

City of Auburn
Transportation & Environment
March 16, 2016
5:30 PM
Council Chambers

- **Call to Order and Introductions:**

Councilor David Young; Councilor Leroy Walker; Councilor Ernestine Gibert, Rick Breton 1109 Summer St, Auburn Resident, Paula White, Vice Chair of Conservation Commission, Chuck Lafean, on the Conservation Commission, Scott Holland, Deputy Director of Public Services, Dan Goyette, Director of Public Services, Denis D'Auteuil, Assistant City Manager, Dave Griswald, Lewiston and Auburn Community Forestry Board, Tizz Crowley, Conservation Commission

- **Minutes:**

Motion was made by Councilor Walker seconded by Councilor Gibert, accepting the minutes of the February 17, 2016 Transportation & Environment meeting. Passage 3-0

- **Public Woodlot Management Ordinance:**

Discussion took place on the Public Woodlot Management Ordinance/Conservation Commission. Dave Griswald gave a brief history and description of the reasoning and needs of such Ordinance. Councilor Walker asked if the School Department received a copy; Dave Griswald acknowledges that a copy was sent to Jude Cyr for comments; no comments were received. Assistant City Manager, Denis D'Auteuil stated that the School Department is well aware of the past issues bringing this Ordinance forward.

Motion was made by Councilor Walker second by Councilor Gibert, accepting the Public Woodlot Management Ordinance Conservation Commission to go to full Council. Passage 3-0

- **Solid Waste and recycling Contract**

Assistant City Manager, Denis D'Auteuil gave a description of the Solid Waste and Recycling Committee's history as well as the recommendation to go to the Auto System.

Public Services Director, Dan Goyette informed the Committee the current provider agreed to extend our current contract until a decision is made. For FY 17 there will be a 1% increase for both solid waste and recycling. A decision will need to be made on what type of system to move forward with.

Comments: The different options for solid waste and recycling were discussed. The need for additional education with whichever plan is decided upon was also discussed. The Committee was reminded that prior to bringing the contract to the full Council, the committee should have a formal recommendation.

Councilor Walker would like to move forward; Councilor Gibert would like to continue reviewing the Solid Waste and Recycling Contract prior to going to the full Council.

- **MMWAC**

Councilor Walker gave a brief history of MMWAC, its' ownership status and its current transition to a new manager. The committee expressed a desire for a tour of the facility.

A number of residents then spoke about how well MMWAC operates, the need for additional education for residents on the facility and what it means to the City, and how the various options for the City with regards to the future solid waste and recycling contract would impact the facility.

- **Recreation and Special Events Committee**

Assistant City Manager Denis D'Auteuil gave a brief description of the history of the new recreation and special events committee as a result of the parks department now falling under Public Services. The new committee was never formalized by the Council and needs to either be formalized or not. If not, the existing ordinance is acceptable and the board needs to be filled. The committee then discussed the pros and cons of the new committee.

A motion was made by Councilor Ernestine Gibert to keep what is in the ordinance, Councilor Walker agreed. Passage 3-0 to keep the existing ordinance and not have a Recreation and Special Events Committee.

- **Summer Street Extension Reconstruction**

Department Director of Public Services, Dan Goyette, gave a history of the project and the public process it has gone through. A resident spoke in favor of the project.

Motion was made to have the project to go out to bid as designed. Passage 3-0 to move forward with the project.

- **Committee recommendations:**

- a. Public Woodlot Management Ordinance:
 - Move the Ordinance to full Council, and insure the School Department received a completed copy. Will make sure to get it in the queue for the next available Council meeting.
- b. Solid Waste and Recycling Contract:
 - Come back to the next meeting
- c. MMWAC:
 - Going to come back after the new Director is hired and prepares a plan
- d. Recreation and Special Events Committee:
 - Report out, stick with the current ordinance and do away with the Special Events Committee.
- e. Summer Street Extension Reconstruction:
 - Report out, the Committee approved the project and move forward.

- **Staff updates**

- a. **Route 4**
 - No meeting has been set yet, as soon as Director of Public Services hears he will notify all

- **Public Comment**

- a. None

- **Next Meeting agenda setting, April 20, 2016**

- a. Solid waste

- **Adjournment**

- a. End Session 5:30 PM