

LONDONDERRY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

1 **September 14, 2020**

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3 The meeting took place in Moose Hill Council Chambers at Town.

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5 Present: Chairman John Farrell; Vice-Chairman Joe Green; Councilor Tom Dolan and Deb
6 Paul; Town Manager Kevin Smith; Assistant Town Manager Lisa Drabik; Executive
7 Assistant Kirby Brown; Absent: Councilor Jim Butler

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9 **CALL TO ORDER**

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11 Chairman Farrell called the Town Council meeting to order. Chairman Farrell discussed
12 the 9/11 ceremony help in town on 9/11. Chairman Farrell also read the meeting guidelines
13 into the record. Chairman Farrell also discussed the mask policy. This was followed by the
14 Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by a moment of silence for our country.

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16 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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18 Chief Darren O'Brien spoke on behalf of an elderly resident who couldn't make the
19 meeting about her concerns over the water restriction ordinance. Chief O'Brien stated that
20 she wants to ask the Council to reconsider on the ordinance. Chief O'Brien stated that
21 Londonderry is nine inches below the normal drought.

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23 Randy Fesh, 9 Darrow Way, stated that he isn't in favor of the water ordinance. Fesh stated
24 that he understands the concern. Fesh stated that he doesn't think it's worth it to spend
25 money on resources like police to enforce it and the different levels, there's ways around
26 everything and he doesn't think the ordinance will be very impactful. Fesh also discussed
27 the recreation program in town and what it costs. Fesh asked how we can contribute more
28 money to the recreation department to help children out with some of the programs offered,
29 those who need the help. Fesh also asked for a breakdown of the CARES money the town
30 received and where some of the money went. Chairman Farrell stated that some of the
31 CARE items are on the agenda tonight. Chairman Farrell also stated that the Council will
32 look into the recreation program,

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34 Town manager gave an update to free dump day that was discussed before. Smith invited
35 up Assistant Public Works Director John Trottier to discuss the logistics to see if this could
36 work out. Trottier stated that the town has been accommodating 180 to 190 customers that
37 are paying for disposal of debris. There are people that come in with yard waste. Biggest
38 concern is the capacity. Trottier stated if there is a free day, the numbers would be a lot.
39 COVID is also a concern. Councilor Paul stated that it's sad that the town can't give back
40 to the taxpayers. Councilor Paul stated that as the town grows, what are we doing once we
41 start getting more people there. Vice Chairman Green suggested splitting the weeks up by
42 last name. Chairman Farrell stated that there are some options to figure out.

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PUBLIC HEARING

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NEW BUSINESS

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50 Finance Director Justin Campo presented Order #2020-13, an order relative to the
51 withdrawal of Cable Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. Campo stated that this money is
52 for the Comcast franchise fee agreement that the town has entered into with the School
53 District to give them \$8,000 per year for purposes of maintaining their cable. Councilor
54 Paul asked if the town went out to bid for these services. Chairman Farrell stated a year or
55 two ago the town signed a new franchise agreement contract with Comcast. There's a
56 franchise fee that comes on residents bills and that money comes back to the town to help
57 operate the cable center and fund these kinds of projects. This is being fund out of the bill
58 people are paying now. Campo stated that this is in addition to that money and the schools
59 to help support their program. Chairman Farrell stated that the contract is for twelve years.
60 Motion to approve Order #2020-13 made by Vice Chairman Green and second by
61 Councilor Dolan. Chair votes 4-0-0.

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63 Chairman Farrell introduced Resolution #2020-14, an amendment to the CRCAR. Smith
64 stated that he is looking to have an amendment to the initial program that was rolled out
65 using some of the CARES act money. About \$50,000 was allocated to give back in
66 reimbursement money to small businesses in town that had COVID related expenses. The
67 town went through the first round and approximately \$25,000 of it was allocated. Smith
68 stated that those were all the business who provided us with the detail needed. Smith

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69 stated that they want to amend it to up it to \$2,500 instead of \$1,000. Smith stated they
70 would also like to open it to more businesses who missed the first time. Smith stated that
71 this also includes reimbursement the town submitted for in ways of PPE. Campo went
72 through the items the town sought reimbursement for. Motion to approve Resolution
73 #2020-14 made by Vice Chairman Green and second by Councilor Dolan. Chair votes 4-
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76 Chairman Farrell stated that the Council is having a discussion whether an Ordinance
77 should be put in place regarding masks. It is just a discussion and there is no ordinance in
78 place. A lot of places are already requiring masks. Vice Chairman Green stated that he
79 would support an Ordinance that we could put into place in case the Fire Chief needed to.
80 Councilor Dolan stated it should be specific and include that children under a certain age
81 and deaf, hard or hearing, hard of breathing, shouldn't be required to wear a mask.
82 Chairman Farrell advised the staff to work with the Fire Chief to get him any materials he
83 will need.

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OLD BUSINESS

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87 The Council discussed potential water restrictions. Councilor Paul requested the
88 Ordinance goes on the agenda at the next meeting.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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92 Motion to approve the Town Council minutes from August 31, 2020 made by Councilor
93 Dolan and second by Councilor Paul. Chair votes 3-0-1.

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APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

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97 Chairman Farrell suggested the Council do appointments at their next meeting when
98 Councilor Butler is present.

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100 The Council interviewed Jason Knights for the Planning Board and Paul Peddler for the
101 Traffic Safety Committee.

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ADJOURNMENT

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- 104 Motion to adjourn made by Vice Chairman Green and seconded by Councilor Dolan. Chair
105 votes 4-0-0.
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| 107 | Notes and Tapes by: | Kirby Brown | Date: 09/14/2020 |
| 108 | Minutes Typed by: | Kirby Brown | Date: 09/20/2020 |
| 109 | Approved by: | Town Council | Date: 09/28/2020 |