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**Members**

James Tillotson, Chair  
Fred Krampits, Vice Chair  
Derek Dobosz  
Gary Labrie  
Jerry Roy

**MINUTES**  
**February 8, 2022**

The following are the minutes of a public hearing held Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 6:30 PM in the City Council Chambers, 4th Floor, City Hall 274 Front Street, Chicopee, MA 01013.

**Members Present:** Tillotson, Krampits, Dobosz, Labrie, Roy

**Also Present:** Dan Garvey (Associate City Solicitor), John Beaulieu (Assistant DPW Superintendent), Councilor Courchesne, Doug Ellis (City Engineer), Councilor Pniak-Costello, Councilor Balakier, Daniel Stamborski (Fire Chief), Katie Kalbaugh (Ambulance Commissioner), Councilor Laflamme

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM

In compliance with the open meeting laws the Chairman asked if anyone in the audience was recording the meeting. Hearing none the meeting continued.

**ITEM #1**

Article II Ambulance Service  
Chapter 34-25 Fees  
Delete and insert in place thereof  
BLS: \$1035  
ALS1: \$1679  
ALS2: \$2800  
Mileage: \$25 per mile

**Daniel Stamborski** stated that BLS is Basic life support, ALS1 is Paramedics, ALS2 is more advanced ambulance.

**Councilor Roy** asked how much do we get from these rates.

**Daniel Stamborski** stated that Medicaid is the lowest rate and they progressively go up.

**Katie Kalbaugh** stated that how much we give to the Paramedics and how much we keep. She stated we have a certain pecking order and we use that order every time. It depends on the ambulance service that we utilize we pay a different rate to each one of them. The priority is to get an ALS to the patient that needs it.

**Councilor Laflamme** stated that we get the maximum rates from some of the insurance companies.

**Daniel Stamborski** stated correct. He stated Medicare and Medicaid we're still getting their top rate. We may have to go after the individual for that deductible it's all in the billing incorporated. None of us have the same insurance they are all under different deductibles.

**Katie Kalbaugh** stated if they don't have a supplemental insurance they're still responsible for their twenty percent.

**Councilor Tillotson** stated it was his understanding that Medicare was starting to pay more and we weren't charging the maximum what we could get from them.

**Katie Kalbaugh** stated that we've been at the maximum for many years but eight years ago we tried to align ourselves with the affordable care act and we went to bundle billing.

**Councilor Balakier** asked how long it has been since we have adjusted the rates.

**Katie Kalbaugh** stated it's been eight years

**Councilor Tillotson** stated that we are trying to maximize what we can get from the insurance companies and everyone else but, no one will be denied service.

**Councilor Laflamme** stated that once other neighborhoods hear this they will want it on their street.

Councilor Roy motion to approve – Councilor Tillotson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion – motion passed

Committee vote 5 – 0 favorable

**ITEM #2**

Chapter 7 Ordinance Revisions

**GROUP 2**

**L. Office of the Mayor**

NEW	d) Part Time Community & Constituent Liaison	\$4,377.10
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**MIN. WAGE INC.  
AND NEW RATES**

<b>EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022</b>	<b>FROM</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE 1/1/2022</b>
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**GROUP 3**

**Y. Council on Aging**

Step Inc.	a) Sub. Transportation Coordinator	\$4,284.00
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**GROUP 4**

**Z Library Department**

a) Part Time Page	\$ 13.50 per hour	\$ 14.25 per hour
b) Circulation Clerk (On-Call)	\$ 13.50 per hour	\$ 14.25 per hour

**AA Engineering Department**

a) Seasonal Jr. Engineer	\$ 13.50 per hour	\$ 14.25 per hour
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**BB Highway Department**

a) Temporary Laborer	\$ 13.50 per hour	\$ 14.25 per hour
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<b>CC</b>	<b><u>Sanitation Department</u></b>		
	a) Temporary Laborer	\$ 13.50 per hour	\$ 14.25 per hour
<b>DD</b>	<b><u>Parks Department</u></b>		
	a) Temporary Laborer	\$ 13.50 per hour	\$ 14.25 per hour
<b>EE</b>	<b><u>Flood Control Department</u></b>		
	a) Temporary Laborer	\$ 13.50 per hour	\$ 14.25 per hour
<b>FF</b>	<b><u>Golf Department</u></b>		
	a) Seasonal Golf Assistants	\$ 13.50 per hour	\$ 14.25 per hour
	b) Pro-Shop Assistant	\$ 13.50 per hour	\$ 14.25 per hour
	c) Cashiers	\$ 14.00 per hour	\$ 14.50 per hour
<b>GG</b>	<b><u>Water Department</u></b>		
	a) Seasonal Employees	\$ 13.50 per hour	\$ 14.25 per hour
	b) Intern	\$ 13.50 per hour	\$ 14.25 per hour

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**FROM                      EFFECTIVE 1/1/2022**

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<b>HH</b>	<b><u>Waste Water Treatment Plant</u></b>		
	a) Temporary Laborer	\$ 13.50 per hour	\$ 14.25 per hour
	b) Intern	\$ 13.50 per hour	\$ 14.25 per hour
<b>II</b>	<b><u>Parks &amp; Recreation Department</u></b>		
	a) Ranger	\$ 13.50 per hour	\$ 14.25 per hour
	b) Special Care Taker	\$ 13.50 per hour	\$ 14.25 per hour
	c) Lifeguard	\$ 13.50 per hour	\$ 14.25 per hour
	d) Head Lifeguard	\$ 18.00 per hour	\$ 19.00 per hour
	e) Leader of Recreation/Art	\$ 17.00 per hour	\$ 18.00 per hour
	f) Assistant Recreation Leaders	\$ 14.25 per hour	\$ 15.00 per hour
	g) Youth Basketball Scorekeeper 1/game (Age 9-10)	\$ 13.50 per game	\$ 14.25 per game
	h) Youth Basketball Scorekeeper 1/game (Age 11-12)	\$ 14.50 per game	\$ 15.25 per game
	i) Youth Basketball Scorekeeper 1/game (Age 13-14)	\$ 16.00 per game	\$ 17.00 per game
	j) Youth Basketball Referee 2/game (Age 9-10)	\$ 14.50 per game	\$ 15.25 per game
	k) Youth Basketball Referee 2/game (Age 11-12)	\$ 18.00 per game	\$ 19.00 per game
	l) Youth Basketball Referee 2/game (Age 13-14)	\$ 21.50 per game	\$ 22.75 per game
	m) Youth Soccer Referee 2/game (Age 9-10)	\$ 13.50 per game	\$ 14.25 per game
	n) Youth Soccer Referee 2/game (Age 11-12)	\$ 14.50 per game	\$ 15.25 per game
	o) Youth Soccer Referee 2/game (Age 13-14)	\$ 16.00 per game	\$ 17.00 per game

p) Youth Baseball Umpire 1/game (Age 8-10) or 3rd-4th grade	\$ 28.00 per game	\$ 29.50 per game
q) Youth Baseball Umpire 1/game (Age 11-12) or 5th-6th grade	\$ 34.00 per game	\$ 36.00 per game
r) Youth Baseball Umpire 1/game (Age 13-14) or 7th-8th grade	\$ 39.50 per game	\$ 41.75 per game
s) Youth Softball Umpire 1/game (Age 8-10) or 3rd-4th grade	\$ 28.00 per game	\$ 29.50 per game
t) Youth Softball Umpire 1/game (Age 11-12) or 5th-6th grade	\$ 34.00 per game	\$ 36.00 per game
u) Youth Softball Umpire 1/game (Age 13-14) or 7th-8th grade	\$ 39.50 per game	\$ 41.75 per game
v) Camp Director	\$ 19.50 per hour	\$ 20.50 per hour
w) Assistant Director	\$ 18.00 per hour	\$ 19.00 per hour
x) Specialist	\$ 17.00 per hour	\$ 18.00 per hour
y) Senior Counselors	\$ 15.25 per hour	\$ 16.00 per hour
z) Junior Counselors	\$ 14.25 per hour	\$ 15.00 per hour
aa) Aquatics Director	\$ 19.50 per hour	\$ 20.50 per hour
bb) Lifeguard Instructor	\$ 17.00 per hour	\$ 18.00 per hour
cc) Intern	\$ 13.50 per hour	\$ 14.25 per hour

**OO Human Resources**

a) Temporary Clerk	\$ 13.50 per hour	\$ 14.25 per hour
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**Councilor Tillotson** stated that everything else has already been voted upon the position but not the funding.

Councilor Labrie motion to approve – Councilor Tillotson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion – motion approved

Committee vote            5 – 0 favorable

**ITEM #3**

Add to Chapter 260-22

Chapter 260-22 (1)

No driver shall park or stand any recreational motor vehicle and/or recreational motor vehicle attachment having a gross vehicle weight of 26,001 pounds or more or exceeding 20 feet in length for more than eight (8) hours on any day, on any part of any street, way, highway, road or parkway under the control of the City of Chicopee where parking or standing a vehicle is not otherwise prohibited, provided that this regulation shall not apply during actual service or delivery or in the case of an emergency. Motor vehicles, regardless of size, owned or operated by the City of Chicopee, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or the United States of America are hereby exempt from these regulations. Each day in which a motor vehicle is in violation of this provision shall constitute a separate offense.

Committee recommends the following:

Add to Chapter 260-22

Chapter 260-22 (1)

No driver shall park or stand any recreational motor vehicle and/or recreational motor vehicle attachment having a gross vehicle weight of 26,001 pounds or more, exceeding 20 feet in length or designed or constructed for overnight occupancy for more than eight (8) hours on any day, on any part of any street, way, highway, road or parkway under the control of the City of Chicopee where parking or standing a vehicle is not otherwise prohibited, provided that this regulation shall not apply during actual service or delivery or in the case of an emergency. Motor vehicles, regardless of size, owned or operated by the City of Chicopee, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or the United States of America are hereby exempt from these regulations. Each day in which a motor vehicle is in violation of this provision shall constitute a separate offense.

**Councilor Courchesne** stated that people who are living in trailers on the streets are telling the Police they are not, so it's hard to prove. He stated that this is just for trailers on the street.

Councilor Roy motion to approve – Councilor Tillotson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion – motion passed

Committee vote            5 – 0 favorable

**ITEM #4**

Chapter 198 Motor Vehicles on City Property

Add to 198-2 Violations and penalties

- (A) No person shall operate a recreational vehicle or off-highway/road on any City-owned or-controlled public way, sidewalk, park, playground, recreation area, public school property or any other property owned or controlled by the City.
- (B) No person operating or in control of a recreational or off-highway/road vehicle shall refuse to stop such vehicle after having been requested or signaled by a law enforcement officer, No person shall refuse to give their correct name, address or registration to the law enforcement officer.
- (C) No person shall operate a recreational or off-highway/road vehicle recklessly or negligently so that the lives of the public might be endangered and/or such operation, cause serious bodily injury.
- (D) No person shall operate a recreational or off-highway/road vehicle recklessly or negligently so as to cause property damage public/and or private property.
- (E) No person shall operate a recreational or off-highway/road vehicle without stopping and making their name, address and vehicle information known after knowingly colliding with or otherwise causing bodily injury to another.
- (F) No person shall operate a recreational or off-highway/road vehicle recklessly or negligently so that the lives or safety of the public may be endangered.
- (G) No person shall operate a recreational or off-highway/road vehicle recklessly or negligently as to harasses or be a nuisance to the public.
- (H) No person shall operate a recreational or off-highway/road vehicle without first having registered/insured such vehicle in accordance with MGL c.90B Section 22.

Committee recommends the following:

Chapter 198 Motor Vehicles on City Property

Add to 198-1A Violations and penalties

- (A) No person shall operate a recreational vehicle or off-highway/road on any City-owned or-controlled public way, sidewalk, park, playground, recreation area, public school property or any other property owned or controlled by the City.
- (B) No person operating or in control of a recreational or off-highway/road vehicle shall refuse to stop such vehicle after having been requested or signaled by a law enforcement officer, No person shall refuse to give their correct name, address or registration to the law enforcement officer.
- (C) No person shall operate a recreational or off-highway/road vehicle recklessly or negligently so that the lives of the public might be endangered and/or such operation, cause serious bodily injury.
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Councilor Krampits motion to approve – Councilor Tillotson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion – motion passed

Committee vote 5 – 0 favorable

**ITEM #5**

MOUNT VERNON ROAD - From the start of the property line at 23 Mount Vernon Road to Dale Street - PARKING PROHIBITED HERE TO CORNER

**Engineering**

Mount Vernon Road is approximately 26’ wide at its intersection with Dale Street and approximately 23’ wide at the easterly property line (coincidental with an existing fence) of 23 Mount Vernon Road. If vehicles were parked on both sides of the street, there would not be sufficient width remaining for traffic to pass. Prohibiting parking on one side of the street would prevent this potential problem. If it is decided to approve this parking restriction, to be clearer, the Ordinance could read:

**MOUNT VERNON ROAD**

**South side – 163 Feet from Dale Street Intersection**

**PARKING PROHIBITED HERE TO CORNER**

**Doug Ellis** stated that in this 163’ distance there is only one driveway there and it’s on the north side.

The committee recommends the following:

**MOUNT VERNON ROAD**

**South side – 163 Feet from Dale Street Intersection**

**PARKING PROHIBITED HERE TO CORNER**

**Councilor Krampits** motion to approve – Council Labrie 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion – motion passed

**Committee vote**        **5 – 0 favorable**

**ITEM #6**

8 BEAUDOIN COURT - HANDICAP PARKING

**Councilor Tillotson** stated this is a private street therefore we do not have any authority.

**Councilor Labrie** motion to approve – **Councilor Tillotson** 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

**Committee vote**        **5 – 0 unfavorable**

**ITEM #7**

Councilor Labrie motion to approve the minutes of November 23, 2021 & December 14, 2021 – Councilor Tillotson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion – motion passed

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 PM.