



Town of Hermon

Public Safety Meeting Room

July 18, 2024

Town Council Meeting

6:30 PM

MINUTES

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*****ALL ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATE COUNCIL ACTION*****

Clerk to Elect Council Chairperson

Councilor Murphy nominated John Snyder III to serve as Chairperson. There were no other nominations for Chairperson. A show of hands vote resulted in 6 votes for John Snyder III. John Snyder III accepted the Chair seat for FY 24-25.

Clerk to Elect Council Vice-Chairperson

Councilor Snyder nominated Ronald Murphy to serve as Vice Chairperson. There were no other nominations for Vice Chairperson. A show of hands vote resulted in 6 votes for Ronald Murphy. Ronald Murphy accepted the Vice Chair seat for FY 24-25.

- I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON:**
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Chair Snyder led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance

III. ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Joshua Berry, Richard Cyr, Christopher Gray, Terry Hamm-Morris, Ronald Murphy and John Snyder III

Members Absent: Derek Wood - Excused

Others Present: Town Manager Stephen Fields, Town Clerk Kristen Cushman and 8 residents/guests

IV. PUBLIC ITEMS OR COMMENTS: (ITEMS NOT ALREADY ON THE AGENDA)

No public comments.



V. REVIEW CONSENT CALENDAR: REGULAR BUSINESS, APPOINTMENTS, SIGNATURES, AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MINUTES	-APPROVE	6/27/2024
SIGNATURES	-APPROVE	
RESOLVES	-SIGN	
WARRANTS	-SIGN	7/5/2024, 7/19/2024

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

VI. NEWS, PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS:

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

IX. SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS:

A. OLD BUSINESS:

O23-24-06 Consider amendments to the FY 24-25 Council schedule

Councilor Murphy moved to approve O23-24-01 with amendments. Councilor Cyr seconded the motion. The motion was accepted unless doubted. Motion passes.

O24-25-01 Consider approving a 180-day extension to Solar Moratorium

Councilor Cyr moved to approve O24-25-01. Councilor Murphy seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 6-0.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

C. WORKSHOPS:

- **Cable Franchise Agreement – Stephen Fields**

D. OTHER ITEMS: (FROM TABLE PACKAGE)

Councilor Cyr to waive the council rules and accept the table packet. Councilor Murphy seconded the motion. The motion was accepted unless doubted. Motion passes.



FR24-25-01 Consider authorizing the Town Manager to sign the new contract with Casella Waste for FY 2025-2029

Councilor Murphy to waive council rules and accept the table packet to consider voting on FR24-25-01. Councilor Cyr seconded the motion. The motion was accepted unless doubted. Motion passes.

R24-25-01 Consider approving the Special Event/Concourse Gathering Application for the Hermon Summer Sizzler

Councilor Murphy to waive council rules and accept the table packet to consider voting on R24-25-01. Councilor Cyr seconded the motion. The motion was accepted unless doubted. Motion passes.

X. APPOINTMENTS:

XI. MANAGER STATUS REPORT:

Welcome to Councilors Berry and Hamm-Morris. Thank you to all the Councilors, including former Councilors Steven Thomas and Danielle Haggerty for the support and opportunity to serve this community. I look forward to working with you and the citizens to continue the vision and leadership direction for Hermon.

Most of the town office remodeling project for permanent access control features is being completed this week by DP Porter Contractors Inc, (CEM). The remainder of the project will be completed in few weeks when material is available. Thank you to the office staff and citizens for the patience to work through this process.

The Hermon Connection continues to provide excellent information of events and news for the citizens. Hermon Recreation is excited to announce that the Summer Sizzler is returning for another year on Saturday, August 17, 2024, at the Patricia A. Duran School, starting at 8:30am.

The Town staff has been very welcoming and providing knowledge for my transition and I would like to thank the entire staff publicly, Thank you for your support in my transition to your team.

XII. FINAL PUBLIC ITEMS OR COMMENT: (ITEMS NOT ALREADY ON THE AGENDA)

No public comments.

XIII. COUNCIL ITEMS:

All councilors welcomed Joshua Berry and Terry Hamm-Morris to the council and Steven Fields as Town Manager.



XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

The motion carries. Executive Session started at 7:10 p.m.

Executive Session ended at 7:25 p.m and resume regular meeting.

Consider entering Executive Session to discuss labor negotiations per 1 M.S.R.A. § 405(6)(D)

A. OTHER ITEMS: (FROM TABLE PACKAGE)

Councilor Murphy to waive the council rules and accept the table packet. Councilor Cyr seconded the motion. The motion was accepted unless doubted. Motion passes.

FR24-25-02 Consider acting on accepting or rejecting the Hermon Professional Firefighters Local 5458 proposed labor contract

Councilor Murphy to waive council rules and accept the table packet to consider voting on FR24-25-02. Councilor Gray seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 6-0.

XV. ADJOURNMENT:

Councilor Murphy moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 PM. Councilor Cyr seconded. With no objection the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Kristen Cushman
Town Clerk**

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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.