

**COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 4, 2020**

Mayor Casavant called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: William Emhiser, John McCurry, Jr., Stephen St. Cyr, Robert Quattrone, Jr., Amy Clearwater, Norman Belanger, Michael Ready and Doris Ortiz

Marc Lessard was excused.

The Council, and all who were present, recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

Presentation: Police Department Annual Update

Police Chief, Roger Beaupre gave a very informative synopsis of Police Department activity for 2019. {A full copy of the Annual Report is available on the City's website, or in the City Clerk's Office}.

Chief Beaupre's report included statistics on: calls for police services, offenses, arrests, drug-related activities, traffic/parking warnings and citations and more. He also highlighted the numerous aspects of the community that the police department is involved in, including being a presence at public events, making educational and informational presentations to local businesses, organizations and groups, as well as in Biddeford Schools.

Presentation: Update on Biddeford Municipal Airport

Airport Commission Chair, Rick Laverriere thanked the Council for the opportunity to give an Airport update, and then introduced Matt Caron from Gale Associates, Inc. – the City's airport consultant.

Matt Caron gave an overview of the on-going and upcoming projects slated for the airport. Of particular note is the \$7,500,000 FAA Grant through the FAA's Supplemental Appropriations Program that was awarded to the City in 2019. Specifically, the Airport's Runway 06-24 design, permitting and reconstruction project was selected to receive 100% funding through the Supplemental Appropriations Program. The \$7,500,000 requires no financial commitment from the City of Biddeford or the State of Maine.

Another future project will be the Airport's Master Plan Update. Gale Associates, Inc. will be working with the Airport Commission to come up with a proposed updated plan.

Public Hearing: Liquor License for Blaze Brewing, LLC

The Chair opened the Public Hearing at 6:41 p.m.

There were no public comments.

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:41 p.m.

Consideration of Liquor License: Blaze Brewing, LLC

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Clearwater to recommend the issuance of a liquor license to Blaze Brewing, LLC, to be located at 28 Pearl Street.

Vote: 7/1; Councilor St. Cyr opposed.

Councilors Emhiser, McCurry, Quattrone, Clearwater, Belanger, Ready and Ortiz in favor.

Motion carries.

Consideration of Minutes: January 21, 2020

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Clearwater to accept the minutes as printed.

Vote: Unanimous.

Second Readings:

{For a copy of the proposed ordinance amendments and first readings, see the Council Meeting minutes of January 21, 2020}

2020.5) Amendment/Ch. 42, Motor Vehicles & Traffic/Sec. 42-90.1-No parking during special events/Remove certain streets from this section

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Clearwater to grant the second reading of the ordinance amendment.

Vote: Unanimous.

2020.6) Amendment/Ch. 70, Utilities/Art. II-Wastewater System/Division 4. Use Regulations; and Art. III-Wastewater System Capacity Management/Various Amendments

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Clearwater to grant the second reading of the ordinance amendment.

Vote: Unanimous.

Orders of the Day:

2020.10

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BE IT ORDERED, that the City Manager be authorized to purchase one (1) 2021 Ford F-650 (the “Equipment”) from Arundel Ford (the “Vendor”) and may pay the Vendor an amount not to exceed \$100,527.00 (before discounts valued at \$3,000.00) for the Equipment as follows:

1. The City of Biddeford expects to incur debt to reimburse expenditures to pay the cost of the Equipment;
2. The City of Biddeford reasonably expects that the maximum principal amount of the debt, including for reimbursement purposes, is \$100,527.00;
3. The City Manager, on behalf of the City of Biddeford, is authorized to enter into a lease purchase, loan or other financing agreement for the Equipment provided that (a) the principal amount of such agreement will not exceed \$100,527.00, (b) the term of such agreement will not exceed one hundred and twenty (120) months and (c) any obligation of the City of Biddeford to make lease or loan payments pursuant to such agreement is subject to annual appropriation by the City Council of the City of Biddeford;
4. The City Manager is authorized to advance money from the General Fund of the City for payment of the costs of the Equipment; and
5. The City Manager, on behalf of the City of Biddeford, is authorized to negotiate, enter into, execute, deliver and cause to be performed, and to approve, any and all agreements, instruments, certificates and other documents, and to grant security interests in the Equipment, upon such terms, conditions, limitations and undertakings, which the City Manager determines are necessary and proper for the acquisition and financing of the Equipment, provided that any lease purchase, loan or other financing agreement will be countersigned by both the Mayor and the Treasurer of the City of Biddeford. Without limiting the foregoing, the City Manager, on behalf of the City of Biddeford, in connection with the acquisition of the Equipment, is authorized to sell, transfer, trade in or otherwise dispose of any equipment, which the City Manager determines is no longer useful to the City of Biddeford.

NOTE: The Finance Committee will review this item on February 4, 2020 and vote to recommend it to the City Council for approval. The purchase of this Hook lift truck is included in the FY/20 budget line 21204-60603 as a lease.

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Clearwater to grant the order.

Vote: Unanimous.

Appointment:

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ORDERED, that I, Alan M. Casavant, Mayor of the City of Biddeford, do hereby re-appoint:

**Michael Grattelo
1 Penny Avenue
Ward 4**

to the *Recreation Commission*, for a term to expire in December 2024.

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Clearwater to confirm the appointment.
Vote: Unanimous.

Public Addressing the Council...(5 minute limit per speaker; 30 minute total time limit):
One citizen addressed his comments to the Council.

City Manager Report:

Chief Operating Officer, Brian Phinney showed a video that had been attached to last week's Biddeford Beat, that highlighted many of the City's accomplishments in 2019.. Communications Coordinator, Danica Lamontagne did a fantastic job putting the video together.

Brian reminded the Council that a Council Workshop has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 11th at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The Workshop will include the City Manager's proposed communications plan.

Other Business:

Councilor Ready: informed the Council that Seeds of Hope has opened their Warming Center at least 10 nights since the start of this program. Both the Biddeford and Saco Police and Fire Departments have been working with Seeds of Hope to direct folks in need to the Warming Center.

Councilor Quattrone: announced that this summer's Autism Camp, ***Finding the Pieces***, has been scheduled for August 3rd to 14th. The program is currently looking for a new Director, so he encouraged anybody who is interested to reach out to him.

Councilor Emhiser: noted that at the February 18th Council Meeting, the Downtown Development Commission will be bringing forward their recommendation for the design of the green space at 3 Lincoln Street.

Councilor Ortiz: attended WinterFest over the past weekend and had a lot of fun. She thought everything was great from the sledding hill to the food.

Council President Addressing the Council: Councilor McCurry thanked Mayor Casavant and all the volunteers who planned, organized and ran a successful WinterFest.

He is proud that Biddeford hosted it's first Unified Basketball game at Biddeford High School.

He noted that a couple of the Councilors have toured the Schools to get an idea of what Capital Projects/Improvement will be needed in the near future and will need to be budgeted for.

Mayor Addressing the Council: WinterFest was a blast!! Mayor Casavant is so pleased that from the set up to the breakdown of WinterFest, everything went great. He stressed that the event is put on by all volunteers. The Adult Sledding on Friday night was well attended. Both the Friday night and Saturday night performances in the City Theater were sold out. He also noted that the sledding hill and food were free to all who attended.

Executive Session: 1 MRSA 405(6)(C)...Terms of Contract

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Clearwater to move into Executive Session.

Vote: Unanimous.

Time: 7:04 p.m.

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Emhiser to move out of Executive Session.

Vote: Unanimous.

Time: 7:50 p.m.

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Clearwater to adjourn.

Vote: Unanimous.

Time: 7:50 p.m.

Attest by: _____
Carmen J. Morris, City Clerk

