

STATE OF MAINE

COUNTY OF YORK

CITY OF SACO

The following are minutes of the Council Meeting held on April 20, 2010.

- I. CALL TO ORDER** - On Monday April 20, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. a Council Meeting was held in the City Hall Auditorium.
- II. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS** – Deputy Mayor Marston Lovell conducted a roll call of the members and determined that the Councilors present constituted a quorum. Councilors present: Margaret Mills, Marie Doucette, Jeffrey Christenbury, Arthur Tardif, Eric Cote and Marston Lovell. Mayor Roland Michaud and Councilor Leslie Smith Jr. were excused this evening. Also in attendance, this evening, were City Administrator Rick Michaud and Lucette S. Pellerin, City Clerk.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. GENERAL:

Deputy Mayor Marston Lovell requested that the Council, as well as those attending the meeting this evening, take a moment to remember Gail Smith, spouse of Councilor Leslie Smith, Jr., who expired on April 19, 2010. Condolences were extended to Les and his family.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *April 12, 2010*

Minutes were approved as written.

VI. AGENDA:

A. Recycling Recognition Program

On March 8, 2010, the Regional Sales Manager for Recycle Bank provided the City Council with a presentation on the RecycleBank Program. At the time, there was interest on the Council's part for the city deliver its own program to reward recycling.

Staff was asked to come up with a recognition program to distinguish residents that participate in the recycling program. It is important that residents are acknowledged for their participation in the City's recycling.

Councilor Cote moved, Councilor Mills seconded, that it be Ordered that the City Council authorize residents recycling recognition award program. Further move to approve the order. The motion passed with four (4) yeas and one (1) nay. Councilor Tardif voted in the negative.

B. Amended Senior Work for Taxes Program

It has been one year since the City of Saco implemented the Senior Citizen Tax Work=Off Program. This program was successful in matching up Saco Senior Citizen property owners with City Departments in order to assist the department with accomplishing extra job tasks and, in turn, allowing the senior citizen to earn a credit toward their property tax bill.

More specifically, this program allows for a senior citizen (who qualifies under the program guidelines) to work up to 103 hours in order to earn a tax credit (abatement) of up to \$750.00 toward their real estate tax bill. The City of Saco granted a total of 17 tax credits (abatements) during the 2009/2010 fiscal year.

A committee was formed to critique and review the program's first year as well as propose any warranted changes. The committee was comprised of the Assessor, Assessor's Administrative Assistant, Personnel Director and HR Assistant & Payroll Clerk. Together the committee agreed upon some changes and updates needing to be implemented within the program's application and guidelines.

Councilor Doucette moved, Councilor Christenbury seconded that it Be Ordered that the City Council accept the revisions to the Senior Citizen Work for Taxes Program application and supporting documents; and further move to authorize the Assessor to abate up to thirty (30) applicants as part of the Senior Citizen Work for Taxes Program for FY2011. Further move to approve the Order. The motion passed with five (5) yeas.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Mayor Lovell declared the meeting adjourned. TIME: 7:17 p.m.

ATTEST: _____

Lucette S. Pellerin, City Clerk