

Votes taken Methuen City Council – Regular Meeting

Tuesday, February 21, 2023 – 7:00 pm
Great Hall, Searles Building, Third Floor
41 Pleasant Street, Methuen, MA 01844

Reading and Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meetings

February 6, 2023 – Regular Meeting **Approved: Vote 5 yes, 1 present (Clr. Finocchiaro) 2 absent (Clr. Saffie, Clr. DiZoglio)**

Proclamations/Correspondence

- None

Consideration of Appointments: None

Presentations/Projects/Department Updates

The Community Foundation Award: February 2023, Don Smeriglio
Discussion on new trash system presented by DPW Director

Mayor's Report

- a. Motion Response – Vice Chair Faretra – Req. Mayor. Provide a snow and ice line item update of 2/1/23 **Snow and Ice Status Provided on 2/6/23**
- b. Motion Response – Vice Chair Faretra- Req. Mayor. Provide an update from HR in regards to workman's comp being outsourced as of 7/1/22. For example, the amount of claims, length, any claims contested by the city, etc. **Workman's Comp Breakdown provided on 2/6/23**

Requests of Councilors

- c. Councilor Saffie – Req. CAFO. Provide an update the City's longevity policy and its impact on pension liability
- d. Councilor Saffie – Req. Superintendent. Provide a budget breakdown for the mental health services investment from 2020 – present. For example: direct payments for positions (added, if so, how many) and programming materials and supplies, list of relative programs and service offerings.
- e. Vice-Chair Faretra Req. DPW Director. Provide a Status Update on Start of the Summer Worker Program

Public Service

- f. Grants: None

- g. Licenses: None

- h. Contracts:

C-23-68 LAN-TEL Communications Inc., 3 Edgewood Drive, Suite 202, Norwood, MA 02062 for License Plate Recognition Readers in the Amount of \$89,707.50

WITHDRAWN

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C-23-69 CDS Unlimited, LLC, 279 Bible Hill Road, Bennington, NH 03442 for the Removal and Replacement of HVAC Unit at the Water Treatment Plant in the Electric Room in the Amount of \$76,845.00 Materials/Supplies: \$42,485.22 Labor: \$34,359.78

Approved: Vote 6 yes, 2 absent (Clr. Saffie, Clr. DiZoglio)

C-23-70 Donovan Equipment Co., Inc., 6 Enterprise Drive, Londonderry, NH 03053 for (2) Monroe Stainless Steel Sanders 3.5 CU. YD capacity in the Amount of \$35,600.00

Approved: Vote 6 yes, 2 absent (Clr. Saffie, Clr. DiZoglio)

C-23-71 Industrial Protection Service, LLC \$80,920.00 Compressor/Air Filling Station for SCBA Bottles **Approved: Vote 6 yes, 2 absent (Clr. Saffie, Clr. DiZoglio)**

2023 Municipal Preliminary Election Date - September 12, 2023

Approved: Vote 6 yes, 2 absent (Clr. Saffie, Clr. DiZoglio)

Unfinished Business

Resolutions:

TR-23-7 A Resolution Providing for the Submission of a Home Rule Petition Rescinding Chapter 60 of the Acts of 2017 – An Act Authorizing the Appointment of Sean Fountain to the Position of Permanent Intermittent Police Officer of the Police Department of the City Known as the Town of Methuen (Req. of Clr. Beauregard, Simard, Saba, and Finocchiaro) (remove from the table) **Approved: Vote 6 yes, 2 absent (Clr. Saffie, Clr. DiZoglio)**

TR-23-8 Resolution Authorizing Transfer \$175,000 from the General Fund Employee Benefits other expenses budget line, to the Police Department Personal Services budget to fund the agreed upon Police Superior Officer Association's Collective Bargaining Agreement

Approved: Vote 6 yes, 2 absent (Clr. Saffie, Clr. DiZoglio)

TR-23-9 Order Authorizing a Borrowing of \$950,000 to Pay Costs for the City's Lead Service Line Inventory Project

Approved: Vote 6 yes, 2 absent (Clr. Saffie, Clr. DiZoglio)

Ordinances:

TO-23-2 An Ordinance Amending the Wage and Salary Schedule of Chapter 6 of the Methuen Municipal Code, Unaffiliated, to create the position of Finance Director (remove from the table) **WITHDRAWN**

TO-23-3 An Ordinance Amending the Wage and Salary Schedule of Chapter 6 of the Methuen Municipal Code, AFSCME A, to create the position of Environmental and Energy Planner **Approved: Vote 6 yes, 2 absent (Clr. Saffie, Clr. DiZoglio)**

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New Business

Resolutions:

TR-23-10 A Resolution to Rescind TR-16-49 (Req. of Clr. Faretra and Clr. Saffie)

Tabled Vote: 6 yes, 2 absent (Clr. Saffie, Clr. DiZoglio)

TR-23-11 Resolution Authorizing Transfer from Free Cash of \$100,000 for the funding of unanticipated police department expenditures **WITHDRAWN**

TR-23-12 Resolution Declaring Surplus Equipment and Authorizing Granting of Surplus Equipment **Approved: Vote 6 yes, 2 absent (Clr. Saffie, Clr. DiZoglio)**

Ordinances: None