

**COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5, 2017**

Mayor Casavant called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Michael Swanton, John McCurry, Jr., Stephen St. Cyr, Robert Quattrone, Jr., Victoria Foley, Norman Belanger, Michael Ready, Laura Seaver, Marc Lessard

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

Adjustment to the Agenda:

Order of the Day 2017.99 will be considered right after both proclamations.

Recognition & Proclamation: Volk Packaging Corporation – 50 Year Anniversary

Mayor Casavant noted that Volk Packaging was the first tenant in Biddeford's Industrial Park on Route One. He read the proclamation and then presented the framed proclamation and a plaque to the owners of Volk Packaging.

Proclamation: Biddeford 50 Plus Club – Serving 50 Years

Mayor Casavant read the proclamation and recognized the Biddeford 50 Plus Club for serving the Seniors of Biddeford and surrounding areas for 50 years.

Order of the Day:

2017.99

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL..SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby authorize the City Manager to execute any and all legal documents necessary to execute the proposed resolution for the back taxes on property located at 50 Lester B. Orcutt Boulevard (Map 59, Lot 66), assessed in the name Life Estate of Susan E. LeGallee. Such resolution will include the abatement of all outstanding costs and interest assessed against the property at the time of the execution of the agreement for any amount in excess of \$109,019.40; plus what is owed for the FY18 taxes in the amount of \$12, 232,67.

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

Vote: Unanimous.

Presentation: Maine Water – Rate Increase Application to the Maine PUC

Rick Knowlton, President of Maine Water gave a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed rate increase, which is based on service changes over the past few years, including millions of dollars in capital investment in the City. The proposed rate increase will impact all metered customers (with some rates actually going down); however, there will be no impact for public fire protection.

Public Hearing: Martinis on Main

The Chair opened the Public Hearing at 6:41 p.m.

There were no public comments.

The Chair closed the Public Hearing at 6:41 p.m.

Liquor License Consideration: Martinis on Main

Motion by Councilor Ready, seconded by Councilor Quattrone to recommend the issuance of a liquor license to *Martinis on Main*.

Vote: Unanimous.

Consideration of Minutes: August 15, 2017

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

Vote: Unanimous.

Orders of the Day:

2017.95

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL..SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Biddeford that the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 42, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article IV Specific Street Regulations, **Section 42-89** Stop intersections, be amended by adding or ~~deleting~~ to read as follows:

Mile Stretch Road at Lester B. Orcutt Blvd.

Motion by Councilor Ready, seconded by Councilor McCurry to grant the first reading of the ordinance amendment.

Vote: Unanimous.

2017.96

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Biddeford that the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 42, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article IV Specific Street Regulations, **Section 42-90 No Parking**, is amended by adding or ~~deleting~~ to read as follows:

A person may not park a motor vehicle or allow a motor vehicle under that person's control to remain parked on a public highway in a manner that blocks the entrance to a private driveway or entrance to a place of business or within two (2) feet thereof, without the permission of the owner of that private driveway, or entrance to a place of business.

Motion by Councilor Ready, seconded by Councilor McCurry to grant the first reading of the ordinance amendment.

Motion by Councilor Lessard, seconded by Councilor Quattrone to amend the ordinance by changing within two (2) feet thereof... to within five (5) feet thereof.

Motion by Councilor Lessard to table the ordinance amendment.

Fails due to lack of second.

Vote on amendment: 2/7; Councilors Lessard and Quattrone in favor.

Councilors Swanton, McCurry, St. Cyr, Foley, Belanger, Ready and Seaver opposed.

Amendment fails.

Vote on original motion: 8/1; Councilor Lessard opposed.

Councilors Swanton, McCurry, St. Cyr, Quattrone, Foley, Belanger, Ready and Seaver in favor.

Motion carries.

2017.97

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BE IT ORDERED, that the Biddeford City Council does hereby grant approval pursuant with Title 15 M.R.S.A. §5824(3) & §5822(4)(A) to the transfer of \$16,449.00 in U.S. Currency, or any portion thereof, on the grounds that the City of Biddeford Police Department did make a substantial contribution to the investigation of this or related criminal case.CR-16-655. These funds shall be transferred to the City of Biddeford, Asset Forfeiture Account 31119-40576.

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Belanger to grant the order.

Vote: 8/1; Councilor Swanton opposed.

Councilors McCurry, St. Cyr, Quattrone, Foley, Belanger, Ready, Seaver and Lessard in favor.

Motion carries.

2017.98

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL..SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford hereby adopts the Maine Municipal Association Model Ordinance, General Assistance Appendices (A-D) – **General Assistance Maximums** for the period of October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018.

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

Vote: Unanimous.

City Manager Report:

- 1) At this evening's Finance Committee meeting, Jeff Demers, WWTP Director, gave an update on the Horrigan's Court grinder explaining it was not working as it should and, with the City Manager's permission, purchased a new grinder as an emergency purchase. It was purchased out of the DEP account in the amount of \$32,440.00.
- 2) Also at the Finance Committee meeting, Finance Director, Cheryl Fournier went over the financials for end of year for FY17.

- 3) The LED Street Light Project is still progressing and it is expected that the City will eventually see a cost-savings to having these new lights.
- 4) In light of the natural disasters (flooding and hurricanes) happening in other parts of the country, he reminded folks that there isn't a minute that goes by in any day when there isn't a dedicated and committed public employee ensuring our safety and well-being. Very often, people don't even realize how their lives are touched by a public employee. Jim went on to say how proud he is to work with such a dedicated team of public employees, and if an emergency were to ever arise, he has no doubt that our community's emergency team can handle it.

Public Addressing the Council..3 minute limit per speaker; 30 minute total time limit
There were no public comments.

Other Business:

Councilor Ready: announced that this coming Saturday, Sept. 9th is Household Hazardous Waste Day at the Biddeford Public Works/Recycling Facility from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Residents from Biddeford, Saco, Old Orchard Beach and Scarborough will be able to attend this event. The regular recycling will not be open that day.

Councilor Swanton: made an official request that City Staff look into appealing the most recent FEMA Maps.

Councilor Lessard: would like to see the City come up with a sign ordinance for the downtown area, which should reflect what the City is trying to accomplish in the downtown.

Council President Addressing the Council: Councilor McCurry reminded folks that school is back in session and cautioned them to be more careful and watchful when driving. He also noted that Waterhouse Field is looking great!

Mayor Addressing the Council: Mayor Casavant announced that RiverJam is coming up on the weekend of September 15th and 16th, and he encourage all to attend.

Executive Session: 1 MRSA 405(6)(C)...Economic Development

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Lessard to move into Executive Session.
Vote: Unanimous. Time: 7:04 p.m.

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Ready to move out of Executive Session.
Vote: Unanimous. Time: 7:33 p.m.

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Ready to adjourn.
Vote: Unanimous. Time: 7:33 p.m.

Attest by: _____
Carmen J. Morris, City Clerk