



Town of Hermon

Public Safety Meeting Room

July 20, 2023

Town Council Meeting

7:00 PM

MINUTES

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ALL ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATE COUNCIL ACTION

Clerk to Elect Council Chairperson

Councilor Thomas nominated Ronald Murphy to serve as Chairperson. There were no other nominations for Chairperson. A show of hands vote resulted in 6 votes for Ronald Murphy. Ronald Murphy accepted the Chair seat for FY 23-24.

Clerk to Elect Council Vice-Chairperson

Councilor Snyder nominated Steven Thomas to serve as Vice Chairperson. There were no other nominations for Vice Chairperson. A show of hands vote resulted in 6 votes for Steven Thomas. Steven Thomas accepted the Vice Chair seat for FY 23-24.

I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Murphy led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance

III. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Richard Cyr, Christopher Gray, Danielle Haggerty, Ronald Murphy, John Snyder III, and Steven Thomas

Members Absent: Derek Wood - Excused

Others Present: Town Manager Joshua Berry, Town Clerk Kristen Cushman, Town Attorney Tim Pease and 11 residents/guests



IV. REVIEW CONSENT CALENDAR: REGULAR BUSINESS, APPOINTMENTS, SIGNATURES, And APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

SIGNATURES. –APPROVE

MINUTES. -APPROVE 6/22/23

WARRANTS. –SIGN 6/30/2023, 7/7/2023, 7/21/2023

RESOLVES. –SIGN

Councilor Snyder moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Councilor Thomas seconded the motion. Motion passes 6-0.

V. NEWS, PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS:

- **Audit Presentation by Peter J Hall CPA LLC – Rescheduled to a future council meeting**

VI. PUBLIC ITEMS OR COMMENTS: (*Items Not Already on Agenda*)

- None

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

IX. SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS:

A. OLD BUSINESS:

B. NEW BUSINESS:

O23-24-01 Consider setting the council calendar for FY 23-24

Councilor Thomas moved to approve O23-24-1. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 6-0.

C. WORKSHOPS:

- **Audit – RFP discussion**
- **Firework ordinance**

D. OTHER ITEMS: (from Table Package)



X. APPOINTMENTS:

XI. MANAGER STATUS REPORT:

- At the next meeting the Council Rules will be a workshop item.
- Council packets will have a submission due date to prepare for upcoming meetings. This date can be found under council meetings on hermonmaine.gov
- The town will increase the use of Facebook as an information resource going forward.
- Hermon is hosting the Little League District #3 Championship starting on 7/22/23 going through next week.

XII. FINAL PUBLIC ITEMS OR COMMENT: (*Items Not Already on Agenda*)

- Terry Hamm-Morris

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XIII. COUNCIL ITEMS:

Danielle Haggerty: Welcome Chris to the council.

Richard Cyr: Thank you to Steve Thomas for setting up a Go Fund Me for two sisters in Carmel who lost both parents in a short time.

Steve Thomas: Welcome Chris to the council. The High School field is close to completion and the first home game will be the end of August.

Chris Gray: Thank you for the well wishes.

Ron Murphy: Welcome to Chris Gray and Brian Veneziano (school committee).



XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- Consider entering Executive Session to discuss a legal matter involving council procedures per 1 M.S.R.A. § 405(6)(E)

Councilor Thomas moved to enter Executive Session to discuss a legal matter involving council procedures pursuant to 1 M.S.R.A. 405 (6)(E). Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 6-0.

The motion carries. Executive Session started at 7:58 p.m.

Executive Session ended at 8:25 p.m.

- Consider entering Executive Session to discuss a legal matter involving council procedures per 1 M.S.R.A. § 405(6)(E)

Councilor Thomas moved to enter Executive Session to discuss a legal matter involving council procedures pursuant to 1 M.S.R.A. 405 (6)(E). Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 6-0.

The motion carries. Executive Session started at 8:27 p.m.

Executive Session ended at 9:16 p.m.

XV. ADJOURNMENT:

Councilor Snyder moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 PM. Councilor Gray seconded. With no objection the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Kristen Cushman
Town Clerk**

Explanatory note #1: All items in the CONSENT CALENDAR are considered routine and are proposed for adoption by the Town Council with one motion without DISCUSSION or deliberation. If DISCUSSION on any item is desired, any member of the Council or public may request the removal of an item for it to be placed in the regular agenda prior to the motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Explanatory Note #2: In the interest of effect decision-making: At 10:00 p.m., the Chairman shall poll the Council and Town Manager to identify remaining items which shall be carried forward to the next Regular Meeting.

Explanatory Note #3: A Councilor who feels the need for the Council excusing his/her absence will make the request to the Town Manager or the Town Clerk prior to the meeting.