

Regular meeting of Council opened at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Terry Barnes presiding. In attendance were Deputy Mayor Sonia Williams, Clr. Hayward Blake, Clr. Gordon Stone, and Clr. Patrick Harie. Clr. Kathy Tetford and Clr. Tony McCarthy were absent from meeting.

Also in attendance were Lisa Carroll, CAO/Town Manager, Linda Chafe, Secretary/Accounts Receivable Clerk, Patrick Hearn, Works Superintendent.

Minutes of special meeting of September 29, 2015 were adopted as presented by motion of Clr. Stone and seconded by Clr. Haire.

Motion Carried. Unanimously **Motion #16-001**

Minutes of regular meeting of December 9, 2015 were adopted as presented by motion of Clr. Blake and seconded by Clr. Haire with the following correction on page 3 under Phase 4 Harvey Street should read apply to Dept. of Municipal Affairs and Dept. of Transportation and Works.

Motion Carried. Unanimously **Motion #16-002**

### **Business Arising from Minutes**

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| Marketing Plan                 | Clr. Stone informed Council that a meeting took place with the Economic Development Committee and Jerry Dick, Director of Heritage who is looking at and reviewing a marketing plan also discussed was hiring a marketing person at no cost to the Town.                                                                   |
| Sub-Division-Thicket Rd.       | Clr. Stone inquired on the status of application for development of sub-division on Thicket Road and was informed it had been deferred to Housing & Zoning Committee.                                                                                                                                                      |
| Playground-Equipment           | Deputy Mayor Williams questioned if the playground equipment was ordered. CAO informed Council that eight new pieces of playground equipment have been ordered.                                                                                                                                                            |
| Fire Protection-Bristol's Hope | Clr. Blake questioned how many residents of Bristol's Hope have paid for their Fire Protection Service and was advised that to date 34 residents. Clr. Blake felt that \$75.00 a year for Fire Protection Service was a fair deal given to Bristol's Hope residents and hopes to see all households avail of this service. |
| Dilapidated Property           | Clr. Blake questioned if owners at the top of Garland Street have been contacted to clean up their property. CAO advised that she was talking with the owners. Council requested that CAO write a letter requesting clean-up.                                                                                              |

### **Correspondence**

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| Purchase-Council Bldg | Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from Tanya Dawn Follett Lilly with an offer to purchase the old Council Building at 104 Water Street for \$20,000.00 to either open a daycare, caf_, or seafood store.<br>Deferred to Finance Committee                                                                 |
| Tax Recovery Plan     | Mayor Barnes tabled a Policy and Procedure Tax Recovery Plan for the Town of Harbour Grace.<br>Motioned by Clr. Stone and seconded by Clr. Haire that the Town of Harbour Graces resolves to accept the Tax Recovery Plan as presented and submitted.<br>Motion Carried. Unanimously <b>Motion #16-003</b> |

Municipal Assessment Agency Mayor Barnes tabled correspondence from Betty Moore, Avalon representative for the Municipal Assessment Agency informing Council that it held its sixth board meeting of the year on December 4, 2015, with committee meetings held on December 3, 2015. The main item of business was the review and acceptance of the 2016-2017 budget. Operational costs including insurance and maintenance, have increased. This year, the fees to clients will remain at \$28 per assessed parcel (no charge for Crown land or low value land.)

Edward Diamond Mayor Barnes tabled an application from Edward Diamond requesting permission to build an extension to his home at 465 Southside Road. Deferred to Housing/Environment/Sanitation Committee

Andrew Short Mayor Barnes tabled an application from Andrew Short requesting permission to build a residential home at 32-34 Devonshire Road. Deferred to Housing/Environment/Sanitation Committee

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Capital & Public Works Committee** No Report

**Finance Committee** No Report

**Housing/Environment/Sanitation Committee**

Joseph Shugarue-Crown Council advised that if this land was owned by the Town it would have to be advertised for sale. Deferred to Housing/Environment/Sanitation Committee.

Fred Bradbury-Subdivision 41-51 Thicket Road Deferred to Housing/Environment/Sanitation Committee.

**Economic Development/Tourism/Heritage Committee**

Meeting-MHA Pam Parsons Clr. Blake informed Council of the Economic Development’s meeting held with our M.H.A. Pam Parsons, to discuss Council’s implementation of a Marine Industrial Park and to elicit government’s support. M.H.A. Pam Parsons will meet with Hon. Steve Crocker, Fisheries Minister to review the Town’s application for MIP and suggested Council send her a Feasibility Study. Consensus at the meeting was that this project will benefit all the region and would provide much needed jobs. Discussion is ongoing and Clr. Blake will keep Council informed.

Ridley Office-Rhonda Parsons After discussion it was motioned by Clr. Blake and seconded by Clr. Haire that the Town of Harbour Grace offer Ms. Rhonda Parsons \$84,000.00 plus 10% to purchase her property at 13 Beach Hill. Motion Carried. Unanimously **Motion #16-004**

**Human Resources/Parks & Recreation Committee** No Report



Newfoundland Power Clr. Haire advised that a very successful meeting had taken place with Newfoundland Power and several issues had been ironed out.

New Build Incentive 2016 After discussion it was motioned by Clr. Blake and seconded by Clr. Haire to grant a one-year property exemption from the date of the first home assessment by the municipal assessment agency all new residential homes built in 2016 followed by a 25% reduction on assessment of property tax for the next three years on all new builds.  
Motion Carried. Unanimously *Motion #16-005*

Pole Lights Out Deputy Mayor Williams advised there are a fair number of pole lights out.

New Stadium-Name Deputy Mayor Williams suggested Council look at ideas for naming the new stadium as it is less than a year away.

Newfoundland Summer Games Motion by Deputy Mayor Williams and seconded by Clr. Stone to leave \$20,000.00 in Newfoundland Summer Games account to cover scholarship for the next 20 years and the remaining balance split between Harbour Grace and Carbonear.  
Motion Carried Unanimously *Motion #16-006*

Marketing-Signs Clr. Blake advised Council he is discussing with Jerry Dick, Director of Heritage ways to promote the town by signage. The cost of some signage may be available through government funding.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M. by motion of Clr. Stone and seconded by Deputy Mayor Williams.  
Motion Carried. Unanimously *Motion #15-007*

Next scheduled regular meeting of Council is January 20, 2016 at 7:30 P.M. with Councillors meeting at 6:00 P.M.

**Confirmed:**

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Terry Barnes, Mayor

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Lisa Carroll, Town Clerk/CAO

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