

COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 4, 2022

NOTE: Due to COVID-19, this meeting was held in-person in the Council Chambers, as well as virtually (via ZOOM),

Mayor Casavant called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Roll Call: William Emhiser, Scott Whiting, Martin Grohman, Bobby Mills, Amy Clearwater, Norman Belanger, Liam LaFountain, Doris Ortiz and Marc Lessard

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

Adjustment to the Agenda:

- Add Order of the Day 2022.2

Swearing In of Fire Department Officers:

City Clerk Carmen Morris administered the Oath to the following newly-appointed Lieutenants:

- ❖ Michael Drew
- ❖ Steven Kiesman
- ❖ Robert Mertz (joined via Zoom)
- ❖ Timothy Seigny
- ❖ Andrew Stevenson

Special Event Permit: WinterFest 2022 – Sponsored by Heart of Biddeford

Motion by Councilor Clearwater, seconded by Councilor Emhiser to recommend issuance of the Special Event Permit to Heart of Biddeford for *WinterFest 2022*.

Vote: Unanimous.

Public Addressing the Council...(3 minute limit per speaker for up to 15 minutes):

There were no public comments.

Consideration of Minutes: December 21, 2021

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

Vote: Unanimous.

Orders of the Day:

2022.1

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL. JANUARY 4, 2022

BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby approve Sportsfield Specialties to complete the work on St. Louis Field I, as recommended by the Finance Committee on January 4, 2022. Funds allocated for this project to come from Backstop Netting – Field I account number 22002-92112-22101 and St. Louis Field Improvements 22002-92112-21601.

NOTE: The Finance Committee will review this item and bring forward a final recommendation at their January 4, 2022 meeting.

Motion by Councilor Lessard, seconded by Councilor Clearwater to authorize the recommendation made by the Finance Committee to purchase the Base 45'H Backstop and 40'H Baseline Extensions with chain link work; along with the canopy and 20'H baseline extensions for the left field only. The full purchase is not to exceed the budgeted amount of \$307,695.00.

Point of Order: It was motioned by Councilor Belanger, and seconded by Councilor Clearwater to waive the Rules and allow Councilor Lessard to speak for a third time.

Vote on Order: Unanimous.

2022.2

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL..JANUARY 4, 2022

BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby extend the ***Resolution of the Biddeford City Council***, dated September 21, 2021 as approved by the City Council, regarding remote meetings in response to COVID-19. This extension will expire on June 30, 2022.

Motion by Councilor Clearwater, seconded by Councilor Lessard to grant the extension.

Motion by Councilor Whiting, seconded by Councilor Clearwater to amend the order by removing the reference to the Delta Variant and replace it with “variants of concern.”
Vote on amendment: Unanimous.

Vote on order, as amended: Unanimous.

Appointments:
The Citizens’ Advisory Committee (CAC) voted to recommend these members for reinstatement for their second term. CAC members may serve two consecutive terms, then must wait one year before re-applying.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Term</u>
Stephanie Edwards	5 Laurier Street	1/1/2022 to 12/31/2023
Loretta Turner	60 South Street	1/1/2022 to 12/31/2023
Doris Ortiz	25 Union Street	1/1/2022 to 12/31/2023

Additionally, the CAC voted to recommend Ronda Bey of 65 Green Street as a member.
Ronda’s first term will be 1/1/2022 to 12/31/2023.

Motion by Councilor Clearwater, seconded by Councilor Belanger to confirm the appointments.
Vote: Unanimous.

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...JANUARY 4, 2022
ORDERED, that I, Alan M. Casavant, Mayor of the City of Biddeford, do hereby re-appoint:

Tom Bryand
456 Pool Street
Ward 1

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

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

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...JANUARY 4, 2022
ORDERED, that I, Alan M. Casavant, Mayor of the City of Biddeford, do hereby re-appoint:

Roland J. Pelletier
336 Granite Street
Ward 3

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

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

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...JANUARY 4, 2022
ORDERED, that I, Alan M. Casavant, Mayor of the City of Biddeford, do hereby re-appoint:

Catherine Glynn
179 Hill Street
Ward 4

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

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

IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL...JANUARY 4, 2022

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

**Jake Pierson
24 Buzzell Road
Ward 6**

to the *Policy Committee*, for a term to expire in December 2023.

Motion by Councilor Clearwater, seconded by Councilor Belanger 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:

City Manager Jim Bennett gave a brief update on the RiverWalk collapse. The City has filed for and been granted an extension with FEMA. FEMA suggested that the City explore other avenues for possible funding, including applying with the USDA. An application was filed with USDA and was denied. Code Enforcement Officer Roby Fecteau has done a tremendous job and continues to work diligently on finding and securing means of funding for this project.

There was no *Other Business*.

Council President Addressing the Council: Councilor Belanger reminded folks that Christmas tree pick up by the Public Works Department has been scheduled for the first two weeks of January. Christmas trees may be left out on regular trash pickup days.

Councilor Belanger explained that due to the change in the Rules of the Council approved at the last Council Meeting, there are now two sections of the Council Meeting that allow for Public Addressing the Council – one towards the beginning of the meeting and one towards the end.

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

Vote: Unanimous.

Time: 6:39 p.m.

Attest by: _____
Carmen J. Morris, City Clerk