**Monday, February 19, 2018**

At a regular meeting of the City Council, in the City of Woonsocket, County of Providence, State of Rhode Island in Harris Hall on Monday, February 19, 2018 at 7 P.M.

All members are present.

The prayer is read by the Clerk. The Pledge of Allegiance is given by the assembly.

The following persons addressed the council under citizens good and welfare: Dennis Desaulniers, Stephen Zulawnik, Donald Burke, John Reynolds Jr., Lynn Kapiskas, Charles Lemoine, Xavier Denis and Ed Tupper.

Upon motion of Councilwoman Murray seconded by Councilman Beauchamp it is voted that the minutes of the regular meeting held February 5th and special meeting held February 8th be approve d as submitted, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

Upon motion of Councilwoman Murray seconded by Councilman Cournoyer it is voted that the consent agenda be approved as submitted, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

The following items were listed on the consent agenda:

18 M 3 A communication from Mayor appointing Matthew Oriani as an alternate member of the Personnel Board.

18 CO 3 A monthly odor report from CH2M Hill.

18 CO 4 An opinion of City Solicitor regarding claim of Hakeem B. Pelumi.

18 CO 5 An opinion of City Solicitor regarding property damage claim of Brittany Rovedo.

18 CO 6 A communication from Public Works Director regarding sale of brine.

18 M 4 A communication from Mayor to address the City Council regarding the Mayor’s office, events within the City, and all offers and conversations regarding the purchase of the Social Street School made by Gary Fernandes and John Lippolis is read by title. The Mayor addressed the council.

18 LC 8 A request of Local 404/COPS walk to hold a tag day license on Saturday, April 14, 2018 with a rain date of Saturday, April 21, 2018 is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilwoman Murray seconded by Councilman Brien it is voted that the request be granted, a voice vote on same being 5-2 with Councilors Beauchamp and Gendron voting no.

18 LC 9 Upon motion of Councilwoman Murray seconded by Councilman Cournoyer it is voted that the following licenses be granted, a voice vote on same being unanimous: 2 applications or Class F license, 1 application for renewal of first class victualing license and 3 applications for renewal of quarterly entertainment license

18 CP 8 A request of Raymond R. Lebel to address the City Council regarding the sale of the Social Street School is read by title. Mr. Lebel addressed the council.

18 CP 9 A request of Councilman Cournoyer to address the following items: sale of city-owned property, including 706 Social Street-offers to purchase from John Lippolis and Ayotte field, budget, financial condition, staffing and economic development, appointments to boards and committees, trash fees and electricity contract.

18 CP 10 A request of President Gendron to address the following item: school committee-discuss appointment process and Charter amendment to return to an elected school committee

18 CP 11 A request of Vice President Brien to address the following items: Olo Street blight and Woonsocket school committee and statements made by Mayor regarding members.

18 CP 12 A request of Councilman Fagnant to address the following items: questions for Mayor regarding empty lot at 419 North Main Street that was demo six months ago. A resident and taxpayer from 64 Barton Street wants to purchase this lot to add to their other six properties, question for the Public Safety Director, Park Avenue and Transit Street illegal parking on sidewalk, question for the Finance Director, second time from February 5, 2018 vehicle tax refunds, question for Public Safety Director, update on pit bull attack on citizen from January, 2018, question for Finance Director, issue on police constable and tangible taxes, question for Mayor, Riverz Edge and Haven of Grace pilot agreements and general statement on Allen Street owned by RJK Corporation and City’s plan for right to redemption on this property and taxes owned by this entity

The following remarks are made under good and welfare:

Councilwoman Sierra passed.

President Gendron passed.

Councilman Beauchamp passed.

Councilman Brien addressed Public Safety Director regarding intersection of Burnside Avenue and Elm Street. He also addressed odor report.

Councilman Cournoyer spoke to Public Works Director about purchase of sander and stated that a good job was done on recent snowstorm.

Councilman Fagnant spoke about notification to abutters when a number of break ins occur in a certain neighborhood. He spoke about elected vs. appointed school committee and former deficit. He spoke about vehicles registered out of state. He addressed Robinson Street ordinance. He addressed Mayor regarding incinerator appraisal

Councilwoman Murray mentioned a fundraiser for Eagle Scout Xavier Denis at Our Lady Queen of Martrys & Knights of Columbus pasta dinner fundraiser to benefit Copswalk at All Saints Church both on February 24th. She addressed Public Works Director regarding locked playground at splash park. She spoke about school committee issue (hybrid system) referendum.

18 O 4 An ordinance in amendment of Code of Ordinances Appendix C entitled “Zoning” regarding various technical changes is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Fagnant seconded by Councilmen Cournoyer and Gendron it is voted that the ordinance be tabled, advertised for hearing and scheduled for a work session on February 26, 2018 at 6:30 PM, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

18 O 5 An ordinance authorizing Public Works Director to sell salt brine to private entities is read by title, and

A motion is made by Councilman Brien seconded by Councilwomen Murray and Sierra that the ordinance be passed for the first time, however, before this is voted on

Upon motion of Councilman Cournoyer seconded by Councilman Beauchamp it is voted that the ordinance be amended as follows: Delete sections1 and 2 in their entirety and replace with the following text: Section 1. At the discretion of the Director of Public Works, the City may sell salt brine to private entities. Such sales shall be pursuant to a signed agreement between the City and the purchaser wherein the purchaser agrees, in part to the following: 1) That the purchase price of the salt brine shall be no less than $ .45 per gallon (plus sale tax if applicable) adjusted annually by the Director of Public Works with no cap. 2) That the purchase shall be invoiced monthly and shall pay within 15 days of the invoice date. 3) That the sale of the salt brine to the purchaser shall be subject to availability as determined by the Director of Public Works. For the avoidance of doubt, if at any time, the Director of Public Works determines that the City has insufficient salt brine available for its own needs, the City shall not be obligated to sell salt brine. 4) To the extent that there is more than one purchaser, and notwithstanding the proviso in (3) salt brine shall be sold on a first come, first serve basis. 5) The purchaser shall sign a “Waiver of Liability” releasing the City of any warranty, representation, guarantee or liability whatsoever arising from the salt brine product, including any liability or damage that may arise from or during the purchase and delivery of the salt brine. Section 2. The revenue received from the sale of salt brine shall be deposited into and accounted for within a separate general fund revenue account to be created and tracked by the Finance Department. The amendment is voted on and passed for the first time, as amended, a roll call vote on same being unanimous.

18 R 14 A resolution authorizing the cancellation of certain taxes is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilwoman Murray seconded by Councilman Brien it is voted that the resolution be passed, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

18 R 15 A resolution authorizing City Solicitor to hire outside legal counsel to foreclose on the rights of redemption for properties acquired at tax sale was withdrawn.

18 R 16 A resolution in support of Depot Square Concession d/b/a The Coffee Depots is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilwoman Murray seconded by Councilmen Brien and Cournoyer it is voted that the resolution be passed, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

18 R 17 A resolution instructing the Mayor and her administration to study, investigate and make a recommendation to the City Council regarding marijuana cultivation within the City is read by title, and

A motion is made by Councilman Fagnant seconded by Councilman Beauchamp that the resolution be tabled, however this motion was defeated on a 5-2 roll call vote with Councilors Beauchamp and Fagnant voting yes.

Upon motion of Councilman Cournoyer seconded by Councilman Brien it is voted that the resolution be passed, a roll call vote on same being 5-2 with Councilors Fagnant and Murray voting no.

Upon motion of Councilman Beauchamp seconded by Councilwoman Murray it is voted that the meeting be and it is hereby adjourned at 10:09 P.M.

Attest: Christina Harmon-Duarte City Clerk