

# **Town Council Meeting Minutes April 4, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

## **Roll Call**

Councilors King, Farber, Kitchel and Hemphill were present and answering roll call.

Councilors Svedlow and Ferrante were absent.

## **Item 1                      Resolution to declare the council seat of Andrew Jones vacant.**

Chair Hemphill explained that Councilor Jones has regretfully resigned his seat on the Council one year into his three-year term. He is moving out of town and will no longer be eligible for his seat, per Council rules.

Chair Hemphill opened a public comment period; there was no public comment.

Councilor Farber moved the resolution. Councilor King seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

## **Item 2                      Order to shorten the availability of nomination papers to fill the vacant Council seat in accordance with M.R.S.A. Title 30-A § 4(E).**

Chair Hemphill explained that, per Council rules, a vacancy shall be filled at the regular June election if the seat is vacated less than 6 months before the June election.

Town Manager Nathan Poore further explained that, since they are within a compressed filing deadline it is an option. The intent of the charter is that they should have it at the regular election if possible. If the Council wanted, they could delay this and hold a special meeting later in the year.

Councilor Farber asked how this vacancy would be advertised.

Ellen Planer, Town Clerk, said there would be a notice in the newspaper and by email to subscribers.

Councilor King said there isn't much time to collect signatures before the April 17. She thought a person could pick up papers any time in March. She was surprised they needed an order.

Mr. Poore said the position only came vacant once the resolution was passed. There was no position to fill before now and the time when papers are available is passed.

Ms. Planer said papers are only available 40 days prior to the deadline and per state statute they can make the papers available for 10 days. This order would make the window slightly longer than 10 days.

Mr. Poore said those that have already taken out papers for the available seats would have to take out new papers, and get new signatures, if they wanted to run for the new, 2-year seat.

Chair Hemphill asked if the person that is elected to the remainder of this term could run for two more full terms, or only one.

Ms. Planer said a term of 18 months or less is not considered a full term. This seat would be for two years.

Councilor Farber thought this was the only practical choice. Councilor King agreed.

Chair Hemphill opened a public comment period; there was no public comment.

Councilor King moved the order; Councilor Farber seconded. Motion 4-0.

The Council went into recess at 6:16 pm and returned to session at 7:00 pm.

**Item 3                      Presentation and Discussion of the Fiscal Year 2019 Proposed Budget.**

Cindy Han, Chair of the School Board's Finance Committee presented the school budget for FY2019.

Pete McHugh, Finance Director for the Town, presented the municipal budget for FY2019.

**Item 4                      Public Hearing to seek public input and inquiries relative to the Fiscal Year 2019 Proposed Budget.**

Chair Hemphill opened the public hearing.

Mike Doyle of Shady Lane thought the School Board's responsibility was to direct policy and not to direct the school's day-to-day operations. He spoke of instances years ago where the school and town were spending more than was warranted on office supplies. He argued that the town and school were mismanaged and they do not conduct competitive bids for services.

Chair Hemphill closed the public hearing.

Mr. Poore said Town staff would be happy to review the purchasing policy and the details of purchases made with anyone who was interested. He discussed the process moving forward.

**Adjourn**

Councilor Farber moved to adjourn; Councilor King seconded. Motion carried 4-0

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Tryon  
Recording Secretary