

STATE OF MAINE

COUNTY OF YORK

CITY OF SACO

The following are minutes of the November 13, 2006 Council Meeting

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – On Monday November 13, 2006 at 6:59 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 and Eric Cote.

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

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes were not presented this evening.

V. GENERAL

VI. AGENDA ITEMS:

A. OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED BY CITY CLERK:

City Council

Christopher Jacques, Councilor - Ward Seven

Lucette S. Pellerin, City Clerk, administered the oath of office to Christopher Jacques newly elected Councilor for Ward 7. Mr. Jacques will complete the unfinished term of Jessie McDougal. Said term will end on Dec. 3, 2007. Councilor Jacques assumed his position on the Council immediately after the swearing in ceremony.

Board of Education

Scott Nason – Ward One

Michel Ohayon – Ward Five

The Clerk administered the oath of office to the two (2) new members of the Board of Education. Mr. Scott Nason will represent Ward 1 and Mr. Michel Ohayon will represent Ward 5. Both terms of office will commence on Dec. 3, 2006 and end December 2009.

Congratulations of the newly elected officials. We wish them well in their new endeavor.

B. PAUL JANSON AWARD

The Paul Janson Award is named in memory of a former Councilman and Mayor of Saco who was environmentally conscious of what can happen if we do not protect our surroundings in a world that is beginning to think that asphalt is better than natural wetland and marshes. His favorite place to lend a hand with the environment was on our beaches. He actively participated in all of the Beach Clean-up Programs.

The recipient of the Paul Janson Award for 2007 served as Chair of the Conservation Commission since May of 2001 and has been a positive leader and strong supporter of young people being involved with our environment. In 2001, she was instrumental in drafting a proposal to put a referendum before Saco voters for a \$1.5 million bond issue that would preserve open space. The bond passed and several open space parcels have been purchased and preserved for hiking trails and for Saco's future.

Under her leadership, the Commission has partnered with the Public Works Department on the first "Hazardous Waste Collection", which was hugely successful and has become a regular event; and also through partnership, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife's bio-control program was started to first contain and then rid areas of the highly invasive Purple Loosestrife through the use of Gallerucella beetles. Through these combined efforts over the past 5 years, two sites have been rid of the plants and 3 others are showing signs of improvement.

Under her leadership, the Commission has also been involved in many facets of Saco's conservation efforts such as the University of Maine Beach Profiling program which measures the ebb and flow of the sand along Saco Bay and the Adopt-a-highway program which promotes business and other groups to take care of 2 miles of streets or roads. She has worked closely with the Planning Board to give respectful comments and meaningful discussion regarding new development projects that may affect sensitive, natural areas with the city.

She is certainly an advocate for our environment and conservation of the special places where too many asphalt-parking places are being located.

This year's recipient of the Paul Janson Award has shown commitment and dedication to our community and its many endeavors, and it is with great pleasure that I present the Paul Janson Award for 2007 to **Donna Goulding**.

Members of the public to extend their congratulations to Donna were Elizabeth Shaw, member of the Conservation Board, Representative Linda Valentino and former Mayor William Johnson.

Mayor Johnston called for a five-minute recess at 7:15 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:25 p.m.

C. (FIRST READING) GENERAL ASSISTANCE APPENDIX UPDATE – Chapter 112

Each year Maine Municipal Association presents municipalities with new Appendixes for their City or Town Ordinance, which need to be reviewed and adopted or kept the same.

Municipalities should adopt the new maximums (Appendixes) by October 1st or as soon as possible thereafter.

**General Assistance Ordinance Appendixes (A, B, and C),
Proposed Figures dated October 1, 2006**

Words that have ~~strike through~~ are to be deleted while underline indicates new language.

VII. Appendix A - GA Overall Maximums

# IN HOUSEHOLD	MAXIMUMS	
	Current	New Proposed
1	\$643.00	<u>\$664.00</u>
2	\$717.00	<u>\$741.00</u>
3	\$903.00	<u>\$933.00</u>
4	\$1146.00	<u>\$1184.00</u>
5	\$1355.00	<u>\$1400.00</u>
EACH ADDITIONAL	\$75.00	<u>\$75.00</u>

VIII.

IX. Appendix B - Food Maximums

# IN HOUSEHOLD	WEEKLY MAX.		MONTHLY MAX.	
	Current	New Proposed	Current	New Proposed
1	\$35.35	<u>\$36.05</u>	\$152.00	<u>\$155.00</u>
2	\$64.65	<u>\$66.05</u>	\$278.00	<u>\$284.00</u>
3	\$92.79	<u>\$94.88</u>	\$399.00	<u>\$408.00</u>
4	\$117.67	<u>\$120.47</u>	\$506.00	<u>\$518.00</u>
5	\$139.77	<u>\$143.02</u>	\$601.00	<u>\$615.00</u>
6	\$167.91	<u>\$171.63</u>	\$722.00	<u>\$738.00</u>
7	\$185.58	<u>\$189.77</u>	\$798.00	<u>\$816.00</u>
8	\$212.09	<u>\$216.74</u>	\$912.00	<u>\$932.00</u>
EACH ADDITIONAL		-----	\$114.00	<u>\$117.00</u>

Appendix C - Housing Maximums

X. Appendix C - Housing Maximums

Heated Units

# BDRMS.	MONTHLY
	Current - Proposed
0	\$582.00
1	\$682.00
2	\$849.00
3	\$1140.00
4	\$1338.00

Unheated Unit

# BDRMS	MONTHLY
	Current - Proposed
0	\$542.00
1	\$629.00
2	\$775.00
3	\$1047.00
4	\$1225.00

Actual Saco Housing Rents Oct. 05 - Sept. 06

<u># Of Bedrooms</u>	<u>Heated</u>	<u>Cost</u>
0 BRDM.	All	\$400
0 BRDM.	All	\$400
0 BRDM.	All	\$400
	Gr. Total	1200
	Average	\$400

<u># Of Bedrooms</u>	<u>Unheated</u>	<u>Cost</u>
0 BRDM.	None	None

<u># Of Bedrooms</u>	<u>Heated</u>	<u>Cost</u>
1 BDRM.	Heat, H.W.	\$600
1 BDRM.	Heat, Elec	\$735
1 BDRM.	Heat, Elec	<u>\$540</u>
	Gr. Total	\$1,875
	Average	\$625

<u># Of Bedrooms</u>	<u>Unheated</u>	<u>Cost</u>
1 BRDM.	None	None

<u># Of Bedrooms</u>	<u>Heated</u>	<u>Cost</u>
2 BDRM.	Heat	\$525
2 BDRM.	Heat	\$636
2 BDRM.	Heat	\$755
2 BDRM.	Heat	\$736
2 BDRM.	Heat	\$726
2 BDRM.	Heat	\$840
2 BDRM.	Heat, H.W.	\$650
2 BDRM.	Heat, H.W.	\$700
2 BDRM.	Heat, H.W.	\$810
2 BDRM.	Heat, H.W., Elec.	\$900
2 BDRM.	Heat, H.W., Sewer	<u>\$650</u>
	Gr. Total	\$7,928
	Average	\$720.73

<u># Of Bedrooms</u>	<u>Unheated</u>	<u>Cost</u>
2 BDRM.	None	\$565
2 BDRM.	None	<u>\$850</u>
	Gr. Total	\$1,415
	Average	\$707.50

<u># Of Bedrooms</u>	<u>Heated</u>	<u>Cost</u>
3 BDRM.	Heat, H.W.	\$750
3 BDRM.	Heat, H.W.	\$950
3 BDRM.	Heat, Water, Sewer	\$400
3 BDRM.	Heat, Water, Sewer	<u>\$900</u>
	Gr. Total	\$3,000
	Average	\$750

<u># Of Bedrooms</u>	<u>Unheated</u>	<u>Cost</u>
3 BDRM.	None	\$800
	Gr. Total	\$800
	Average	\$800

<u># Of Bedrooms</u>	<u>Heated</u>	<u>Cost</u>
4 BDRM.	None	None

Food Maximums

Please Note: The maximum amounts allowed for food are established in accordance with the U.S.D.A. Thrifty Food Plan. Through October 1, 2007, those amounts are:

Number in Household	Weekly Maximum	Monthly Maximum
1	36.05	155
2	66.05	284
3	94.88	408
4	120.47	518
5	143.02	615
6	171.63	738
7	189.77	816
8	216.74	932

Note: For each additional person add \$117 per month.

Councilor Tardif moved, Councilor Michaud seconded, that it be Ordered that the City Council approve the First Reading on the amendment to Saco Code, Chapter 112, General Assistance Program, Appendix A – Total Monthly Allowed GA Overall Maximums, and further move to set a Public Hearing for November 20, 2006. The motion passed with seven (7) yeas.

Councilor Tardif moved, Councilor Michaud seconded, that it bet Ordered that the City Council approve the First Reading on the amendment to the Saco Code, Chapter 112, General Assistance Program, Appendix B – Food Maximums, and further move to set a Public Hearing for November 20, 2006.

Further move that it be Ordered that the City Council approve the First Reading on the amendment to Saco Code, Chapter 112, General Assistance Program, Appendix C – Maximum Levels of Housing Assistance, and further move to set a Public Hearing for November 20, 2006. The motion passed seven (7) yeas.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Tardif moved, Councilor Michaud seconded, to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. The motion passed with seven (7) yeas.

ATTEST: _____
Lucette S. Pellerin