

Protection and License Committee

Chairman Infurna, Forbes, Brodeur,
Seaboyer, Medeiros
Attending: Mortimer, Boisselle
In attendance: Mayor Dolan, Fire
Chief John O'Brien

Protection and License Committee called to order by Chairman Infurna at 7:30 p.m. Alderman Forbes motions to open Public Participation, 2nd by Alderman Medeiros. All in favor. No one comes forward. Alderman Forbes motions to close Public Participation, 2nd by Alderman Medeiros. All in favor.

Order No. 09-144, GRANT Amount: \$433,520.00 From: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) To: Fund #2460 – SAFER Grant Account as set forth herein

Alderman Brodeur motions to suspend the rules to her from Mayor Dolan and Chief O'Brien, 2nd by Alderman Forbes. All in favor.

Mayor Dolan says that during difficult fiscal times it is unusual to see a mayor or Board of Aldermen adding staff to the fire department. Chief O'Brien and the captains applied for a federal grant and did a great job. Fewer than 1500 communities nationwide received an award. He says he told the department that they can't keep coming back for overtime year after year. The grant is for five years and will staff 4 firefighters. The award will decrease percentage-wise yearly but will save almost \$1 million in overtime costs over the five-year period. He expects to save over \$100,000.00 in overtime next fiscal year. Currently there is one firefighter out injured and one on vacation; over the last several years there have been firefighters on military leave. Each time that happens overtime is mandatory. Bringing in these four men created an extra slot per shift. Mayor Dolan says he thinks the City can afford these four positions and he thinks it's a prudent fiscal move at this time.

Chief O'Brien says he has gotten a great show of support from the Mayor and Patrick Dello Russo. The SAFER program was created to fund fire departments. The goal is to enhance the department's ability to comply with staffing, response and operational standards established by NFPA and OSHA. He hadn't been successful with grants until recently after hiring a professional grant writer. Over the last several years overtime costs came down with the help of the Mayor, Mr. Dello Russo and the entire department.

Alderman Medeiros moves to recommend, 2nd by Alderman Forbes.

Alderman Medeiros compliments Chief O'Brien for coming up with this grant. Her concern is what happens in years 5 and 6. Mayor Dolan says a five-year cost analysis shows that four firefighters will cost \$240,058.35 which will save overtime costs of more than \$191,000.00. Overtime will run only \$50,000.00 in today's dollars. Chief O'Brien says hiring these four positions will take the cost of overtime from a complete unknown to a near known.

Alderman Seaboyer asks how soon the money will come and how soon the positions will be filled. Chief O'Brien says it's effective April 1 and will be reimbursed quarterly. He has received the list; two captains and one lieutenant are doing evaluations, background

checks and interviews. They will submit the candidates' names they think are best qualified; they'll be on staff in late April.

Alderman Forbes says this is a perfect example of what happens when the union and Administration works together – everyone wins. He asks when the four men will go to academy. Chief O'Brien says he'll split them – May and October. They can be trained immediately on dispatch; he'll see immediate savings.

On the motion to recommend, All in favor.

Alderman Brodeur motions to adjourn, 2nd by Alderman Medeiros. All in favor.

Protection and License Committee adjourns at 7:59 p.m.

Health, Education and Welfare Committee

Chairman Medeiros, Brodeur,
Seaboyer, Forbes, Infurna
Attending: Mortimer, Boisselle
In attendance: Cemetery Director
Mike Hughes

Health, Education and Welfare Committee called to order by Chairman Medeiros at 7:59 p.m.

Order No. 09-141, APPROPRIATION Amount: \$32,450.00 From: A/C #29072-590000 - Cemetery, Sale of lots & Graves, Transfer Out To: various cemetery accounts as set forth herein

Alderman Forbes motions to suspend the rules to hear from Mr. Hughes, 2nd by Alderman Brodeur. All in favor.

Mr. Hughes says this is an internal transfer from the sale of lots and graves. The funds will be used to do capital improvements, subsidize overtime and part-time help, and to add improvements to the cemetery. Hired equipment will be used to supplement spring clean up, and expansion that has been discussed over the last 3-4 years will be looked at. Graves are available on an as-needed basis but there is no surplus inventory.

Alderman Brodeur moves to recommend, 2nd by Alderman Forbes. All in favor.

Alderman Brodeur motions for concurrent action on the reappointments, 2nd by Alderman Infurna. All in favor.

Order No. 09-148, REAPPOINTMENT Of: Alicia P. Friedman, 157 Trenton St. To: Beebe Estate Board of Trustees Term to expire on the last day of February, 2012

Order No. 09-149, REAPPOINTMENT Of: Ralph L. Moore, 39 Dexter Rd. To: Cemetery Committee Term to expire on the last day of February, 2012

Order No. 09-153, REAPPOINTMENT Of: Theodore S. Bond, 82 Damon Ave. To: Council on Aging Term to expire on the last day of February, 2012

Order No. 09-154, REAPPOINTMENT Of: Carl Mockler, 40 Holland Road To: Council on Aging Term to expire on the last day of February, 2012

Order No. 09-155, REAPPOINTMENT Of: Dr. George N. Torrey, 87 Greenwood St. To: Council on Aging Term to expire on the last day of February, 2012

Order No. 09-156, REAPPOINTMENT Of: Maurine E. Garipay, 7 Irving St. To: Board of Health Term to expire on the last day of February, 2012

Order No. 09-157, REAPPOINTMENT Of: Bradley L. Hutchison, 44 Clifford St To: Historic District Commission Term to expire on the last day of February, 2010

Order No. 09-158, REAPPOINTMENT Of: Charlene A. Marinelli, 72 Boardman Ave. To: Historic District Commission Term to expire on the last day of February, 2010

Order No. 09-159, REAPPOINTMENT Of: Stephen E. Casey To: Historic District Commission Term to expire on the last day of February, 2011

Order No. 09-160 REAPPOINTMENT Of: Michael D. Coleman, 181 Beech Ave. To: Historic District Commission Term to expire on the last day of February, 2011

Order No. 09-161, REAPPOINTMENT Of: Philip Kukura, 79 Mt. Vernon St To: Historic District Commission Term to expire on the last day of February, 2011

Order No. 09-162, REAPPOINTMENT Of: Judith Q. Sullivan, 49 East Wyoming Ave. To: Historic District Commission Term to expire on the last day of February, 2012

Alderman Brodeur moves to recommend, 2nd by Alderman Infurna. All in favor.

Alderman Infurna motions to adjourn, 2nd by Alderman Brodeur. All in favor.

Health, Education and Welfare Committee adjourns at 8:12 p.m.

There are no orders in the Public Works Committee to be acted on.

Maribeth Harrington
Clerk of Committees