

**St. Albans City Council
Minutes of Meeting
Monday, January 9, 2012
City Hall, Council Chambers**

A regular meeting of the St. Albans City Council was held on Monday, January 9, 2012, in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 6:30 pm.

Council Present: Mayor Martin Manahan, Aldermen: Tim Hawkins, Chad Spooner, Joe Luneau, Aaron O'Grady and Jeff Young.

Council Absent: Alderman Richard Peters

Staff Present: Dominic Cloud, City Manager; Peg Strait, Director of Finance and Administration; Gary Taylor, Chief of Police; Judy Dunn, Police Lieutenant; Ron Hoague, Police Lieutenant; Chip Sawyer, Director of Planning and Development; Sue Krupp, City Clerk.

Visitors: See attached sign-in sheet.

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Alderman Spooner; seconded by Alderman Luneau to enter into executive session at 5:15 pm, to consider contracts, civil actions, and labor relations agreements where premature general public knowledge would clearly place the municipality or person involved at substantial disadvantage.

A motion was made by Alderman Spooner; seconded by Alderman Luneau to exit executive session at 6:25 pm. Vote was unanimous, 5-0.

Open Session:

1. Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Manahan led the Pledge of allegiance at 6:37 pm.
2. Public Comment. No public comment made.
3. Tim Smith, FCIDC.

Mr. Smith explained that at the State level, a recruitment position has been eliminated. In an effort to generate job creation in Franklin County, FCIDC has created a bilingual brochure and will begin networking to companies in Canada. Examples of successful Canadian firms in Franklin County are Mylan Technologies and Peerless Clothing. Mr. Smith added that FCIDC is also trying to help toward the growth of diversified agriculture by providing training and education to local agricultural businesses. FCIDC has also received a community grant through HUD and will assist in developing a strategic economic plan and has been in discussion with the railroad on a potential project. Mr. Luneau asked if there have been any prospects for tenants in the industrial park. Mr. Smith explained that they are working on permitting the lots to reduce the amount of time before a tenant can move in. In addition, FCIDC was in conversation with Jim Tischler during his tenure with the City about the use of the upper floors of TD Bank.

4. Annual Certificate of Highway Mileage (D&V), Allen Robtoy.
Mr. Manahan explained in Mr. Robtoy's absence that the annual Certificate of Highway Mileage must be completed in order to determine the City's share of State aid for City highways for FY 13. **A motion was made by Alderman Spooner; seconded by Alderman Luneau to approve annual certificate of highway mileage. Vote was unanimous, 5-0.**
5. Downtown Transportation Fund Grant Resolution (D&V), Chip Sawyer.
Mr. Sawyer explained that the City is preparing an application to the Vermont Downtown Transportation Fund to extend the Downtown Streetscape improvements down the first block of Lake Street to the intersection of Federal Street. This project will have the same design of the Main Street Streetscape Project and the Federal Street Multi-Modal Corridor Project and will effectively link the two. The project will include new sidewalks, lighting fixtures and cross walk realignment. **A motion was made by Alderman Spooner; seconded by Alderman Young to approve downtown transportation fund grant. Vote was unanimous, 5-0.**
6. School Energy Committee Update. The School Energy Committee was not present.
7. Buddy's Taxi Settlement (D&V).
A motion was made by Alderman Young; seconded by Alderman Luneau to accept Buddy's Taxi Settlement as outlined. Vote was unanimous, 5-0.
8. Minutes (D&V).
 - a. December 12, 2011, Regular Meeting.
A motion was made by Alderman Spooner; seconded by Alderman O'Grady to approve minutes from December 12, 2011 Regular Meeting. Vote was unanimous, 5-0.
 - b. December 28, 2011, Special Meeting.
A motion was made by Alderman Spooner; seconded by Alderman O'Grady to approve minutes from December 28, 2011 Special Meeting. Vote was unanimous, 5-0.
 - c. December 28, 2011 Liquor Control Board.
A motion was made by Alderman Luneau; seconded by Alderman Spooner to approve minutes from December 28, 2011 Liquor Control Board Meeting. Vote was unanimous, 5-0.
9. Recess and Open as Liquor Control Board.
A motion was made by Alderman Luneau; seconded by Alderman Spooner to recess out of regular session and commence as Liquor Control Board at 6:55 p.m. Vote was unanimous, 5-0. (See Liquor Control Board minutes).
10. Warrants (D&V).
 - a. 1/4/12.
A motion was made by Alderman Spooner; seconded by Alderman Luneau to approve warrants from January 4, 2012. Vote was unanimous, 5-0.

b. 12/21/11.

A motion was made by Alderman Spooner; seconded by Alderman Luneau to approve warrants from December 21, 2011. Vote was unanimous, 5-0.

11. Other Business.

Mr. Hawkins asked Mr. Cloud if he recalled the money that was set aside for stormwater permitting when the City sold the building on Lemnah Drive. Mr. Cloud stated that we are still holding that money aside. There is a technical fix that requires an amendment to the application and the City is currently working with the Town to get that amended. Once amended, we should be able to get our stormwater permit and wrap up the Diversion Canal project.

12. Adjourn Regular Council Meeting and Break.

A motion was made by Alderman Luneau; seconded by Alderman Hawkins to adjourn meeting at 7:13 pm and reconvene into Budget Work Session. Vote was unanimous, 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristen Knoff, Admin. Coordinator

Approved by Council