

CITY OF LEWISTON

CITY COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 7, 1999

JOINT MEETING WITH THE AUBURN CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL ROOM AT 5:15 P.M.

THE HONORABLE KAILEIGH A. TARA, MAYOR OF LEWISTON AND LEE YOUNG, MAYOR OF AUBURN, PRESIDING.

PRESENT LEWISTON: Councilors Lynch, Kelly, Carignan, Albert, Samson, Bilodeau, Putnam, City Administrator Robert J. Mulready and City Clerk Kathleen Montejo.

ALSO PRESENT FROM LEWISTON: Assistant City Administrator Phil Nadeau and City Finance Director Richard Metivier.

PRESENT AUBURN: Councilors Livingston, DeFilipp, Matzen, Levine, Carbonneau, Guay, City Manager Patricia Finnegan, City Clerk Mary Lou Magno and Assistant City Manager Mark Adams.

ABSENT: Auburn Councilor Dennison

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Moment of Silence.

FFA-USA FUNDING REQUEST

Severin Beliveau, President of the FFA-USA, addressed the Council and outlined the history of the national organization and its selection of Lewiston for their national headquarters. Mr. Beliveau highlighted events of the past year and reviewed plans for the upcoming year. He also answered questions from Councilors regarding the FFA-USA budget, their membership recruitment efforts and the national representation on the Board of Directors.

VOTE (1)

Motion by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To approve and release the ten thousand dollar budgeted appropriation to FFA-USA. Passed - Vote 7-0

LIBERTY FESTIVAL

Nick Knowlton, newly selected president of the Liberty Festival, addressed the Council regarding the re-structuring

and new direction of their organization. Mr. Knowlton reviewed fund raising efforts already in place for the Festival 2000 and noted the organization is incorporated and has never been in debt before this year. He attributes their loss of revenue to the airshow due to weather issues and organizational problems. Mr. Knowlton noted the city contributions will primarily be used to cover expenses for the fireworks display.

Mayor Tara thanked the volunteers who worked on this year's festival and stated that as a community, the Festival organizers and the Twin Cities should work together to find a solution. Mayor Young mentioned the need for a policy in the future and for staff representatives to serve as city liaisons on the festival committee.

Mr. Knowlton stated he is requesting from each Council an advance on their year 2000 donation to apply to their debt from the 1999 event, and the organization will mostlikely submit a contribution request for the year 2001 event.

VOTE (2)

Motion by Councilor Carignan, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To grant the request of ten thousand dollars as an advance for the Liberty Festival 2000 and to bring together a joint Lewiston/Auburn committee to review festival funding.
Passed - Vote 7-0

At this time, Councilor Kelly questioned the impact of the motion approved at the previous Lewiston Council meeting regarding funding for the Liberty Festival.

VOTE (3)

Motion by Councilor Lynch, seconded by Councilor Kelly:

To rescind the Lewiston Council vote of August 17, 1999 regarding the funding for the Liberty Festival.
Passed - Vote 7-0

VOTE (4)

Motion by Councilor Samson, seconded by Councilor Kelly:

To adjourn at 6:55 P.M. Passed - Vote 7-0

A true record, Attest:

Kathleen M. Montejo, CMC
City Clerk
Lewiston, Maine