

City of Biddeford
Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 5:33p.m. by Mayor Casavant .

Present: Mayor Alan Casavant; Councilor William Emhiser; Councilor Marc Lessard; City Manager James Bennett; and Finance Director Nichole Wood; Fire Chief Scott Gagne

Councilor Norm Belanger is excused – joined on Zoom at 5:38.

Approval of Minutes of January 10, 2023

Motion by Councilor Emhiser, seconded by Councilor Lessard to accept the minutes as printed.

Vote: unanimous.

Motion carries.

Expenditure Warrants:

The Warrants are circulating for signature

Adjustment to the Agenda:

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

Discussion/Approval

4.1 Recommendation: Fire Department roof repairs

Discussion: no discussion

Motion by Councilor Lessard, second Councilor Emhiser by to recommend to council

Vote: unanimous

Motion carries

Recommendation: Purchase of Battery-Operated Extrication Tools

Discussion: Councilor Lessard: Asked if the equipment that is battery powered is not new to the department, but in another form. Chief Gagne replied yes, but they are hydraulic, and mounted on the Heavy Rescue. Batteries will operate on an 18V system, which is a consistent power source, and can be used for other equipment like already owned saws. Councilor Lessard asked if eventually the hydraulic will eventually be phased out. Chief Gagne replied that yes, it will be phased out. Councilor Lessard asked if the hydraulic equipment is limited in use by the person who has the ability start it? Chief Gagne replied that it does have electric start, but it has to be run with hoses, and can't be run in a structure because of Carbon Monoxide. Councilor

What is the use of a fully charge of a battery – 20 minutes on a battery at full torque, with other

batteries on-site to swap out with other backup. How long to recharge – quick charge in 30 minutes.
How many batteries will we have? Six in reserve on the apparatus on charging banks.

Motion by Councilor Emhiser, second Councilor Lessard by to recommend to council

Vote: unanimous

Motion carries

Other Business

December Financial Report

Finance Director Nichole Wood presented the December financial memo and report, and answered questions of the committee.

Adjournment

Motion by Marc, seconded Bill by to adjourn.

Vote: unanimous.

Motions carries.

Adjourned at 5:54 pm