

City of Biddeford
Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
January 2, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Council President John McCurry.

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Councilor Ready to approve the Minutes of November 21, 2017, seconded by Councilor St. Cyr.

Vote: unanimous.

Motion carried 4-0.

The expenditure warrant was available for review and signature.

Discussion/Approval

Tax Acquired/Foreclosed Properties

The City Manager explained to the Committee the list of the properties is much shorter than the City has seen in years. Councilor McCurry asked what would happen to the property owners who do not enter into an agreement with the City. Jim noted he would work with Staff to see if they can resolve them and then come back to the Finance Committee to go to the next level. He explained the Tax Office follows the lien and foreclosure process and these properties already have liens on them.

Member of the Solid Waste Management Commission were present to thank and give recognition to Public Works Director, Guy Casavant. He will be officially retired from the City in February. The Chair of SWMC and State Representative, Martin Grohman made opening remarks and turned the recognition over to SWMC Chair, Paul Therrien. Also in attendance were former Mayors Bonita Pothier, James Grattelo, Donna Dion and Joanne Twomey offering their stories and well wishes. Former City Manager Bruce Benway was present and shared his congratulations and some stories. City Manager Jim Bennett and Mayor Alan Casavant shared their recognition and comments.

Other Business

No other business

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

Vote: unanimous.

Motion carried 4-0.

Adjourned at 6:24 pm.