

City of Biddeford
Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
September 3, 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 August 6, 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

Approval/Purchase of Roll-Off/Recycling Truck/Freightliner of Maine

Motion by Councilor Ready to recommend the approval of the purchase of a Roll-Off/Recycling Truck from Freightliner of Maine, seconded by Councilor St. Cyr.

Discussion: Councilor St. Cyr needed to see the \$13,000.00 change. Carl Marcotte, Assistant Public Works Director, gave an explanation on the cost of the truck and recommended taking advantage of the purchase.

Vote: unanimous.

Motion carried 4-0.

Approval/Purchase of Wireless Access Points

Motion by Councilor Ready to approve the purchase of Wireless Access Points, seconded by Councilor St. Cyr.

Vote: unanimous.

Motion carried 4-0.

Approval/Purchase of Mini-Paver

Motion by Councilor Ready to approve the purchase of a mini-paver, seconded by Councilor St. Cyr.

Discussion: Councilor McCurry asked Carl Marcotte if they went out to bid. Carl explained 90% of the people buy from this company. He did not put enough in the budget to purchase this and that's why they are here.

Vote as amended: unanimous.
Motion carried 4-0.

Discussion (with possible action):

Fire Department Central Station – Bathroom Renovations

Councilor McCurry noted this item was removed from the agenda; no bids were received for the project.

Councilor Ready asked if we reissued the same plan or altered the plan for this bid.

Other Business

Councilor McCurry asked about the Wastewater project since the Intern who was working on it left. Cheryl Fournier, Finance Director, explained before leaving she did turn over about 12 accounts that need to be billed and we are sending out letters to them. She will have to take the data and figure out rates. Councilor McCurry asked for an update at the next meeting.

Councilor McCurry asked where Staff are with the proposed recycling changes. City Manager anticipates it would be on the next Finance Committee agenda.

Councilor McCurry asked for a breakdown of wages, debt, utilities, etc. from the General Fund.

Councilor McCurry noted he read in the newspaper that Sanford's tax rate went up \$.70 and they received more in State Revenue Sharing than Biddeford.

Councilor Ready asked what the plan was going for bringing expenditures to the Council, he thought there was a higher threshold that came to the Finance Committee. Cheryl noted it was because the items were above budget.

Motion to adjourn made by Councilor Ready, seconded by Councilor St. Cyr.

Vote: unanimous.

Motion carried 4-0.

Adjourned at 5:08 p.m.