

**COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 6, 2016**

Mayor Casavant called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. at the Meetinghouse Building.

Roll Call: Michael Swanton, John McCurry, Jr., Stephen St. Cyr, Robert Quattrone, Jr., Bob Mills, Rick Laverriere, Michael Ready, Marc Lessard

Laura Seaver was excused.

The Council, and all who were present, recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

President of the Biddeford Historical Society, Denis Letellier shared a couple of facts about the Meetinghouse Building. The Biddeford Meetinghouse is the oldest building in the City; as well as the oldest Meetinghouse building in the State of Maine. This year marks the 400 year anniversary of when Biddeford Founder, Richard Vines came to Biddeford and became the first person to ever spend an entire winter here. The Biddeford Historical Society is holding an Anniversary celebration on October 15th from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Adjustment to the Agenda:

- Remove Order 2016.80

Consideration of Minutes: **August 16, 2016; August 30, 2016**

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Laverriere to accept the minutes as printed.

Vote: Unanimous.

Proclamation: American Legion Day

Mayor Casavant read the proclamation.

Receipt of Recommendations from Downtown Task Force

City Manager, James Bennett explained that the Downtown Task Force has put together their first set of recommendations, which is in regards to the River Walk, along with accompanying pedestrian ways within the downtown.

Second Readings:

{For a copy of the ordinance amendments and first reading, see the Council Meeting Minutes of August 16, 2016}

**2016.74) Amendment/Land Use Regulations/Art. V-Establishment of Zones/Table A –
Add Self-Storage Facilities**

Motion by Councilor Ready, seconded by Councilor McCurry to grant the second reading of the order.

Vote: Unanimous.

**2016.75) Amendment/Ch. 74-Waterways/Sec. 74-106-Opening and closing of flats –
Prohibition of digging during flat closures**

Motion by Councilor Ready, seconded by Councilor Laverriere to grant the second reading of the order.

Vote: Unanimous.

Orders of the Day:

2016.78

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...SEPTEMBER 6, 2016

BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby authorize the use of unspent funds totaling \$19,975 in account 413 associated with the November 8, 2011 Referendum Question III. The original Bond being specific to repair and replacement of roofs and related improvements to City buildings, which include J. Richard Martin Community Center, the Public Works building, and the Teen Center building at Rotary Park.

The unspent funds shall be used for roof repairs and window replacement at the May Field Building, J. Richard Martin Community Center steeple weatherization and painting, and in the event any surplus funds remain to apply the funds to exterior repairs at other municipal buildings in accordance with the intent of the Bond.

All project work shall be performed in accordance with the procurement procedures defined in Chapter 2, Article V, Division 2-*Procurement*.

Motion by Councilor Laverriere, seconded by Councilor Lessard to grant the order.

Vote: Unanimous.

2016.79

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BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with J. Pratt Construction for the reconstruction of sidewalks on Main Street, along with other safety and intersection improvements for an amount not to exceed \$716,370. Funding will come from CDBG (\$294,365), TIF (\$140,635) reallocation of Lincoln Street Project (\$140,635) and other road access funds (\$140,635).

Motion by Councilor Laverriere, seconded by Councilor Mills to grant the order.

Motion by Councilor Ready, seconded by Councilor Quattrone to amend the order by removing funding from the Lincoln Street Project (\$140,635) and from other road access funds (\$140,635); and further, that \$281,270 come out of the Fund Balance.

Vote: 6/2; Councilors St. Cyr and Mills opposed.

Councilors Swanton, McCurry, Quattrone, Laverriere, Ready and Lessard in favor.

Motion to amend carries.

Vote on order, as amended: 7/1; Councilor St. Cyr opposed.

Councilors Swanton, McCurry, Quattrone, Mills, Laverriere, Ready and Lessard in favor.

Motion carries.

City Manager Report:

City Manager, James Bennett had a couple of comments:

- (1) Per Council request, he has been working on increasing public relations, and has established a weekly newsletter which is meant to be informative, get information out in a timely manner and be somewhat entertaining. The newsletter is a collaboration between himself, Andrea and Brian.
- (2) Jim is pleased to announce that both the Biddeford and Saco Police Chiefs, both Mayors and Biddeford's Grant Writer have worked to secure a Grant. On Friday, September 1st, the City of Biddeford, in collaboration with the City of Saco, received notice of a Conditional Contract Award under RFP # 201606122 Grants for Substance Abuse Assistance Programs issued by the Maine Department of Public Safety.

Biddeford and Saco's municipal governments, police departments and the University of New England's Coastal Healthy Community Coalition and Southern Maine Healthcare collaborated to form the Saco Biddeford Opioid Outreach Initiative (SBOOI) in response to the grant opportunity. The SBOOI is modeled after a successful program created by the Arlington Police Department in Arlington, MA. It is designed to meet drug users and their families "where they're at", to facilitate pathways to community-based treatment, medically assisted treatment, and recovery and support services. The program is founded on the premise that detoxification occurs behind walls but recovery occurs in the community.

Funding from the grant will allow Biddeford and Saco's police departments to hire two SBOOI Coordinators who will work collaboratively to meet a set of strategic goals and objectives designed to reduce the number of opiate overdoses, reduce the volume of criminal activity associated with drug seeking behaviors, expand access to treatment options, empower and motivate families, and reduce social stigma associated with addiction as a whole.

Other Business:

Councilor Swanton: likes the weekly newsletter; however, does not like the name of the newsletter! He also does not care for the City website and asked when the website will be revamped. The City Manager answered that the website is currently being worked on by Staff and the whole idea is to make information easier to find.

Councilor Swanton informed folks that the Charter Revision questions are now on Channel 3, as well as on the City website.

Lastly, Councilor Swanton reminded folks that River Jam is on Sept. 17th and all the details of that event can be found on the Heart of Biddeford website.

Councilor Ready: announced that there will be a Hazardous Waste Day held at the Biddeford Public Works Dept. on September 17th from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Flyers will be available soon that will specify what folks can and cannot bring. He went on to remind folks that oil-based paints can be brought to Sherwin Williams anytime, at no cost. Also, fluorescent light bulbs may be brought to Staples, Home Depot or Dupuis Hardware. Citizens do not have to wait until a Hazardous Waste Day to get rid of these items.

Councilor Lessard: asked if Staff could look into property lots that had been deemed unbuildable about 40 years ago and ultimately combined with neighboring lots. He would like to see if there would be a taxable advantage to get these lots separated out and back on the tax rolls and possibly deemed buildable.

Councilor Mills: asked if the Meetinghouse is a municipal building; and how many times the City Council has met at the Meetinghouse over the past ten years.

Councilor Mills thanked Mayor Casavant for reading the American Legion Day Proclamation.

Councilor Quattrone: reminded folks that school is now back in session and urged everyone to drive carefully and safely. Also, the Primary School is hosting a Grandparents Day this coming Friday.

Council President Addressing the Council: Councilor McCurry mentioned that the Fire Department is currently looking into a possible accreditation program, much like the one that the Police Department is currently working through.

Councilor McCurry requested that Staff take a look at the Recycling Center and possibly come up with some cost savings prior to the next budget season.

He reiterated Councilor Quattrone's comments about school being back in session and folks needing to drive more carefully and safely.

Lastly, he announced that there will be an Open House at Waterhouse Field on Thursday, September 8th from 6-8 p.m. The intent is to show all the renovations needed at the field.

Mayor Addressing the Council: Mayor Casavant thanked Denis Letellier and the Biddeford Historical Society for assisting to arrange tonight's Council Meeting at the Meetinghouse.

Mayor Casavant reminded folks of the upcoming Biddeford & Saco Mayoral Ball, to be held on Friday, September 16th from 8-11 p.m. at the Pepperell Center. All proceeds will go to the Biddeford and Saco food pantries.

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Laverriere to adjourn.
Vote: Unanimous.

Time: 6:40 p.m.

Attest by: _____
Carmen J. Morris, City Clerk