

Regular meeting of Council opened at 7:35 P.M. with Mayor Terry Barnes presiding. In attendance were Deputy Mayor Sonia Williams, Clr. Hayward Blake, Clr. Patrick Haire, Clr. Gordon Stone, Clr. Tony McCarthy and Clr. Kathy Tetford.

Motion to Appoint Motioned by Clr. Stone and seconded by Deputy Mayor Williams to approve and appoint Sean O'Brien as acting Town Clerk effective January 16, 2016.
Motion Carried. Unanimously **Motion #16-010**

Also in attendance were acting Town Clerk, Sean O'Brien, Linda Chafe, Secretary/Accounts Receivable Clerk, and Patrick Hearn, Works Superintendent.

Minutes of regular meeting of January 6, 2016 were adopted as presented by motion of Clr. Stone and seconded by Clr. Haire.

Motion Carried. Unanimously **Motion #16-011**

Minutes of special meeting of January 11, 2016 were adopted as presented by motion of Deputy Mayor Williams and seconded by Clr. Blake.

Motion Carried. Unanimously **Motion #16-012**

Business Arising from Minutes

Dilapidated Property-Garland St. Clr. Stone questioned if letter was sent to owners of dilapidated property on Garland Street. Secretary advised it will be taken care of.

Tax Recovery Plan Clr. Stone questioned if the Tax Recovery Plan for the Town of Harbour Grace had been submitted to the Dept. of Finance. Secretary advised telephone message left with Ms. Rayanne Hibbs, Manager, Municipal Finance to call office to insure all was in order.

Fire Protection-Bristol's Hope Clr. Blake questioned how many payments have been received for fire protection service Bristol's Hope. Secretary advised approximately 42 payments to date.

Up-date property-4 Beach Hill Clr. Blake questioned if owners of property at 4 Beach Hill had been contacted concerning the purchase of their property. Advised Town lawyer was working on letter and Council will be kept updated.

Correspondence

Town of Old Perlican Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from the Town of Old Perlican requesting to purchase at a reasonable cost the existing surrounding board structure around the ice surface of the S.W. Moores Memorial Stadium after completion of the new stadium. After discussion Council agreed to send letter to The Town of Old Perlican advising they will keep them in mind however when there is a request for proposals (RFP) they may want to purchase all of the stadium.

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- Bill Ryan-166-180 Fisherman's Rd. Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from Bill Ryan requesting Council consider not charging tax for a parcel of land he owns at 166-180 Fisherman's Road as the land is not serviced by the Town of Harbour Grace due to the construction of the Veteran's Memorial Highway in 2000.
After discussion Council agreed there would probably be more appeals concerning the minimum tax of \$350.00 per parcel of land. Council agreed that each property owner would be looked at individually and a file would be kept.
Deferred to Finance Committee
- Glenda Sequin-Donation Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from Jonathan Greenland, MD FRCPC, Chief Radiation Oncology for Eastern Health, advising the Glenda Sequin is a patient of the Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Centre and has to travel to Halifax for six weeks for radiation treatment. A fundraiser dance in support of Glenda Sequin will take place on January 23, 2016 at the Knights of Columbus, Daltonian Club, Harvey Street, Harbour Grace at 6:30 P.M. and a donation is requested.
Motioned by Clr. Tetford and seconded by Clr. Stone to donate \$50.00 in support of Glenda Sequin traveling to Halifax for radiation treatment.
Motion Carried. Unanimously **Motion #16-013**
- Jessica Galway Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from Jessica Galway requesting a donation for the online auction that Bayshore Daycare is hosting in aid of the Janeway Children's Hospital.
Motioned by Deputy Mayor Williams and seconded by Clr. Tetford to check with Stadium Manager, Mike Adam and arrange to donate one hour ice time.
Motion Carried. Unanimously **Motion #16-014**
- Glenn Clarke-Car Dealership Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from Glenn Clarke requesting permission to operate a used car dealership from his business located at 25-31 Cathedral Street, Harbour Grace.
Motioned by Clr. McCarthy and seconded by Clr. Haire to approve Mr. Clarke's application to operate a used car dealership at 25-31 Cathedral Street. Mr. Clarke to be advised he has to have a commercial occupancy permit.
- Kevin Haire-Rental Units Mayor Barnes tabled an application from Kevin Haire to build rental units at 43-45 Water Street East.
Motioned by Clr. McCarthy and seconded by Clr. Stone to advise Mr. Haire that under the Town of Harbour Grace Municipal Plan and Development Regulations he is required to advertise under "Discretionary Use" in the local paper at his cost. Also a request from the developer for drawings and measurements on boundary distances. Motion Carried. Unanimously **Motion #16-015**

Committee Reports

Capital & Public Works Committee No Report

Finance Committee

Tanya Follett Lilly-Purchase Clr. Tetford advised Council that her Committee's priority is working on the 2016 Budget and hopes to address Ms. Follett-Lilly request as soon as budget is completed.
Deferred to Finance Committee

Housing/Environment/Sanitation Committee

Edward Diamond-House Extension Motioned by Clr. McCarthy and seconded by Clr. Haire to approve Mr. Edward Diamond's application to build an extension to his home at 465-475 Southside Road subject to all Town's Development Standards.
Motion Carried. Unanimously ***Motion #16-016***

Andrew Short-House Re: Application to build at 32-34 Devonshire Road . Clr. McCarthy advised more information is needed as to land access.
Deferred to Housing/Environment/Sanitation Committee

Joseph Shugarue-Crown Land Motioned by Clr. McCarthy and seconded by Clr. Blake that the Housing/Environment/Sanitation Committee will not approve crown land application until the provincial government decisions concerning municipal crown land.
Motion Carried. Unanimously ***Motion #16-017***

Fred Bradbury-Subdivision Motioned by Clr. McCarthy and seconded by Clr. Blake to approve in principal subdivision at 41-51 Thicket Road subject to completion of a re zoning change from "Industrial" to "Residential" at Mr. Bradbury's cost and necessary amendments made to the Town's Municipal Plan and Development Regulations, all Town Development Standards and well & septic system approval by Service NL.
Motion Carried. Unanimously ***Motion #16-018***

Courtney Clarke-New Business Motioned by Clr. McCarthy and seconded by Clr. Tetford to approve a commercial occupancy permit to open a grooming shop for cats and dogs called "For the Love of Dog" at 16 Woodville Crescent.
Motion Carried. Unanimously ***Motion #16-019***

Economic Development/Tourism/Heritage Committee

- Promoting Heritage Motioned by Clr. Blake and seconded by Clr. McCarthy to accept as presented branding concept developed to promote our heritage.
- Marine Industrial Park Clr. Stone advised that the Economic/Development/Tourism/Heritage Committee as well as our M.H.A.have started the paperwork for the Marine Industrial Park to help move the project along. Clr. Stone will keep Council updated.

Human Resources/Parks & Recreation Committee

- Pirate's Day Deputy Mayor Williams advised Council that plans have started to make Pirate's Day an annual event.
- Union Negotiations Deputy Mayor Williams advised that Union Negotiations are ongoing and will keep Council updated.

Fire Dept. Liaison

- Firehall Clr. Blake advised that the price quotes have been requested on the problem with the fire hall ceiling.
- Snow Clearing-Fireman's Social Clr. Blake requested that the snow needs to be cleared around the Fireman's Social Building. Works Superintendent to look into.

Civic Events Liaison

- Senior's Card Games Mayor Barnes advised that every second Monday there is a senior's card game at the Fireman's Social Building, Bannerman Street.

Public Works Superintendent Report

Tabled
Clr. Stone questioned if Bay Roberts Zamboni had been returned and was advised by Works Superintendent that it had. Clr. Stone thanked Bay Roberts for all their co-operation.

Stadium Manager's Report

Tabled

Councillor's Information

- 48 Southside Road Clr. Stone received a request from resident at 48 Southside Road requesting if Council could take over the private road between 48 and 50 Southside Road.
- Fire Protection-Bristols Hope Clr. McCarthy wanted to go on record saying that residents of Bristol's Hope are charged \$75.00 per year for Fire Protection Service while Harbour Grace residents are charged \$90.00 per year.

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- Bus Shelter-Lee's Lane Clr. Tetford had a request to have a Bus Shelter installed east of Lee's Lane on Water Street. Works Superintendent to look into.
- Enforcement Officer Clr. Haire advised Council that to hire and share an enforcement officer with the Town of Spaniard's Bay would cost approximately \$58,000.00 with expenses \$116,000.00. Clr. Haire suggested Council will look at hiring someone part-time. Clr. Tetford requested passing on cost in order to have in budget for 2016.
- Investing in our Town Clr. Blake advised Council that a wonderful meeting took place with two groups looking at projects and ways to invest in our town.
- Winter Carnival Deputy Mayor Williams advised that the Winter Carnival will take place February 19-21. List of events will be posted on line.
- Resignation-Lisa Carroll Mayor Barnes spoke on the resignation of CAO, Lisa Carroll on Saturday, January 16, 2016. Mayor Barnes went on record and advised that the matter has been referred to the RCMP. Social media has been rampant with false information and comments. Any untrue and unfair comments made concerning the Council or its employees will be investigated for unlawful and damaging content.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M. by motion of Deputy Mayor Williams and seconded by Clr. Blake.

Motion Carried. Unanimously *Motion #16-020*

Next scheduled regular meeting of Council is February 10, 2016 at 7:30P.M.with Councillors meeting at 6:00 P.M.

Confirmed:

Terry Barnes, Mayor

Sean O'Brien, Acting Town Clerk

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