

City of Biddeford
Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by the Chair, Council President John McCurry.

Present: Chair, Council President John McCurry, Councilor Mike Ready, Councilor Stephen St. Cyr, City Manager James Bennett, Finance Director Cheryl Fournier, and City Clerk Carmen Morris.

Excused: Mayor Alan Casavant.

Adjustment to the Agenda

No adjustments.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Councilor Ready to approve the Minutes of March 6, 2018, seconded by Councilor St. Cyr.

Vote: unanimous.

Motion carried 3-0.

The expenditure warrant was available for review and signature.

Discussion/Approval

Hills Beach Road Drainage Project

Motion by Councilor Ready to recommend the approval of the expenditure for this project, seconded by Councilor St. Cyr.

Vote: unanimous.

Motion carried 3-0.

Emergency Road and Seawall Repairs/Shaw Brothers Construction, Inc. of Gorham, Maine

Motion by Councilor Ready to recommend the approval of the expenditure for this project, seconded by Councilor St. Cyr.

Discussion: Councilor Ready asked where the money was coming from. The City Manager explained the City would get back 75% from the Feds, 15% from the State and the City would do 10%. Jim noted the City has qualified for reimbursement, but if we do not get the reimbursement then they would have to use one of the expense lines for some of the road projects.

Councilor St. Cyr asked about having only one bid. Public Works Director, Jeff Demers, explained it is a fair price and he did not go out to bid.

Vote: unanimous.

Motion carried 3-0.

Creation of Reserve Account for Interns/Management Analysts

Motion by Councilor Ready to approve the expenditure for this reserve account, seconded by Councilor St. Cyr.

Discussion: Councilor St. Cyr asked where the money was coming from. The City Manager explained the funds would come out of this fiscal year's operations budget. He is hoping to attract a graduate student for the summer months.

Vote: unanimous.

Motion carried 3-0.

Creation of Reserve Account for Community Service Officers

Motion by Councilor Ready to approve the expenditure for this reserve account, seconded by Councilor St. Cyr.

Discussion: Councilor St. Cyr again asked where the funds were coming from. The City Manager explained the funds would come out of this fiscal year's operations budget. He thinks the positions will pay for themselves in future years with the savings the Police Department will see by having these part time positions. Councilor Ready noted he is skeptical of the savings these positions will bring but he does support it.

Vote: unanimous.

Motion carried 3-0.

Other Business

No other business.

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

Vote: unanimous.

Motion carried 3-0.

Adjourned at 5:13 pm.