

MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Somersworth, NH
March 21, 2016
7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Her Honor, the Acting Mayor, Jennifer G. Soldati, and upon roll call the following Council members were present: Pepin, Dumont, McCallion, Messier, Witham, Sprague, Cameron, and Paradis.

Acting Mayor, Jennifer Soldati called for a moment of silence for John Chick, Jr., a former City Councilor who passed away earlier in the month.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

MINUTES OF STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS HELD ON MARCH 7, 2016.

Councilor Pepin, seconded by Councilor Messier, made a motion to accept the minutes. The motion passed, with Councilor Sprague abstaining.

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MARCH 7, 2016

Councilor Witham, seconded by Councilor Pepin, made a motion to accept the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS BY VISITORS

Kenneth Vincent of 19 Vincent Way, in Ward 2, Thanked the Acting Mayor and Council and welcomed the new Council members. He came before them tonight to thank them for allowing him to serve for the past 30+ years, as a fire fighter. He was hired as a call firefighter on February 1st, 1983. A year and a half later, he was promoted to full time on August 4 1984. In 2001 he was promoted to Lieutenant. It was the best job he could ever have, helping people. He didn't do it for the money, but to help people. All of the years of doing his job came with great moments and traumatic moments. The great moments were saving lives and property and people in need. The one night that stands out most in his career was a dryer fire at Deb's laundry mat, all firefighters responded to help. Fire Chief, Paul Valley, had a heart attack on the scene. He and John Murray started CPR and had a hand in saving the Chief's life that day, and that was rewarding to him. Vincent said there were also calls that were traumatic; building fires with casualties, motor vehicle accidents with deaths, medical aids where people didn't make it, and suicides in all imaginable way. And in the past 2 years, the disease of drug abuse, particularly heroin. But the calls that bothered him the most were the ones that involved children, babies, and infants.

Had the pleasure of serving with Councilor Pepin and Councilor Witham on the fire department for several years. Marty was his lieutenant and he served under Marty for 10 years. He thanked Marty Pepin for taking him under his wing, not only in firefighting, but in line in general.

On January 23rd of this year, Ken Vincent checked himself into Spring Hill Recovery Center in Ashbury, Massachusetts. This is a recovery center that deals with things like alcohol and drug abuse along with Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome. He was in the company of fire fighters, police officers, bankers, lawyers, financial advisors, kids and all walks of life. He came to realize that his life had become unmanageable so he asked for help. He thanked his wife and family, and the clinicians at Spring Hill. He asked himself, where did this all go wrong? Was it Post Traumatic Stress? Or the constant negativity or unwillingness to change at the department. Maybe it was stress from the job, pressure, or maybe his plate was too full and it was overflowing.

He shared a quote from a firefighter from Dallas Texas....

“To those that say, “but you sleep at the station, that you only work 4 days a week, that we make great money...” you have no idea the pain I carry or the memories that haunt me. I joke about the BS calls, but believe me, you should be happy that I don’t share the ones that matter.

Sleep at the station? Yup! But have you ever laid down moments after telling an old lady that her husband of 60 years is now dead? To see the will to live in her leave her body. Or sat down for a meal using the same hands you used to hold a dead baby moments ago, trying everything in your power to bring him back. So, next time you think of looking at me or my brothers and sisters and comparing, do me a favor... don’t!” Kenneth Vincent went on to say, “In life, eventually all good things have to come to an end. And this evening I am announcing my retirement, April 1st, 2016. So this chapter of my life comes to a close, to open another chapter in my life. I will be pursuing a new career in helping others in addiction recovery field. Along the way of my fire career, I stuck up for what I believed in and I didn’t need a fire union to tell me what to do. Once again, I thank you, the City of Somersworth, from the bottom of my heart for giving me the opportunity to serve you and to have the best job in the world, and thanks for putting up with me.

Acting Mayor, Jennifer Soldati called for a 5 minute recess.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Acting Mayor Jennifer Soldati said Mayor Hilliard is in attendance at the American Israeli Public Affairs Committee National Conference.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance Committee – Councilor Witham said the committee met on Tuesday, March 8th. JLG landscaping, a contractor that provides mowing services within the city for the last several years. Their contract had come to an end. They held the price for a number of years and it was within the authority of the committee to approve. He does exceptional work for us.

The committee also discussed an emergency generator for City Hall, in the amount of \$25,000, and approved awarding that contract to Basix Automation, of Dover, NH. There were 3 bids, they were the low bid.

The committee also discussed the Maple Street Culvert Repair Bid which is in a state of disrepair for a number of years. The City received 5 bids. Our Engineering firm did a lot of background checks on the companies that bid the project. They recommended Manter Company of Danvers, Mass. at \$154,000. The finance committee discussed this and you will see a Resolution regarding this on the agenda.

Finance Director Smith gave his report. We are in line with where our spending should be, except for the Fire department in overtime, but the City Manager and Finance Director both believe that any overage will be absorbed.

Under miscellaneous, there was discussion about the roof replacement on the Career Technical Center. The general contractor for the project said this would be the time to replace the roof. The committee agreed with replacing the roof. There is a resolution presented for first reading tonight and will require a public hearing.

Public Works & Environment – Councilor Sprague said the committee met on Tuesday, March 8th. They discussed the Maple Street Culvert Bid and unanimously decided on Manter Co.

The committee met again on March 15th to discuss road paving projects. There are several roads that will be repaired in this project. A resolution that will be read tonight.

Recreation – Councilor Pepin said the Recreation Committee met on March 9th. They talked about the improvements, highway made a sundial, went over camera system at Noble Pines, and improvements to the Recreation building. There was also discussion about the Timberland improvements; rope features, stations and walkways, along Willand Pond, and boat launch at Mast Dam. Also updates on Bisson Park, Millennium Park as part of the Sunningdale Project, and all the other parks.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES, CITY OFFICERS AND CITY MANAGER

Special Committees

Vision 2020 - Councilor Paradis said the Vision 2020 Committee met on March 14th, 2016. They approved the palm cards that Christine Soutter and Jeni Mosca put together, and began disbursing. They also approved new Vision 2020 letter head and a letter was sent to all department heads with their responsible goals. The Committee elected Matt Hanlon as Vice Chair, and he will be responsible for interviews with channel 22 and channel 95.

Tri City Coalition – Councilor Witham said the coalition met in Dover on March 17th, 2016. The purpose of this meeting was to meet with the County Commissioners to help with efforts. But they were unable to attend. Hope to meet with them next month. Discussed other areas, achieve savings in fire services. The coalition asked City Managers to meet with their respective Fire Chiefs to start initial conversations to see where this can go.

School Board - Councilor Pepin reported that they had a meeting on March 8th. It was a short meeting with nothing to report to council.

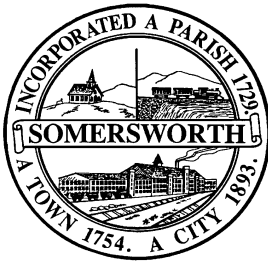
Fire Station Advisory Committee – Councilor Pepin reported that they met on March 11, 2016. The committee hasn't met for a while, so they regrouped and they are preparing for a presentation to the Council in June.

Planning Board – Councilor Witham said he board met last Wednesday, March 16th. They met with the Brixmor Corporation, who is looking to redevelop the pad site that was once a Dunkin Donuts kiosk in front of the Tri city Plaza. The board wasn't able to approve it in full because it lacked the traffic study, but the board did approve a number of special requests for the development of that site. The plan is to raze the current building and construct a Dairy Queen. There will be a lot of added green space and trees, which will generally enhance the appearance of that plaza.

JBC – Councilor Messier reported that the committee met this afternoon and discussed the status of the roof at the Career Technical Center. The project has started. So far it is on budget and on time. There is a ground breaking this Friday, March 25th, 2016, at 11:00am.

Cultural Commission - Councilor Dumont said they received an estimate for the 3 small signs that will say "Bien Venieu" at the entrance of the city. They will meet again and recommend to Council soon.

City Manager's Report



CITY OF SOMERSWORTH *Office of the City Manager*

TO: Mayor Dana Hilliard and City Council Members

FROM: Robert M. Belmore, City Manager

DATE: Friday, March 18, 2016

**SUBJECT: City Manager's Report for Monday, March 21, 2016
City Council Agenda**

6:00 p.m. – Workshop
Re: Wastewater Treatment Facility Capacity Evaluation
Presented by Wright Pierce Engineer, Tim Vadney

Unfinished Business (under Section 13 of Agenda)

Resolutions

- A. Resolution 24-16 Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Pilot Agreement with Frisbie Memorial Hospital D/B/A Family Care of Somersworth.** The Finance Committee voted to support this action, moving it to the full City Council for consideration. City Attorney has reviewed the Agreement. Mr. Joseph Shields, Senior Vice President, Frisbie Memorial Hospital plans to attend.
- B. Resolution No. 25-16 Increase the Pay of Election Officials and to Add the Position of Assistant Supervisor of the Checklist.** The Government Operations Committee recommends Council approval of this action item. Attached is a suggested amendment from City Attorney Walter Mitchell. We believe this amendment allows the Resolution to read clearer. The Clerk's recommendation would be when assistance is needed. Subsequently, when needed, this new position will be appointed by the Moderator.

New Business (under Section 14 of Agenda)

Ordinance

- A. Ordinance No. 15-16 Supplemental Appropriation for Roof Replacement at the Somersworth Career Technical Center.** The Finance Committee met on March 8th to discuss this issue with Joint Building Committee members, School and City staff. The recommendation is to appropriate the project amount from the General Fund's Fund Balance. This Supplemental Appropriation requires a Public Hearing and a 2/3rd's vote of City Council to pass. I recommend it be held on Monday, April 4th at 6:45 p.m.

The public hearing was scheduled for Monday, April 4th at 6:45 p.m., without objection.

Resolutions

- A. Resolution No. 26-16 Authorize the City Manager to Enter into a Contract with Manter Co., Inc., of Danvers, Massachusetts for the Maple Street Culvert Replacement Project.** Both Public Works & Environment and Finance Committee have met and voted in support of the bid award and forwarded their recommendation for full City Council consideration. Attached is information regarding staff recommendations. City Council has appropriated \$155,000. for this project in the General Fund and \$10,000. in the Wastewater Fund.
- B. Resolution No. 27-16 To Request that New Hampshire Fish & Game Ban Hunting On/From Willand Pond.** Sponsored by Mayor Hilliard. FYI: The City of Dover City Council has passed a similar Resolution.

C. Resolution No. 28-16 Authorize the City Manager to Prepare Bid Specifications for Road Resurfacing and Associated Repairs of Selected Streets. The Public Works & Environment Committee met on March 15th and voted to support this action item. Attached is a memorandum from Public Works Director Mike Bobinsky that was the basis of Staff discussion with the Public Works & Environment Committee. Funding for these street projects would come from available funds in the General Fund Resurfacing Account, Sidewalk Capital Reserve Fund and the Water/Sewer Enterprise Fund. Respectfully, should full Council be in agreement with this project list I recommend a second reading be considered this evening.

City Manager's Items (under section 10 of Agenda)

A. Information Items:

- 1. City Manager's Proposed Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget.** The City Manager Proposed FY 2016/2017 Budget and School Department Budget has been submitted in accordance with the City Charter. Mayor Hilliard has scheduled the Public Hearing for Monday, April 4th. The City Manager will provide a Budget Presentation starting at 5:30 p.m. The Budget Hearing will start at 6:00 p.m. Budget workshop is on Saturday, April 2nd starting at 8:30 a.m. FYI: This Workshop will be televised.
- 2. Malley Farm Facility Opening.** The plan was to open on Monday, March 21st. With the weather forecast predicting snow we will open as soon as we are able. Malley Farm hours will be Monday –Friday 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

B. Attachments:

- 1. City Attorney Certifications (2).**
- 2. Department Head Monthly Reports.**
- 3. Wastewater Treatment Facility Capacity Evaluation Report.**

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 24 - 16 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PILOT AGREEMENT WITH FRISBIE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL D/B/A FAMILY CARE OF SOMERSWORTH.

A motion was made by Councilor Witham, seconded by Councilor Pepin, to adopt Resolution 24-16. Passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote, 9-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 25 -16 INCREASE THE PAY OF ELECTION OFFICIALS AND TO ADD THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT TO THE SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST.

Councilor Dumont, seconded by Councilor Witham, made a motion to amend the resolution as suggested, by removing “and appointed by the Moderator,” and adding “This new position will be appointed by the Moderator.” All in favor by voice vote.

A motion was made by Councilor Witham, seconded by Councilor Dumont, to adopt Resolution 25-16. Passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote, 9-0.

14. NEW BUSINESS

Ordinances:

ORDINANCE NO. 15 -16 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR ROOF REPLACEMENT AT THE SOMERSWORTH CAREER TECHNICAL CENTER.

Somersworth, NH
March 21, 2016

THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH ORDAINS THAT pursuant to Section 7.7(A) of the City Charter:

The annual budget for the City of Somersworth for Fiscal Year 15-16 is amended as follows:

Appropriate \$371,000 from General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance to the School Department section of the FY 15-16 General Fund budget as follows:

Original Budget	Amendment	Revised Budget
\$ 26,102,271	\$ 371,000	\$ 26,473,271

Approved as to Funding:

Recorded by:

Scott A. Smith
Director of Finance and Administration

Trish Harris
City Clerk

Background:

This ordinance appropriates the use of General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance for the purpose of providing funding to the School Department to replace the roof at the Somersworth Career Technical Center.

This Ordinance requires a public hearing and requires a 2/3 majority vote of the City Council after the public hearing subject to Section 7.4.1 and .Section 7.7 (A) of the City Charter.

Introduced by Councilors

David A. Witham
Dale R. Sprague
Martin Pepin
Jennifer G. Soldati

Approved

City Attorney

Ordinance No 15-16 will remain in first reading until the April 4, 2016 City Council Meeting.

Resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 26 - 16 TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MANTER CO., INC. OF DANVERS, MASSACHUSETTS FOR THE MAPLE STREET CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT.

Somersworth, NH
March 21, 2016

WHEREAS the City of Somersworth's Capital Improvement Plan includes a recommendation to replace the Maple Street culvert to address drainage and utility improvements in this area, and

WHEREAS the Somersworth fiscal year 15-16 adopted budget contains an appropriation to accomplish this project, and

WHEREAS the City requested sealed bids from qualified contractors for this project, and,

WHEREAS, the City's consultant engineer reviewed the bids received and recommends contracting with Manter Company, Inc. of Danvers, Mass at a cost of \$154,000 (One Hundred Fifty Four Thousand dollars), and

WHEREAS, the Public Works and Environment Committee for the City of Somersworth has reviewed the recommendation by the City's consultant engineer to award the contract to Manter Co., Inc., and supports the recommendation, and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee for the City of Somersworth has reviewed the recommendation by the City's consultant engineer to award the contract to Manter Co., Inc., and supports the recommendation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the City Manager is authorized to enter into an agreement with Manter Co., Inc. of Danvers, Massachusetts for the Maple Street culvert replacement project at a cost not to exceed \$154,000 (One Hundred Fifty Four Thousand dollars) and take any and all other such actions relative to this project determined to be in the best interest of the City

Introduced by Councilors

David A. Witham
Dale R. Sprague
Martin Pepin
Jennifer G. Soldati
Denis Messier

Approved:

City Attorney

Resolution No. 26-16 will remain in first reading until the April 4, 2016 City Council Meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 27 - 16 TO REQUEST THAT NEW HAMPSHIRE FISH & GAME BAN HUNTING ON/FROM WILLAND POND.

Somersworth, NH
March 21, 2016

WHEREAS, Willand Pond is located in a densely settled urban area of Somersworth and Dover; and

WHEREAS, The City's property surrounding Willand Pond is open for passive recreation, including trails for walking/running; and

WHEREAS: Given the densely settled urban area and the use of the property for passive recreation, the City of Somersworth banned hunting on its property surrounding Willand Pond; and

WHEREAS, As a jurisdictional water body of the State of New Hampshire the state controls Willand Pond up to the natural mean high water mark and the New Hampshire Department of Fish & Game operates a boat launch on Willand Pond; and

WHEREAS, New Hampshire Fish & Game permits hunting from Willand Pond and is considering a proposal to more clearly define where hunting is permitted; and

WHEREAS, The regulations currently governing hunting at Willand Pond were implemented generations ago, prior to significant development of the immediate surrounding areas with commercial, residential, and recreational use; and

WHEREAS, The City of Somersworth respects the rights of hunters and the jurisdictional authority of New Hampshire Fish and Game; and

WHEREAS, Given the unique urban setting of Willand Pond, including the close proximity of residential structures and passive recreational areas, the City of Somersworth believes, consistent with its own ordinance banning hunting around Willand Pond, that New Hampshire Fish & Game should not permit hunting on/from Willand Pond.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND SOMERSWORTH CITY COUNCIL THAT the City of Somersworth respectfully requests that New Hampshire Fish & Game ban hunting on/from Willand Pond.

Introduced by
Mayor Dana S. Hilliard

Approved
City Attorney

Councilor Sprague, seconded by Councilor Witham, made a motion to suspend council rules to allow a second reading; unanimous voice vote.

Councilor Sprague, seconded by Councilor Paradis, made a motion to adopt Resolution 27-16.

Councilor Sprague said Dover has already passed a similar resolution. We have no jurisdiction to prohibit hunting in the body of water owned by municipalities. The

problem is they can go to the boat and to the high water mark, and hunt from these locations. We have a lot of people on trails. Dover has passed their part, but we certainly don't want to hold anything up.

Councilor Witham said he has received a couple of emails mostly from Dover Residents, because our side is mostly recreational, but he can see their concern. At the last meeting he spoke of a resident that had gone on the walking trail around Willand Pond, and saw 75 to 100 people out there walking.

Councilor Soldati said she would like to urge our residents who really care about Willand Pond and would like to see the hunting gone to write to Fish and Game. She said she has nothing against hunting, but it is not appropriate anymore (at Willand Pond). Fish and Game have been digging in their heels because there has never been an accident. We like to think a little more proactively. She urged residents to write to Fish and Game suspend all hunting.

The motion to adopt Resolution 27-16 was approved by Roll Call Vote, 9-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 28 - 16 AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO PREPARE
BID SPECIFICATIONS FOR ROAD RESURFACING AND ASSOCIATED
REPAIRS OF SELECTED STREETS**

Somersworth, NH
March 21, 2016

WHEREAS the City of Somersworth's Capital Improvement Plan recommends road resurfacing streets in the City, and;

WHEREAS the City is beginning to utilize information from a recently completed pavement management assessment tool to assist with selecting streets recommended for pavement upgrade and;

WHEREAS the Public Works and Environment Committee reviewed the following staff recommended list of streets to be included in a work plan for this construction season and supports this recommendation:

Memorial Drive (Cemetery Road to High Street)
High Street (Blackwater Road to South Street)
Down Street (Bourque Street to the dead-end)
Indigo Hill Road (Williams Street to Green Street)
Indigo Hill Road (Green Street to Union Street)
with a "bid alternate" of Indigo Hill Road (Union Street to Main Street), and

WHEREAS the recommended listing of streets will use Complete Street concepts addressing road pavement, drainage, sidewalks, pedestrian safety and utility upgrades as needed, and;

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the development of technical project specifications, an estimated \$10,000 is needed to conduct pavement core samples and \$10,000 is needed to conduct utility line investigations where streets will be paved, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH THAT the City Manager is authorized to prepare bid specifications for road resurfacing of the aforementioned streets using a complete streets concept, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is authorized to spend an amount not to exceed \$20,000 for the purpose of taking core samples and conducting utility line investigations to assist with the preparation of the bid specifications and to take any other action determined to be in the best interest of the City.

Introduced by Councilors

Dale R. Sprague
David A. Witham
Denis Messier
Jennifer G. Soldati

Approved:

City Attorney

Councilor Witham, seconded by Councilor Sprague, made a motion to suspend council rules to allow a second reading; unanimous voice vote.

Councilor Witham, seconded by Councilor Dumont, made a motion to adopt Resolution 28-16.

Councilor Paradis said it appears that all of High Street will look great, and from Washington Street and through the middle of town will look great. There is a chunk that is missing as you enter our city, from South Street to Washington Street. She was wondering why that wasn't added on, given the whole image thing, and that is the entrance to our City. The sidewalks are very bad in this area.

Councilor Sprague said the reason was money. High Street has been done in segments. When Blackwater to South Street was done approximately 6 years ago, the sidewalks were not done correctly. We are trying to correct that now with a complete streets effort. We are looking at everything that needs to be done, whether its utilities under the road, new sidewalks, or eliminating sidewalks. We could possibly do this section next year, based on the budget.

Councilor Witham, the section was done better, the product and technique was better. The pavement condition index was a higher number. Good point on the sidewalk.

The motion to adopt Resolution 28-16 was approved by Roll Call Vote, 9-0.

CLOSING COMMENTS BY VISITORS

Megan Dubois, 12 Pearl St, Ward 4, thanked Kenneth Vincent for his service. She wanted to introduce herself. She said she has lived in Somersworth for 16 years. She thanked the citizens and teachers of the community for the person and parent she has become. She has a lot of pride and is happy to live here. She wants other people her age to get more involved with the community. She is an employee of Liberty Mutual and they offer a discount for auto and home insurance for City employees. She has been working with HR Director Linda Corriveau about possible seminars regarding insurance coverages. They have finalized a lunch and learn which is scheduled for April 21st.

CLOSING COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilor Pepin said Lieutenant Vincent started with him fresh out of high school; he was full of life. Never a dull moment; keeps you on your toes. Kenny worked with him the longest of any other firefighter. You become a family. You work holidays with your fellow firefighters. You sleep, eat, and live together. They become your brother and sisters. Kenny will always be his brother. It hasn't always been good. He said he and Kenny have had "some damn good arguments, as brothers and sisters do." But he always knew one thing about Kenny, whenever he went into a fire, Kenny had his back. Kenny could read his mind. That comes with time and trust. He doesn't trust anyone more than he trusted Kenny. The hardest thing he did was walking out the doors of the fire department on his last day. He told Kenny, he knows what he is dealing with. The memories will come back... but you will deal with them. "Thanks for your years of service, and thanks for being my partner."

Councilor Dumont also thanked Ken Vincent for his service to the community. He spoke of Ken's commitment for making this community be what it is today. Councilor Dumont said he never said no. It amazed him that at a certain time, when someone needed something done, they would call Kenny would drop anything to help someone else. You would see him on any given street in this city, helping somebody. Councilor Dumont thanked Kenny for those people. He wished him much good health.

Councilor Dumont made a comment about repaving. We recently got a report of the roads, and he would like to see us be more compliant with what the engineering firm presented. It showed that we have work to do to get to the acceptable point. It always comes down to revenue. He hopes to find the extra dollars. It has been over 30 years since we have done anything on some of the streets.

He welcomed Megan Dubois, and thanked her for standing up and introducing herself. He encourages the younger generation in the community to follow in her footsteps. Young entrepreneurs are volunteering and opening up businesses.

Councilor Cameron said she met Ken Vincent over 20 years ago. They have served on many committees together. She admires him and wishes nothing but the best.

Councilor McCallion said Kenny coached for many years, and 100 times a game he said, "do not take the easy route." That is how Kenny attacked a fire, and life. It takes a bigger man and a lot of courage to take things head on, so Good Luck.

The goal setting session was amazing. He commended the city staff and all who chipped in. If we plant the seeds and water them a little over the years, they will grow.

He has been sending pictures to the City Manager of panhandlers in the area. When we pass an ordinance, we should expect what we expect. Put a planter, with the ordinance at the area. It's frustrating. We need to enforce the ordinance.

He encouraged volunteering from the younger people. The more we get the better our community will be. We need more people to make it happen.

Councilor Sprague said the sign outside the fire station looks amazing. We had a grant for that. The sidewalk on Green Street and South Street is blown apart. Not sure what happened there. This is Spring time. Sidewalks are soft and do not have much hot top. Do not drive or park on the sidewalks.

If Council would take notice, that they decided to not send letters to Concord in support of killing some of those bills; none of the bills were passed. There are thousands of bills in congress and most are craziness.

He has known Kenny Vincent for the better part of his entire life. Kenny coached football, even though he didn't have a child on the team. Courage, he talked the talk and walked the walk. When he talks about any person in the city with courage, it's Kenny Vincent. He says what is on his mind... wish him the best. Thanked him for the service to the community. Hopes he stays in Somersworth.

Councilor Witham said thanks to Megan Dubois and Liberty Mutual. He agrees with Councilor Dumont, and is on board with the road resurfacing. Noble Pines Park has had a lot of improvements. There was some mischief; we can see you, we have you on camera!

Ken Vincent, it took a lot of guts and courage for what he did tonight. Applaud you for what you did and for your years of service to the city. Some looks at employment as a way to put bread on the table; Ken looked at employment as a way to give back to the city. The paycheck is an added bonus. He took his job to heart and he was always helping with groups and coaching. Back in July of 1995, Councilor Witham said he was in the middle of building a house, and his father passed away. Ken Vincent stepped up to the plate and helped paint his house during this difficult time. That is one of many examples that we could share, of how he helped people. The 12,000 people of Somersworth are better today because Ken Vincent is a Somersworth resident and a Somersworth Firefighter. He applauded everything Ken has done, and particularly his bravery here tonight.

Councilor Soldati said she used to be the Director of the Chamber of Commerce for the City of Somersworth, and they worked with the Lion's Club to put on Winterfest. Each year they would have a huge bonfire. The city could no longer allow that on privately owned property because insurance denied the bonfire. Kenny Vincent came to the rescue and said he would build a bonfire on the football field. It was a bitterly cold night, but importantly, nobody would have known about that. That speaks to his character and his sincerity and dedication to helping others. Thank you so much. You have made Somersworth a better place by being here.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Pepin, seconded by Councilor Cameron, made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Trish Harris, City Clerk

Dana Hilliard, Mayor