

City of Biddeford
Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
January 4, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. by Councilor Belanger.

Present: Mayor Alan Casavant; Councilor Norman Belanger; Councilor William Emhiser; Councilor Marc Lessard; City Manager, Jim Bennett; City Clerk, Carmen Morris; and Finance Director, Nichole Wood.

Adjustment to the Agenda
No adjustment to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes of November 16, 2021

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

Vote: unanimous.
Motion carries.

Expenditure Warrants:

The Warrants were available for the Committee members to review and sign.

Discussion/Approval

Recommendation: Purchase of St. Louis Field I Foul Ball Containment System

Recreation Director, Carl Walsh, presented this item. He gave an explanation of the different options that are part of the recommendation from Sportsfield Specialties.

The quotes for the four options include:

- 1) Base for the 45'H backstop and 40'H baseline extensions with chain link work: \$250,129.00
- 2) Adding only the canopy: \$274,739.00
- 3) Adding only 20'H baseline extensions: \$307,067.00
- 4) Adding both the canopy and the 20'H baseline extensions: \$331,677.00

An additional \$10,000.00 will have to be budgeted for work done prior to and after the completion of the project by Public Works Department. Mow the curb is not included in the above quotes.

Motion by Councilor Lessard to recommend the base 45'H backstop and 40'H baseline extensions, including a canopy; and would like to see some sort of hole or funnel for the balls to fall through and not gather on top of the canopy. He also agrees to do the left field baseline extension only, seconded by Councilor Emhiser.

Further Discussion: the Committee agreed to recommend to City Council approval of expenditures up to the \$307,695.00.

Vote: unanimous.
Motion carries.

Other Business**Update: Financials through November 2021**

The Financials were provided to the Committee members as part of their packet.

Financial Director, Nicole Wood, gave an explanation of this item. Through November, the City is about 42% of budget expenditures. The budget appears to be on track and expenditures remain within budgeted amounts.

Councilor Lessard requested that financials be broken down by month, along with prior year and the current year data.

Councilor Emhiser asked Nicole to give an update to the Committee on the Bond she mentioned that is closing in February.

Motion to adjourn made by Councilor Lessard, seconded by Councilor Emhiser.

Vote: unanimous.

Motion carries.

Adjourned at 5:58 p.m.