

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Casale called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Casale led the Pledge of Allegiance

A moment of silence was observed for those who serve and have served in the United States military

ROLL CALL

Present:

Councilmembers George Mansfield, At Large (GM); Terry Nelson, Ward One (TN); John Rembert, Ward Two (JR); Jodi McCredo, Ward Three (JM); and Mayor Randy Casale (RC) **Total: 5, quorum present**

Also Present:

City Administrator Anthony Ruggiero (AR); City Attorney Nick Ward-Willis (NWW)

Excused:

Councilmembers Amber Grant, Ward Four (AG) and Lee Kyriacou, At Large (LK)

1ST OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Speakers:

Seth Porgess spoke about the Amusement Centers and Vintage Games law.

Robert Simmons spoke about the staffing levels of the Fire Department.

Gary Simmons spoke about the staffing levels of the Fire Department.

Theresa Kraft spoke about the historic preservation of Beacon, overdevelopment and loss of historic integrity.

Dennis Pavelock spoke about equipment designed for mass gun shootings and 60 Minutes documentary.

Nicole Wooten spoke about the Leave No Trace Hot Spots Program.

COUNCIL REPORTS

- AG- Excused
- JR – Ward 2 will be providing rides to the polls from 6-7PM call Councilmember Rembert at 845-616-6508.
- LK – Excused
- GM – No report
- JM – announced Renewable Highlands Community Choice Aggregate informational meetings to be held on 11/7 from 5:30-7pm at the Fishkill Rec Center, 11/10 from 3-4:30pm and 11/17 from 5:30- 7pm at 199 Main St Beacon and 11/19 from 11:30-12:30 at the Fishkill Rec Center with more meeting to be added; would like to speak further about the Fire Department; would like to discuss Zoning, particularly terraces built over sidewalks and reminded all to vote tomorrow.
- TN – announced shuttle service from 8 am to 9 pm from Tompkins Terrace to the polls, call 347-885-5643 for more information; read letter from constituent about North Walnut and Church Street intersection
- AR – no report
- RC – attended the Light in the Darkness of Racism and Antisemitism at the Salem Tabernacle Church, encouraged all to watch the video of this very touching event on Facebook; attended on Saturday the flagpole and monument dedication at Libby's Funeral Home in honor of Harrison Libby; urged all to vote and reminded 4th Ward voters they will be voting at the 1st Presbyterian Church at 50 Leonard Street, polling places are listed on City of Beacon's website; and announced the Veteran's Day ceremony being held on Sunday 11/11 at 11am.

LOCAL LAWS AND RESOLUTIONS**1. A resolution to amend Chapter 211 of the Code of the City of Beacon concerning parking on West Main Street**

- ⇒ A **motion was made** by JM, seconded by GM **to adopt**. The **motion was carried** unanimously by voice vote.

2. **A resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with The Noise Consultancy, LLC concerning the City of Beacon's Noise Ordinance**
⇒ A **motion was made** by TN, seconded by JM **to adopt**. The **motion was carried** unanimously by roll call vote.
3. **A resolution authorizing the execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the County of Dutchess for Central Purchasing Services**
⇒ A **motion was made** by JR, seconded by JM **to adopt**. The **motion was carried** unanimously by roll call vote.
4. **A resolution setting a public hearing for November 19, 2018 to receive public comment concerning the proposed 2019 Budget for the City of Beacon**
⇒ A **motion was made** by JM, seconded by JR **to adopt**. The **motion was carried** unanimously by voice vote.
5. **A resolution setting a public hearing for November 19, 2018 to receive public comment on a proposed local law to delete Chapter 183 entitled "Signs" and to amend Chapter 223 Sections 15 and 63 of Code of the City of Beacon, concerning sign regulations in the City of Beacon**
⇒ A **motion was made** by TN, seconded by JM **to adopt**. The **motion was carried** unanimously by voice vote.
6. **A resolution supporting the Dutchess County Local Law encouraging the use of reusable bags via the implementation of a surcharge on carryout disposable bags**
⇒ A **motion was made** by TN, seconded by GM **to adopt**. The **motion was carried** unanimously by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES from October 15, 2018

- ⇒ A **motion was made** by TN, seconded by GM **to approve** the minutes from October 15, 2018. The **motion was carried** unanimously by voice vote.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

- ⇒ A **motion was made** by JM, seconded by TN **to approve**. The **motion was carried** unanimously by roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

- ⇒ A **motion was made** by JR, seconded by JM to adjourn. **Motion was carried** unanimously by voice vote. **Meeting was adjourned.**

2ND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Speakers - none

Next Council Meeting is Monday, November 19, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

Next Council Workshop is Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

A video recording of this meeting in its entirety can be found here -<http://www.cityofbeacon.org/Government/Videos.htm>

Submitted by Lisa Edelson

COB Council Meeting 11-5-2018
Theresa Kraft - Liberty Street, Beacon

Public Comment

Good evening mayor and council members. I want to thank you for your time.

I'm here to speak on the record, to tell you again that I am publicly speaking out as a concerned citizen and as a resident of Beacon. More importantly, I want it on the record that I will not put a muzzle on it - nor will I be silenced. To the contrary, I will continue to come here to fight and advocate for the historic preservation of the City of Beacon, to protect and preserve its historic heritage, the very same plan outlined in this city's Comprehensive Plan, a living document now compromised by over-development and the lack of any real land-marking efforts.

The questions still remain. At what point of change or redevelopment did this historic city begin to lose its essential historic integrity? What precautions were enforced so that land speculators and developers did not begin to undermine or demolish delicate older buildings, streetscapes and viewsheds, in their expectations of easy up-zoning, and for the convenience of their towering apartments and over developed land-lots.

It's gut-wrenching to see all things that make Beacon special being destroyed by high density over-development. The adaptation and renewal innovations and new construction were inevitable, but to what degree, to who's standards, and with what safeguards?

People were led to believe that when you placed the water moratorium into effect their elected city officials would take a step back, and review the city's pending future plans and evaluate its situation - before they lost their community's character, but clearly, that was not the case.

This historic industrial city has lost so much of its unique charm at an alarming rate. Unfortunately it's being bombarded by a hodgepodge of new architecture with no sense of cohesiveness, and almost daily, we are losing sight of Beacons recognizable natural and built landmarks that provided a sense of place in our orientation.

While I've been speaking out against this destructive pattern of over-development I have always been upfront and honest in stating that I was speaking out only on behalf of myself, as a resident of this city, I have never crossed the line of misrepresenting any organization - but in the end it caused me to be fired from my non-paying position as Vice President of the Beacon Historical Society, because they were led to believe I was too political. Sadly, it was by the ax that was put into motion by this mayor and Denise Van Buren, who both ultimately put pressure on it's board.

I will also hand in my card as municipal co-historian for the City of Beacon.
You can rip out my heart but I will continue to live my life for the 3 p's

- 1) the preservation
- 2) the protection
- 3) the promotion

...of New York state history - especially, in my hometown Beacon.

Rest assured, I will not stop coming to these public meetings. And I will continue to come before you and voice my thoughts, concerns and my opinions as a Beacon resident - exercising my First Amendment and Civil Rights as a citizen of the United States.

Good night, I'll see you next week.