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Minutes from the City Council Meeting on Tuesday January 21, 2020 at 7:15 pm in the RiverMills Senior Center, 5 West Main Street are as follows:

Brooks, Shane D.	Ward 2 Councilor	Present
Laflamme, Frank N.	At-Large Councilor	Present
Roy, Gerard (Jerry) A.	At-Large Councilor	Absent
Tillotson, James K.	At-Large Councilor	Present
Zygarowski, Robert J.	At-Large Councilor	Present
McAuliffe, Joel D.	Ward 1 Councilor	Present
Galecki, Lucjan J.	Ward 2 Councilor	Present
Balakier, George A.	Ward 4 Councilor	Present
Krampits, Fred T.	Ward 5 Councilor	Present
Dobosz, Derek	Ward 6 Councilor	Present
Courchesne, William C.	Ward 7 Councilor	Present
Labrie, Gary R.	Ward 8 Councilor	Present
Walczak, Stan	Ward 9 Councilor	Present

Public Input—Jim Tanhauser, 96 Pondview Drive, for the record would like to thank President Brooks and Councilor McAuliffe for guidance. Options and opinions are being formed too quickly with no joint meetings. Seat should face two options, abolish the seat to leave a vacancy or have a special election. Current individuals are competent. Do what is right, not what is necessary. The constitution has 27 changes to it, do what is most beneficial for our city.

C1 Correspondence from the Chicopee Board of Assessors regarding 2020 Senior-Work Off Lottery

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive and carry out the lottery system. Councilor Tillotson stated as done in the past. The lottery was held, the names pulled. Motion passed. Councilor Roy absent.

--Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to accept the minutes of 1/7/2020. Motion passed. Councilor Roy absent.

MO-1 Mayors appropriation of Thirty thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$30,000.00) to the following named account: D.P.W. Highway Expense Account for Repairs to Equipment from available funds in the D.P.W. Highway Salary Account for Highway Maintenance Man.

--Motion made by Councilor McAuliffe to receive and pass. Councilor McAuliffe stated this is a 20 year old piece of equipment in need of repair. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Roy absent.

MO-2 Mayors appropriation of Twenty six thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$26,000.00) to the following named Police Expense Accounts:

Educational Training	\$ 18,000.00
Departmental Equipment	<u>8,000.00</u>
Total	\$ 26,000.00

from available funds in the Police Salary Account for Holiday.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and pass. Councilor Krampits stated this funding transfer is to provide new hires equipment. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Roy absent.

MO-3 Ordered that the City Council accept the Massachusetts Jail/Arrest Diversion Program Grant to the Chicopee Police Department in the amount of Thirty six thousand nine hundred sixty eight and 00/100 dollars (\$36,968.00) in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Galecki to receive, pass and the grant accepted. Councilor Galecki stated the grant for the Police Department for training with people who may have mental health issues. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Roy absent.

MO-4 Ordered that the City Council accept the donation of Two thousand five hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$2,500.00) to the Chicopee Police Department from Walmart. Said donation is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive, pass and the donation accepted. Councilor Walczak stated from Walmart, used for youth programs and programs that benefit the city. Councilor Dobosz stated wants the constituents to know this doesn't affect the meeting with Walmart, they are still coming in. Councilor McAuliffe stated the donation is appreciated, however would like them to donate a police officer. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Roy absent.

MO-5 Ordered that the City Council accept the donation of a PetSmart gift card in the amount of Two hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$200.00) to the Chicopee Police Department from a Chicopee resident. Said donation is to be used for K9 expenses and is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive, pass and the donation accepted. Councilor Labrie stated this is a gift card from an anonymous citizen. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Roy absent.

MO-6 Mayors appropriation of Twenty thousand two hundred and 32/100 dollars (\$20,200.32) to the following named account: Mayor's Salary Account for Chief of Staff from available funds in the Mayor's Special Account for Consulting Services.

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive and pass. Councilor Tillotson stated think the title is misleading. Clarify what he thinks will happen. Special Projects coordinator. Projects are underway carried over in the transition from one Mayor to the next, safety complex, sewer connection, trash monitoring, Silver-Brick, WMDC, 100 acres industrial park. Purchase of property for garage. This is money well spent in the long run, help get us through a smooth transition. Councilor Labrie stated he is for this, form of contract. New Chief of Staff, you don't want anything to fall through the cracks, projects and grants in the works. Councilor McAuliffe stated worked in the previous administration with no help. This will help tremendously, John will pass along his knowledge. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Roy absent.

MO-7 Mayors appropriation of Eight thousand two hundred and 00/100 (\$8,200.00) to the following named account: M.I.S. Special Account for Software Upgrades from available funds in the M.I.S. Salary Account for Senior Tech. Support Technician.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and pass. Councilor Balakier stated this is a software upgrated for office 365. Will enable the city email upgrade. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Roy absent.

MO-8 Ordered that the City Council accept the donation of two (2) Bullard T3X thermal imaging cameras to the Chicopee Fire Department through the Leary Firefighters Foundation Grant. Said cameras have a value of fourteen thousand seven hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$14,700.00) and are accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A ½.

--Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to receive, pass and the donation accepted. Councilor Zygarowski stated the Fire Department is always looking for grants, could save lives. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Roy absent.

MO-9 Ordered that the City Council accept the FY'2020 Washer-Extractor Grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security and the Department of Fire Services to the Chicopee Fire Department in the amount of Five thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$5,000.00). Said grant is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive, pass and the grant accepted. Councilor Courchesne stated specialized washer to remove carcinogens, hope to get one more to equip all stations. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Roy absent.

MO-10 Ordered that the City Council accept the FY'2020 Firefighter Turnout Gear Grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security and the Department of Fire Services to the Chicopee Fire Department in the amount of Two thousand nine hundred sixty eight and 65/100 dollars (\$2,968.65). Said grant is to be used for the purchase of (27) sets of gloves and is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Dobosz to receive, pass and the grant accepted. Councilor Dobosz stated a grant for gloves for fire fighters. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Roy absent.

MO-11 Ordered that the City Council accept the donation from the Friends of the Chicopee Public Library to the Chicopee Public Library in the amount of Ten thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$10,000.00) in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Laflamme to receive, pass and the donation accepted. Councilor Laflamme stated the friends come through every year, helps the library. Councilor Tillotson stated really, really helps out. Things there aren't enough money for they come through. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Roy absent.

MO-12 Ordered that the City Council accept the attached list of donations in the amount of Two thousand four hundred seventy six and 00/100 dollars (\$2,476.00) to the Chicopee Council on Aging. Said donations are to be used for programming and are accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor McAuliffe to receive, pass and the donation accepted with a second by Councilor Laflamme as acting president. Councilor McAuliffe stated thank them. Motion passed through all stages by a roll call vote of 11 yes, 1 abstained. Councilor Brooks abstained, Councilor Roy absent.

- MO-13 Ordered that the City Council accept the attached list of donations in the amount of Three hundred seventy four and 00/100 dollars (\$374.00) to the Chicopee Council on Aging. Said donations are for the New Building Funds and are accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, pass and the donation accepted with a second by Councilor Laflamme as acting president. Councilor Krampits stated for the building fund. Councilor Tillotson stated very helpful, friends are trying to reduce what they owe. Reducing the obligation. Motion passed through all stages by a roll call vote of 11 yes, 1 abstained. Councilor Brooks abstained, Councilor Roy absent.

- MO-14 Ordered that the City Council accept the attached list of donations in the amount of Two hundred three and 00/100 dollars (\$203.00) to the Chicopee Council on Aging. Said donations will be used for the RiverMills Reminder Newsletter and are accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Galecki to receive, pass and the donation accepted with a second by Councilor Laflamme as acting president. Councilor Galecki stated donation for the newsletter. Motion passed through all stages by a roll call vote of 11 yes, 1 abstained. Councilor Brooks abstained, Councilor Roy absent.

- MO-15 Chapter 7 Ordinance Revisions

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Tillotson stated for census taker. Motion passed, referred. Councilor Roy absent.

- 16 A favorable Ordinance Committee report, striking from Chapter 260, Parking Regulations, Gaylord Street – For a distance of 80 feet in front of 25 Gaylord Street (between signs), Parking Prohibited.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Balakier stated changing the ordinance for parking. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Roy absent.

- 17 A favorable Ordinance Committee report, striking from Chapter 260, Parking Regulations, Gaylord Street – North side – From Grant Street to a point 526 feet west thereof, Parking Prohibited.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Balakier stated parking situation, old ordinance needs to be corrected, create additional parking. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Roy absent.

18 A favorable Ordinance Committee report, adding to Chapter 260, Parking Regulations, Gaylord Street – North side – for a distance of 320 feet in a westerly direction from the driveway at 55 Gaylord Street, Parking Prohibited.

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Balakier stated parking on the north side, back to the old ordinance. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Roy absent.

19 A favorable Ordinance Committee report, adding to Chapter 260-34 Do Not Block the Box, Pendleton Avenue – In front of Cumberland Farms driveway, Do Not Block the Box.

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor McAuliffe stated very excited to see this go through, heard from quite a few people. Unnecessary congestion happens, look forward to this being addressed. Councilor Tillotson stated Engineering agrees and will paint. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Roy absent.

20 BE IT ORDERED THAT the following City Council meeting dates be changed:

- Tuesday, March 3, 2020 be changed to Thursday, March 5, 2020 (Presidential Primary)
- Tuesday, September 1, 2020 be changed to Thursday, September 3, 2020 (State Primary)
- Tuesday, November 3, 2020 be changed to Thursday, November 5, 2020 (Election Day)

--Motion made by Councilor Laflamme to receive and pass. Councilor Laflamme stated self-explanatory. Motion passed. Councilor Roy absent.

21 BE IT ORDERED THAT the City Council extend an invitation to State Senator Eric Lesser & Representative Joseph Wagner to provide a legislative update to the Council at its February 4th meeting.

--Motion made by Councilor McAuliffe to receive, and the invitation extended, allow to let the chair work it out. Councilor McAuliffe stated for those who don't know, he works for Senator Lesser. Doing this in some communities, should do in different meetings. Can cap so it doesn't run on forever, can provide insight. Councilor Tillotson stated have Welch, Finn, make sure are fair to everyone. Election year for all. Allow the invite to all. Councilor Walczak stated Jose Tosado, maybe submit agenda and items to make it easier. Councilor Laflamme stated great idea, invite all, maybe two at a time, notes ahead of time. Councilor Courchesne asked is it favorable to have a special meeting? Councilor Tillotson suggested a special meeting more appropriate. Wouldn't drag out the regular meeting till midnight. Get the message out to everyone. Councilor McAuliffe stated he is understanding, a special meeting isn't necessary, cap at a half hour. Can add, 2 Senators squared away quickly. Happy to submit for after-offer to other reps, built in audience. Councilor Tillotson stated give the chair the authority to decide, long agenda, briefing, not all briefings are short. Councilor Brooks stated already have a few meetings that will be happening, would like to reach out to both offices. Motion passed. Councilor Roy absent.

22 BE IT ORDERED THAT the Finance Committee meet to discuss the recommendation to the Mayor that a Code Enforcement position be added to the Law Department staff and to include the appropriate funding.

--Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to refer to the Finance Committee. Motion amended to refer to the Mayor. Councilor Courchesne stated brought this up last May, behalf of the problem properties committee. Don't have the manpower to ticket every day. Hit them where it hurts. Feasible to get a code enforcement officer. City hall parking lot, one person would be responsible for the whole city. Councilor Laflamme asked can we send to the Mayor? Councilor Brooks stated would be best suited to refer to the Mayor. Councilor Laflamme stated, vision, send to Mayor and he can come up with a plan. Councilor Krampits stated concur, idea is to bring to the Mayor's attention, get his ear on this. He can work on the logistics. Motion passed. Councilor Roy absent.

23 BE IT ORDERED THAT the IT Officer of the Chicopee Police Department provide a report to the City Council and Mayor on the operational status of the city camera system and an action plan for those cameras not functional.

--Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive and sent to Police Department for implementation. Councilor Courchesne stated had a constituent have a dog hit by a car and the camera wasn't working. Not public knowledge where the cameras are for protection, but where else isn't working. Motion passed. Councilor Roy absent.

24 BE IT ORDERED THAT Jeff Cady come before the Utilities Committee to discuss and update Municipal Fiber Optic internet.

--Motion made by Councilor Dobosz to amend to read come before the City Council. Councilor Dobosz stated feels like this is an issue for all the Councilors. Want to know how it's all going? No rush, just want an update. Councilor Brooks asked would be more beneficial to meet with the whole Council? Motion passed. Councilor Roy absent.

25 BE IT ORDERED THAT Jeff Cady come before the Utilities Committee to discuss staff structure at CEL.

--Motion made by Councilor Dobosz to amend to read come before the City Council. Councilor Dobosz stated meeting anyway, general questions about staff members. Don't know much about CEL. Motion passed. Councilor Roy absent.

26 BE IT ORDERED THAT the City of Chicopee abandon the paper street (indicated on the attached map) between 139 and 155 Mountainview Street to the abutters.

--Motion made by Councilor McAuliffe to receive, refer to Engineering, Planning and the Public Works Committee. Councilor McAuliffe stated take up in committee. Councilor Tillotson stated need appraisal. Need to know who wants what. Needs to be surveyed, who's paying? Assessor may have to determine value. Can't just give away city property. Councilor Krampits stated traditionally would go to Public Works, do abutters agree? Follows process. Motion passed, referred. Councilor Roy absent.

27 A NEW Special Permit application under Section 275-52 of the Municipal Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of gentle non force chiropractic care holistic counsel – yoga, nutrition,

activity, rehab, relaxation breath approx.. 3-5 days month most. Location: 70 Waite Avenue, Chicopee, MA 01020. Applied for by: Ruth Ziemba, 12304 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 216 L.A., CA 90025.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and refer to the Zoning Committee. Councilor Balakier stated home occupation business, single family, take up in committee. Motion passed, referred. Councilor Roy absent.

- 28 A NEW Special Permit application under Section 275-62(B)(25) of the Municipal Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of approval for warehousing and storage not to exceed 200,000 square feet and 6,500 storage units. Location: 165 Front Street. Applied for by: 4 Perkins, LLC, 307 W 38th St. Suite 1414, NY, NY 10038.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and refer to the Zoning Committee. Councilor Balakier stated re: Cabotville/Silverbrook, take up in committee. Councilor Tillotson stated be wary what is going into storage units, keep an eye on this one. Motion passed, referred. Councilor Roy absent.

- 29 A NEW Special Permit application under Section 275-50-C(1) & C(2) of the Municipal Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of accessory sign for proposed automobile service station requesting a waiver of the setback requirements from 25 ft to 5 ft. Location: A portion of 0 Memorial Drive. Applied for by: Robert Ladas, Metrolube Enterprise Inc., 929 Boston Post Road East, Malborough, MA 01752.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and refer to the Zoning Committee. Councilor Balakier stated part of old Huke Lau site, take up in committee. Motion passed, referred. Councilor Roy absent.

- 30 A Special Permit application under Section 275-67 & 275-67(K)(3)(b) of the Municipal Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of the construction of a proposed Multi-family Development. "waiver of parking requirement from 88 to 75 spaces. Location: 0 Oak Street. Applied for by: Craig Authier, 1421 Granby Road, Chicopee, MA 01020.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and refer to the Zoning Committee. Councilor Balakier stated construction near Rivermills, take up in committee. Motion passed, referred. Councilor Roy absent.

- 31 A renewal for a poppies drive held by: VFW 625 Auxiliary at Stop & Shop on Memorial Drive and various locations for the dates of May 17th and May 23rd, 2020. Applied for by: Michael Brunetti.

--Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive and granted. Councilor Walczak stated annual event that helps veterans. Councilor Tillotson stated copy to police. Motion passed. Councilor Roy absent.

- 32 A NEW Class 2 License application for: Kin's Auto Sales + Repairs located at: 1098 Chicopee Street. Applied for by: Joaquin Rodriguez, 41 Woodside Terr., Springfield, MA 01108.
--Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive and refer to the License Committee. Councilor Walczak stated will take up in committee. Motion passed, referred. Councilor Roy absent.

33 A NEW Auto Repair License application for: Kin's Auto Sales + Repairs located at: 1098 Chicopee Street. Applied for by: Joaquin Rodriguez, 41 Woodside Terr., Springfield, MA 01108.

--Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive and refer to the License Committee. Councilor Walczak stated will take up in committee. Motion passed, referred. Councilor Roy absent.

34 Auto Repair Renewal for 2020

Monro Muffler & Brake, Inc.

461 Memorial Drive

--Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive and granted with existing restrictions. Motion passed. Councilor Roy absent.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith W Rattell", written in a cursive style.

KEITH W RATTELL
CITY CLERK