Chair votes 5-0-0.

Notes and Tapes by: Kirby Brown

Date: 04/06/2020

Minutes Typed by: Kirby Brown

Date: 04/08/2020

Approved by: Town Council

Date: 04/20/2020