

Somersworth, NH
July 16, 2012

The meeting was called to order by His Honor, the Mayor, and upon roll call the following members were present: Pepin, Soldati, Hebert, McCallion, Durkee, Tapscott, Witham and Jarvis. Councilor Sprague was absent.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 06/04/2012.

Councilor Tapscott/Durkee 2nd –Motion to pass minutes as recorded. The motion passed.

MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON 06/18/2012.

Councilor Tapscott/Pepin 2nd- Motion to pass minutes as recorded. The motion passed.

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 06/18/2012.

Councilor Tapscott/Pepin 2nd- Motion to pass minutes as recorded. The motion passed.

COMMENTS BY VISITORS.

There were no visitor comments at this time.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND DISPOSAL THEREOF BY REFERENCE OR OTHERWISE.

TAX CAP PETITION

Mayor Spencer referred this petition to the Government Operations Committee to report back.

MAYOR'S REPORT.

Mayor's Report of Monday, July 16, 2012

- June 20th – Attended Community Partners event in Dover.
- June 21st – Attended LGC Local Welfare Conference Meredith
- June 26th – Attended the 8th Annual NH Emergency Preparedness Conference in Manchester. I hope next year the Fire Chief and Police Chief will attend.

- June 28th – Attended the Youth Safe Haven Community Garden at Bartlett Avenue Housing. GEAT JOB by the kids and the UNH student volunteers!
- Meet with the NH Commissioner of Revenue, Kevin Clougherty in Concord in regards to budgeting and the Lean Process.
- *Note: Mayor Spencer said that he had Mr. Clougherty as a professor and his department was able to go from a \$15M to a \$12M budget.*
- June 30th – Attended the Boston-Portsmouth Air Show.
- July 9th – Attended the SAAC meeting at Skyhaven with the City Manager.
- July 10th – Attended the SHA meeting.
- July 11th – Attended event with the City Manager at the Youth Safe Haven.
- July 11th – Attended the CIP workshop with the City Council and School board.
- July 16th – Attended an event put on by the two NH U.S .Senators Shaheen and Ayotte for the recognizing the response by the area fire departments for containing and extinguishing the fire onboard the USS Miami.
- July 16th – Met with the Program Director of the Youth Connection to brainstorm on community events.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilor Jarvis reported that the Finance Committee met on June 25th; they approved minute and looked at telecommunications leases at Noble Pines. ATT has presented them with a proposal to restructure the lease. The committee did not accept the changes. They evaluated the possibility of a fifth carrier and recommended going through with that. The City Manager will put together a resolution with specifics for a lease with Verizon...

They discussed budgeted capital outlay purchases. They approved the staff's recommendation for cost proposal for the water distribution storage.

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Councilor Tapscott said that the Government Operations Committee will meet this Thursday at 8:00 am to review the City Manager's evaluation forms. They will hopefully schedule another meeting next week to discuss ...the tax cap.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Councilor Witham said that the Public Safety Committee is looking to schedule a meeting on Friday, July 27, 2012.

VISION 2020

Councilor McCallion said the committee met on June 25th. There has been some water damage to the mural and they want to see how they can get that fixed. They discussed the organizational matrix ...they will report back. They held a brainstorming session about getting a list of every organization in town that could help get a project done and where you would find those people. That would be helpful throughout the community. Their next meeting is on July 23rd at 5:30 pm.

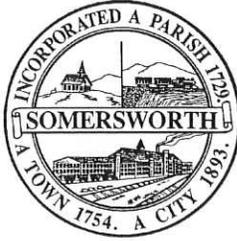
REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES, CITY OFFICERS AND CITY MANAGER.

SCHOOL BOARD

Councilor Pepin attended the Board meeting on June 19th. They discussed a proposed Head Start at Maplewood; the (group) will pay a fee to the school department. They also discussed the joint workshop, picking the date of July 11th.

COAST BUS

Councilor Pepin went to the COAST Bus Board of Directors meeting on June 27th. They had a great discussion about the many new and expanded routes. They had some funding for bike racks. The City of Somersworth could get three bike racks as long as they were along the route. They also have bus station cubicles available.



CITY OF SOMERSWORTH Office of the City Manager

TO: Mayor Matthew Spencer and City Council Members

FROM: Robert M. Belmore, City Manager

DATE: Friday, July 13th, 2012

SUBJECT: City Manager's Report for Monday, July 16th, 2012
City Council Agenda

6:00 PM – WORKSHOP

Presentation from Hoyle Tanner Engineers regarding the utility/drainage assessment of the High Street/Market Street TE Grant Area

New Business (under Section 13 of the Agenda):

Other:

- A. Resolution No. 1-13 To Authorize the City Manager to Contract with Wright/Pierce Engineers of Portsmouth, NH to Conduct an Evaluation of the Water Distribution System.** Attached is a summary of six cost proposals received. City Staff interviewed all six firms and the joint recommendation was Wright/Pierce based on proposal presentation and cost. The staff panel included Finance Director Scott Smith, Public Works Director Tom Willis, Engineer Joe Ducharme and the City Manager. The proposal includes a not-to-exceed cost of \$26,350 which is below the \$50,000 budgeted. I have also provided a copy of Wright/Pierce's proposal presentation. Once the study is completed, the results will be presented to the full Council.

- B. Resolution No. 2-13 To Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with the Town of Berwick, Maine for the Sale of Municipal Water.** Attached are copies of correspondence that I shared with Council Standing Committees.

- C. Resolution No. 3-13 To Authorize the City Manager to Purchase a Trailer Mounted Trash Pump for the Wastewater Treatment Facilities.** Please see the attached Memorandum from Wastewater Treatment Plant Chief Operator Jamie Wood.

Note: Two projects were budgeted for. One to buy energy efficient equipment, but they think they should not make the purchase until they get the new permit from the government. They do not want to move forward, they have not got the permit yet. They had anticipated having it by now. They are moving forward, though, with the trailer mounted trash pump. They will utilize money earmarked for another project to purchase a better, larger piece of equipment that can service the City better than what was originally planned.

- D. Resolution No. 4-13 Accept Gator Rock Road.** Attached is a map of the road and a memo from Public Works Director Willis recommending acceptance. The majority of this twelve lot subdivision is located in the Industrial (I) zoning district and the entire subdivision is in the ERZ.
- E. Resolution No. 5-13 Providing City Water to Properties in the Town of Rollinsford, NH.** Attached is a sample copy of the agreements drafted by City Attorney that I would sign. All work would be done under City supervision and all costs would be borne by Janco. A map is also attached.

Other:

- A. Vote to Extend the Comcast Franchise Agreement.** Attached is a copy of the proposed extension as drafted by the City's Special Legal Counsel in this matter.
- B. City Attorney's Legal Opinion Regarding Water/Sewer Billing Petition.** Attached is a copy of City Attorney's opinion.

City Manager's Items (under Section 9 of the Agenda):

A. Informational Items:

- 1. New Hampshire Local Government Center 2013-2014 Legislative Policy Process.** Attached is a packet of information from LGC Government Affairs regarding policy recommendations made by the three policy subcommittees of the Committee on Government Affairs. Please note the timeline for Council to consider any review and action.
- 2. Somersworth/Berwick Bridge Project Public Meeting.** This has been scheduled for Thursday, August 2nd at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Attached is a copy of the notice.
- 3. Property Tax Cards – Assessment Data.** Attached is a memo from Director Sharples regarding the launch of the City's tax cards information online via the City's website.
- 4. City Website/City Newsletter.**

- **Website** - Finance Director Scott Smith and I are working with Carrie Mayor of Mayo Designs who assisted the City in our first website re-design. Attached is a copy of a first draft design concept. Please share your comments or ideas regarding this draft or any ideas that we should consider incorporating. I will also be directing our new Economic Development Manager to develop a comprehensive Economic/Business Development and Retention Component for our website once he/she comes aboard.
- **Newsletter** – Attached is an email regarding parameters and deadline. Please consider contributions.

B. Attachments:

1. Certifications (2).
2. Department Head Monthly Reports.
3. FY 2013 Adopted Budget Book.
4. City Manager’s Memorandum on Personnel Updates.
5. City Attorney – Sunningdale Legal Correspondence.

NEW BUSINESS.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 1-13 TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO CONTRACT WITH WRIGHT/PIERCE ENGINEERS OF PORTSMOUTH, NH TO CONDUCT AN EVALUATION OF THE WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM.

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WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2012 adopted budget contains an appropriation for the purpose of contracting with an engineering firm to conduct an evaluation of the water distribution system, including evaluation of the water storage tanks, updating the water model, and preparing recommendations for future capital improvements; and

WHEREAS, City staff solicited proposals from qualified engineering firms to conduct an evaluation of the water distribution system; and

WHEREAS, City staff reviewed and interviewed the responses and recommend awarding the contract to Wright/Pierce Engineers of Portsmouth, NH; and

WHEREAS, the City Council’s Public Works and Environment Committee reviewed the recommendation with staff and recommends contracting with Wright/Pierce Engineers for this project; and

WHEREAS, the City Council’s Finance Committee reviewed the recommendation with staff and recommends contracting with Wright/Pierce Engineers for this project,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the City Manager is authorized to contract with Wright/Pierce Engineers of Portsmouth, NH to conduct an evaluation of the water distribution system.

Introduced by Councilors

Dale R. Sprague
Robin S. Jarvis
Jennifer Soldati
Brian Tapscott
Marcel Hebert

Approved

City Attorney

Councilor Tapscott made a motion to suspend the rules to have a second reading this evening. The motion was seconded and passed.

The resolution title was read a second time.

There was no discussion.

Resolution No. 1-13 passed 8-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 2-13 TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF BERWICK, MAINE FOR THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL WATER.

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WHEREAS, the Town of Berwick, Maine is in the process of making necessary repairs to their water standpipe; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to complete this project they have requested the City of Somersworth to supply their water department with the necessary amount of municipal water until the standpipe is back in service; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Berwick has agreed to the following conditions:

- Provide the City of Somersworth an amount of \$2,500 to establish an escrow account to pay for legal review of any necessary agreements between Somersworth and Berwick for emergency intermunicipal water systems connection to include this water sale as well as any required

approvals from other regulatory agencies such as the NH Public Utilities Commission.

- Pay the City of Somersworth \$500 as an agreed upon fee for the current emergency intermunicipal water systems connection agreement.
- Install a water meter that is satisfactory to the City of Somersworth that will correctly calculate water use by the Town of Berwick.
- Pay monthly for all water used at the City of Somersworth's prevailing water rate to include payment for any other related charges such as late fees and penalties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the City Manager is authorized to execute an agreement with the Town of Berwick, Maine for the sale of municipal water with these conditions and any others deemed to be in the best interest of the City.

Introduced by Councilors

Dale Sprague
Brian Tapscott
Marcel Hebert

Approved:

City Attorney

There was a motion to suspend the rules for a second reading, (Tapscott/Witham 2nd). The motion passed.

After a second reading and some reiteration from Councilor Witham about conditions of the agreement which are at no cost to the City of Somersworth, he said this makes sense in the spirit of cooperation.

Councilor McCallion also feels that we should be cooperating. He is concerned about the \$500 fee. He thought that was a yearly fee. He asked if there is a cap on this. (Could this stress our own system?)

City Manager Belmore said they are comfortable providing this with no strain on our system. He said they have about 950 customers. The \$500 is a one time, token payment. This is a short term situation. If Berwick would want to continue, this would need to be looked at again. The other wild card is when they do the bridge work, he doesn't know that Berwick would be willing to pay to take it off line and then reinstall it during the rehab. That would mean a permanent water meter pit. That would be the next step.

The City Manager mentioned that they also need to synchronize the traffic lights. South Berwick will get input from Somersworth regarding our concerns. CM Belmore will follow up.

It was pointed out again by both Councilor McCallion and Councilor Tapscott that this is a short term arrangement.

Resolution No. 2-13 passed 8-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 3-13 TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO PURCHASE A TRAILER MOUNTED TRASH PUMP FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES.

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July 16, 2012

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2012 adopted budget contains an appropriation for the purpose of purchasing a trailer mounted trash pump for the Wastewater Treatment Facilities; and

WHEREAS, City staff solicited bids from qualified companies for the purchase of this equipment; and

WHEREAS, City staff reviewed the bids and recommends purchasing this equipment from D.L. Thurrott Company of Lincoln, Rhode Island at a cost of \$31,964.50 (Thirty One Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Four dollars and Fifty cents); and

WHEREAS, the City Council's Public Works and Environment Committee reviewed the recommendation with staff and recommends purchasing this equipment from D.L. Thurrott Company; and

WHEREAS, the City Council's Finance Committee reviewed the recommendation with staff and recommends purchasing this equipment from D.L. Thurrott Company,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the City Manager is authorized to purchase a trailer mounted trash pump from D.L. Thurrott Company of Lincoln, Rhode Island at a cost of \$31,964.50 (Thirty One Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Four dollars and Fifty cents).

Introduced by Councilors

Dale R. Sprague
Robin S. Jarvis
Jennifer Soldati
Brian Tapscott
Marcel Hebert

Approved

City Attorney

Mayor Spencer said that Resolution No. 3-13 will lay on the table until the next meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 4-13 ACCEPT GATOR ROCK ROAD.

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WHEREAS, the City of Somersworth Planning Board approved a certain subdivision known as "Subdivision Plan, Gator Rock, LLC, 364 Route 108, Somersworth, New Hampshire", dated June 7, 2004, prepared by Trittech Engineering Corporation, recorded in the Strafford County Registry of Deeds as Plan 78-39 and the road was to be accepted by the City of Somersworth; and

WHEREAS, the City Council named Gator Rock Road by Resolution 1-09 on August 18, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the road known as Gator Rock Road has been constructed to the satisfaction of the City,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the City Manager is authorized to accept and record deeds to Gator Rock Road, including drainage easements and said way is hereby accepted as a public way.

Introduced by Councilors

Dale Sprague
Brian Tapscott
Marcel Hebert

Approved:

City Attorney.

Mayor Spencer said that Resolution No. 3-14 will lay on the table until the next meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 5-13 AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS FOR THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL WATER TO FOUR RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES IN THE TOWN OF ROLLINSFORD, NH.

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WHEREAS, the City of Somersworth in 1984 extended a 12-inch diameter water main from Green Street across the City Boundary into Rollinsford along Goodwin Road to provide water to Janco Electronics, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, there are four residential properties within the town boundaries of Rollinsford located between the boundary with Somersworth and the Janco Electronics property whose water supply is provided by individual onsite wells, namely: the Baker property located at 61 Goodwin Road; the Janetos property located at 80 Goodwin Road; the Janetos property located at 83 Goodwin Road; and the Whitehouse property located at 272 Rollins Road; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services has determined that the residential water supply wells for these properties have become contaminated; and

WHEREAS, the City of Somersworth received a letter from Mr. Janetos, dated April 13, 2011, requesting that Janco Realty be allowed to connect the four residential properties with contaminated wells to Somersworth's municipal water supply; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Janetos has provided the City Manager with legal documentation and engineering plans regarding the extension of City water services to these residential properties; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney has reviewed and approved the legal submittals with Janco reimbursing the City for all expenses,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the City Manager is authorized to execute any and all necessary agreements to allow the City of Somersworth to provide water from the existing City water main under Green Street that extends into Rollinsford to the four residential properties located within Rollinsford described herein, and to take any other action deemed to be in the best interest of the City to complete the project.

Introduced by Councilors

Dale Sprague
Brian Tapscott
Marcel Hebert

Approved:
City Attorney.

Councilor Tapscott, seconded by Councilor Durkee, made a motion to suspend rules to allow a second reading this evening. The motion carried.

After a second reading by title only, Councilor Tapscott said that this is case where the water is desperately needed and he sees no reason to wait another four weeks to take action on this.

Councilor McCallion stated that it sounds like we're getting in the water business. Too bad we can't tie them into sewer at the same time, he said.

CM Belmore said this resolution just speaks to four properties. All the work will be done at their expense; there will be some staff oversight, but ...they pay for legal, engineering and construction...

Resolution No. 5-13 passed 8-0.

OTHER

VOTE TO EXTEND THE COMCAST FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

Councilor Witham, seconded by Councilor Tapscott(?), moved that the franchise agreement between the City of Somersworth and Comcast of Maine and New Hampshire be extended for an additional three month period from 12:01 am on 08/18/2012 to midnight on 11/17/2012. The motion passed on a voice vote, McCallion opposed.

CITY ATTORNEY'S LEGAL OPINION REGARDING WATER/SEWER BILLING PETITION.

Councilor Witham moved that the confidential communication from Jae Whitelaw, City Attorney, dated 06/20/2012, be made public. The motion was seconded by Councilor Tapscott and passed with a roll call vote. 8-0.

From: Jae Whitelaw
Sent: Wednesday, June 20, 2012 2:43 PM
To: Bob Belmore
Cc: 'Walter Mitchell'
Subject: FW: city attorney review of submitted petition

Dear Bob-

I am writing in response to your request below that our office review the attached citizens' petition to provide an opinion as to whether the requested action is within the city council's or the voters' authority. Pursuant to Article VIII of the Somersworth City Charter, registered voters of the city may put proposed ordinances before the city council pursuant to an initiative petition and may put ordinances upon which the city council has already voted before the voters pursuant to a referendum petition, effectively asking the voters to override the city council's vote. The attached petition does not identify which type of petition it is intended to be. However, I do not believe the voters have the authority to do either in this circumstance.

My understanding is that the council establishes the water rates and billing procedures by resolution, not by the adoption of an ordinance. Therefore, the provisions of Section 8.1 regarding initiative petitions do not apply and the submitted petition, if an initiative petition, is not within the scope of authority granted voters under Section 8.1.

Likewise, I believe the petition is not a valid referendum petition- for three reasons. First, as in the case of the initiative petition, a referendum petition is only permitted when an ordinance is at issue, which is not the case here. Second, even if the council established the billing procedures by ordinance rather than by resolution, the petition would not be valid because pursuant to Section 8.2(B) of the Charter, the referendum petition must be filed within 30 days of the council's vote: the last vote on this issue was in December, 2011, and thus the petition is untimely. Third, the city's authority to operate and regulate a municipal water systems is set forth in RSA 38. Pursuant to RSA 38:28, the governing body is specifically authorized to both set the water usage rates and the manner and time within which water bills are sent out and paid. There are no provisions in RSA 38 or in RSA 49-C (regarding city charters) which authorize the voters to take away the city council's statutory authority to establish water rates and billing periods. Therefore, the petitioning voters do not have the authority to put the question regarding the billing periods before the voters.

In summary, I do not believe that the petitioners have the authority to submit the petition either for the city council's consideration or the voters' consideration. That being said, some city councils accept such petitions and put them before the voters as "advisory statements" only. The city Charter does not provide for this course of action. However, if this has been the practice in Somersworth in the past, the city council should consider whether to continue the practice in this instance and further determine whether to continue the practice in the future.

Please don't hesitate to call with any questions. Thank you.

Jae
Jae Whitelaw
Mitchell Municipal Group, P.A.

DISCUSSION OF CITY WEBSITE RE-DESIGN

City Manager Belmore provided the Council with some sample designs for the City Website. Mayor Spencer said that the Council could discuss this now or put it on the agenda for next month.

CM Belmore said councilors can forward individual comments or discuss it as a body if they want.

Mayor Spencer said that it appears that it would be put on the next agenda.

COMMENTS BY VISITORS.

Real Roseberry, Ward 1, said that “You people must be out of your head! This lawyer can’t be a lawyer.” He will be getting the Attorney General on this first thing tomorrow morning. He will check this out. He doesn’t know what they are doing.

Taking Berwick and the water, he said he grew up in this City and watched that river. It was two feet below the dam. How can a man guarantee to supply Berwick? You’re going to get sued from Berwick. You can’t guarantee that, it’s against the law. ...Did you ever hear of a drought? ...The water is low already. ...Stop and think, slow down a little bit, don’t guarantee Berwick anything. Want to get sued? Guarantee it.

As far as the water, you made a lot of people unhappy. I will be on the phone tonight, calling and you will get repercussions. They wanted it on the ballot. ...This is an idiotic idea, we should have stayed quarterly, we’re paying less quarterly than monthly. This is getting out of hand. ...It’s time for a change. ...

Bill Connor has talked to some of his neighbors and he likes the bill each month. They would like it to continue that way. They previous Council did this for reason. It went through the Finance Committee, etc. and they gave the details of why it would help the City. He thinks others would consider what they have told us.

CLOSING COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS.

Councilor Pepin reiterated that they would be selling to Berwick until they have their repairs done to the standpipe system. It is a short term thing. If the bridge is redone there will probably be major problems with that water line, it may not even exist afterwards. The volume of water has been looked into; we can supply it. He is sure that Berwick would not like to buy their water for the price they are selling it because they can probably manufacturer it cheaper. It is just a gesture for someone in need. He sees nothing wrong with it, he supports it.

Councilor Witham began with the report earlier this evening about the downtown infrastructure. He is a little worried about the number that he would hear because he was afraid they would be in the \$5M-\$7M range. But he hears that with risk management applied, they are somewhere in the \$2.2M range. Although it is a big number, it is not quite as scary as he once thought. It is perhaps achievable with some sort of bonding instrument.

He hopes that people have driven by the Public Library where all the landscaping is going on. That is a skilled effort. He commends the crew for a job well done, it is very evident.

They did not act on the resolution for Gator Rock Road tonight. He asked City staff to provide an update on that. He said there was an old industrial coatings plant which was

once where Stratham Tire is. There is old, abandoned equipment on the site. ...It concerns him, some is almost in the right-of-way and he wants an update.

Councilor Witham said that Councilor Pepin hit it on the head with water capacity. Our water treatment plant has adequate capacity and he does not believe it is going to put us at risk. Most importantly, it is a short term agreement while Berwick repairs their standpipe. He thinks this is just being a good neighbor and working in concert with another community. He would note that they use their neighbors all the time, with help fighting fires, etc., a couple of weeks ago Dover was here helping with a special truck for cleaning sewers because they don't have one. You need to work with your neighbors: we don't all have the capacity to do it all ourselves. He supports that effort.

Councilor McCallion commented on the quarterly bill saying that he, as well as someone he heard in Home Depot, found out about water leaks through monthly billing. Think of any of the big box stores with three months of billing; that is substantial. Maybe they forget a month or two. It is crazy how much money might be out there that they have to plan for. He knows he is unpopular but he doesn't mind the monthly billing. ...Maybe they will see the water rates go down in the future. He is hoping.

We need to start focusing on what we can do that is good for the City. They have a lot of projects coming up. There may not have been a lot of discussion tonight but they have been seeing these things for the last four years. Let's identify our projects and get them done, he said. Let's get the most for our money right now. Let's do this by the next Council meeting.

Councilor Soldati congratulated the students who participate in the Somersworth Youth Connection program for being the winners in a statewide chess tournament. She said that this Council awards that program \$500 a year. She commended the director and the students who participated. This is a middle school program. Research has shown that for this age group, the hours between 3 and 6 is when they are most likely to get into trouble if they are at home alone. She congratulated them for making the City proud.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

Mayor Spencer said they will discuss the website re-design at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT.

Councilor Tapscott, seconded by Councilor Witham, made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.