

City of Biddeford
Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
July 6, 2021
(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 Stephen St. Cyr; Councilor Mike Ready; City Clerk, Carmen Morris; and Chief Operating Officer, Brian Phinney.

Adjustment to the Agenda

No adjustment to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes of June 15, 2021

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

Vote: unanimous.

Motion carries.

Discussion/Approval

Recommendation/Purchase of (2) Ford Interceptor Police Cruisers/Rowe Ford of Westbrook, Maine

Motion by Councilor Ready to recommend the purchase of (2) Ford Interceptor Police Cruisers from Rowe Ford of Westbrook, Maine, seconded by Councilor St. Cyr.

The Committee asked if these cruisers can be purchased using ARP (American Rescue Plan) funds. Brian Phinney, COO, will look into the eligibility of using the ARP funds to purchase the cruisers.

Vote: unanimous.

Motion carries.

Recommendation/Contract with Thyng Paving/Sidewalk Paving Projects on Simard Avenue, Wilson Street, Bacon Street and Piersons Lane

Motion by Councilor Ready to recommend awarding the paving contract to Thyng Paving for Sidewalk Paving Projects on Simard Avenue, Wilson Street, Bacon Street and Piersons Lane, seconded by Councilor St. Cyr.

Public Works Director, Jeff Demers, presented the item.

Vote: unanimous.

Motion carries.

Approval/Replacement of HVAC Unit at Fire Central Station

Motion by Councilor Ready to award the bid to Jim Godbout Plumbing & Heating for one unit at \$15,000.00, seconded by Mayor Casavant.

Fire Chief, Scott Gagne, presented this item. He explained the units are about 12 years old and the one unit will be fine for now. He will budget for the other unit in the next budget cycle. The unit stopped working on July 1.

Councilor St. Cyr asked where the money was coming from for the project since it is not a budgeted item. Brian Phinney will talk to the City Manager to see if he already has a plan on how to pay for this.

Vote: unanimous.

Motion carries.

Other Business

Councilor St. Cyr noted one of his frustrations is with funds where the revenue falls short of the budgeted expenditures. He wonders if appointing someone to look into that now might be prudent to figure out what funds are needed to bring these funds to being self-sufficient.

Councilor McCurry asked about shredding being done at Household Hazardous Waste Day, or even on a separate day.

Councilor Ready noted that shredding was typically offered on Earth Day at DPW.

Public Works Director, Jeff Demers, suggested coordinating with Drug Take-Back Day. He will speak with the Police Chief and contact a couple of companies to get pricing.

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

Vote: unanimous.

Motion carries.

Adjourned at 5:17 p.m.