

City of Biddeford
Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by the Chair, Councilor John McCurry.

Present: Chair, Council President John McCurry, Mayor Alan Casavant, Councilor Stephen St. Cyr, Councilor Mike Ready, City Manager James Bennett, Finance Director Cheryl Fournier, and City Clerk Carmen Morris.

Adjustment to the Agenda

No adjustments to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Councilor Ready to approve the Minutes of October 1, 2019 as printed, seconded by Councilor St. Cyr.

Vote: unanimous.

Motion carried 4-0.

The expenditure warrant was available for review and signature.

Discussion/Approval

Purchase & Installation of Foul Ball Containment System for St. Louis Field/Sportsfield Specialties, Inc. of Delhi, NY

Motion by Councilor Ready to recommend the purchase and installation of a Foul Ball Containment System for St. Louis Field, seconded by Councilor St. Cyr.

Discussion: Recreation Director, Carl Walsh, explained this is the third time the RFP went out to bid. They were looking for a solution to a particular problem. It was not a regular RFP. Only one vendor has submitted a bid. The project is for Field 1 and Field 2. The purpose is to enhance the safety of pedestrians, vehicle traffic and property around the ball field.

Councilor Ready understands this is driven by City Council to fund the project. His concern is that the fields are not used as much as some of the other fields. He noted there are soccer programs and rec programs that are using the field. He does not want to vote this down and agrees there are areas of greater need that should be done. He would not support this order as it is written.

Councilor McCurry asked if all the teams could play on one field. Carl noted they are competing for the time on the fields. Councilor McCurry asked about the nets and Carl explained they are left up year round. Councilor McCurry asked about the warranty and Carl will look into it.

It was noted that \$75,000 is carryover from the previous years' CIP plus another \$75,000 has been budgeted in the current year.

Councilor St. Cyr wished there were other bids. Carl noted when he checked the references everybody had positive feedback. Councilor St. Cyr thinks it is a lot of money and is not sure this is the right option but he could support it. Carl would like to see it done by the end of the year. Public Works would take down what is there and Sportsfield Specialties, Inc. will take over and install the new system.

Vote: unanimous.
Motion carried 4-0.

Other Business

Report: Emergency Repair

No discussion.

Motion to adjourn made by Councilor Ready, seconded by Councilor St. Cyr.
Vote: unanimous.
Motion carried 4-0.
Adjourned at 5:12 p.m.