

City of Biddeford
Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
August 4, 2020
(Due to COVID-19, the meeting was held virtually via ZOOM)

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 Mike Ready, City Manager, James Bennett; Chief Operating Officer, Brian Phinney; City Clerk, Carmen Morris; and Interim Finance Director, Gerry Matherne.

Excused: Councilor Stephen St. Cyr.

Adjustment to the Agenda
No adjustments to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes of July 21, 2020.

Motion by Councilor Ready to approve the minutes as printed, seconded by Mayor Casavant.

Vote: unanimous.

Motion carries 3-0.

Expenditure Warrant: July 28, 2020

The warrant was emailed to the Finance Committee members for their review.

Motion by Councilor Ready to approve the warrant, seconded by Mayor Casavant.

Vote: unanimous

Motion carries 3-0.

Discussion/Approval

Approval/Sewer User Fees

Motion by Councilor Ready to recommend approval of the proposed sewer user fee rates, seconded by Mayor Casavant.

Discussion: Councilor Ready asked if the City has a system set up with Maine Water. Gerry Matherne, Interim Finance Director, noted they are set up but have not gone live yet. The rates are in their system and they match with Munis. Scheduled to go live September 1, 2020.

Vote: 2-1, Councilor McCurry opposed.

Mayor Casavant and Councilor Ready in favor.

Motion carries 2-1.

Other Business

Councilor McCurry asked about the financials for the Ice Arena, and asked if the Ice Arena has purchased a hockey team and how was that working.

City Manager suggested inviting the Chair of the Board for the Ice Arena to the next Finance Committee meeting to address the question.

Councilor Ready asked if the Arena has begun to make payments on the ice making system. Gerry M. noted they may start payments in a couple of months, the documents have just been executed. Councilor Ready asked for clarification on funds that are remaining in the Ice Arena account. Gerry noted she would have to look into that.

Motion to adjourn made by Councilor Ready, seconded by Mayor Casavant.

Vote: unanimous.

Motion carried 3-0.

Adjourned at 5:07 p.m.