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COUNTY OF YORK

CITY OF SACO

The following are minutes of the December 4, 2006 Council Meeting.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – On Monday, December 4, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. a Council Meeting was held in the City Hall Auditorium.
- II. **ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS-** Mayor Johnston conducted a roll call of the members and determined that the Councilors present constituted a quorum. Councilors present: David Tripp, Leslie Smith, Jr., Ronald Morton, Roland Michaud, Arthur Tardif, Eric Cote and Christopher Jacques.

Mr. Richard R. Michaud, City Administrator and Lucette S. Pellerin were also in attendance this evening.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: NOVEMBER 20, 2006

Minutes of the November 20, 2006 Council Meeting were approved as written.

V. GENERAL:

Recognition for Contributions to Local History: Sallie Huot; Fred Clark; Roy Fairfield

Mayor Johnston recognized three (3) of our most important local historians for their contributions to the City.

All three have been active in the Saco Historical Society and in building and maintaining historical archives at the Dyer Library, where many of the City's and the region's historical resources are housed.

Sallie Huot has been involved in research and writing about Saco history for many years. She was involved in the original architectural survey of the City, which laid the groundwork for later historic preservation efforts. She has been educator in Saco history, sometimes appearing in costume in the persona of the women she has researched.

She has a special interest in learning and teaching about women who have been important to the City's development. Sarah Fairfield Hamilton and Dr. Laura Black Stickney are two people Sallie has researched in recent years, and now her research is shared permanently on our Main Street History Walk, where the stories of these two important women are told in words and pictures. She is also working – as she has for many years and with thousands of hours– to organize the historical documents in the archives at the library.

Fred Clark, who is also well known as a former mayor and for his military service, has been another of our important historians for the last decade. Fred has been the president of the historical society and can be found many mornings manning the Maine History Room at the library. He has worked with Sallie and all the other volunteers inventorying and organizing the historical archives at the library. Fred has taken a special interest in the city's records and their preservation and organization. He was here just a few weeks ago on the culmination of that effort, which made the library an official depository for the city's records.

Roy Fairfield has been involved with researching and presenting Saco's history for over 60 years. His **Sands, Spindles and Steeples** is the most important book on Saco history, published in 1956, based on his earlier research for a dissertation. The focus of that was the chiefly the 19th century. His **New Compass Points** published in 1988 provides this professional social historians window on twentieth century Saco. He has also published several books on other subjects.

Roy had a great career as a college history professor and administrator around the country and the world. He was a pioneer in distance education at the college level, which has now grown in popularity as a result of the Internet. Another personal note, Roy was college roommates with Horace Wood, who some of us served with on this City Council a few years ago.

Roy has been working on the archives for many years. His current project, which he is working on with Sallie, is to organize the Fairfield Papers, which he has donated to the library. He is currently president of the historical society.

At this time Mayor Johnston present Keys to the City to the Historians.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

A. (Second & Final Reading) General Assistance Appendix Update – Chapter 112

Approves the Second and Final Reading of the document entitled, 'General Assistance Ordinance Appendix A - Total Monthly Allowed GA Overall Maximums, Proposed Figures dated October 1, 2006' of the Saco Code, Chapter 112, General Assistance Program;

Approves the Second and Final Reading of the document entitled '**General Assistance Ordinance Appendix B - Food Maximums, Proposed Figures dated October 1, 2006'** of the Saco Code, Chapter 112, General Assistance Program;

Approves the Second and Final Reading of the document entitled, '**General Assistance Ordinance Appendix C- Maximum Levels of Housing Assistance, Proposed Figures dated October 1, 2006'** of the Saco Code, Chapter 112, General Assistance Program.

B. Authorization to Write Off Old Ambulance Receivables

Authorize the write-off of the uncollected ambulance receivables listed on the document entitled, ‘**Ambulance Receivable Write Off’s 1999 through 2004, dated November 27, 2006;**

C. (First Reading) Zoning Ordinance Amendment §707-3.6 – Signs for Non Profits

Approves the First Reading of the document titled, ‘**Amendment to Zoning Ordinance Section 707-3.6, Signs, dated November 27, 2006,** and further moves to schedule a Public Hearing for December 18, 2006’;

D. (First Reading) Zoning Ordinance Amendment § 729.B – Design Review HPD

Approves the First Reading of the document titled, ‘**Amendment to Zoning Ordinance Section 729.B. Design Standards, dated November 27, 2006,** and further moves to schedule a Public Hearing for December 18, 2006’;

E. Application for a License to Operate Games of Chance BPOE # 1597

Grant the applications for a License to Operate Games of Chance: Beano/Bingo from January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007;

F. Application for a License to Operate Games of Chance BPOE # 1597

Grant the application for a License to Operate a Game of Chance: Pull Tickets, from January 1, 2007 to March 31, 2007, as submitted by BPOE #1597;

G. Massage Therapist License Application – Karen Bravo

Grant Karen Bravo, a Massage Therapist License, in accordance to the Codes of the City of Saco, Chapter 138.

Councilor Michaud moved, Councilor Smith seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed with seven (7) yeas.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Smith moved, Councilor Morton seconded, to adjourn. The motion passed with seven (7) yeas. TIME 7:18 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Lucette S. Pellerin,
City Clerk