

**Biddeford City Council**  
**February 3, 2026, Meeting Minutes**  
**City Hall Council Chambers and Teams**

Mayor LaFountain called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

**1. Roll Call**

Council President Beaupre, Councilor Lessard, Councilor Vadnais, Councilor Woods (virtual), Councilor Doughty, Councilor Kurtz, Councilor Pierson, and Councilor Cote were present.

Councilor Boston was excused from the meeting.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Adjustment(s) to Agenda**

None

**4. Staffing Updates**

*4.a. January 2026 Staffing Update*

None

**5. Appointments**

*5.a 2026.17 Approval Mayoral Appointments to Citizens Committees*

Motion by Council President Beaupre.

Second by Councilor Lessard.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

*5.b 2026.18 Approval Mayoral Appointment of a Councilor to a Committee*

Motion by Council President Beaupre.

Second by Councilor Lessard.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

**6. Presentation**

*6.a Opioid Settlement Status*

General Assistance Supervisor Jake Hammer presented an Opioid Settlement Funds Update 2026 and responded to several questions asked by members of council.

**7. Public Addressing the Council**

One citizen voiced concerns regarding the lack of a moratorium on mobile home park rental fee increases in Biddeford and also the snow clearing on sidewalks.

One citizen commended Economic Development Coordinator Brad Favreau and the Sustainability Commission for securing a grant to help with building efficiency audits.

## **8. Consideration of Minutes**

### *8.a Council Minutes 1-20-26*

Motion by Council President Beaupre.

Second by Councilor Lessard.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

## **9. Orders of the Day**

### *9.a 2026.21 Approval Amend Ordinance Code Enforcement Fees*

Motion by Council President Beaupre.

Second by Councilor Lessard.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

### *9.b 2026.22 Approval Amend Shellfish Ordinance*

Motion by Council President Beaupre.

Second by Councilor Lessard.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

### *9.c 2026.20 Approval Cartmill Trust*

Motion by Council President Beaupre.

Second by Councilor Lessard.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

### *9.d 2026.23 Approval Business Parking Pilot Program and Expenditures*

Motion by Council President Beaupre.

Second by Councilor Lessard.

Vote: 7 yeas – Councilors Lessard, Vadnais, Pierson, Doughty, Kurtz, Woods and Beaupre.

1 nay - Councilor Cote

Motion passed.

### *9.e 2026.24 Approval Mobile Home Lot Fee Ordinance refer to Policy*

Motion by Council President Beaupre.

Second by Councilor Lessard.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

## **10. Public Addressing the Council**

One citizen encouraged council to review the process to waive fees under certain circumstances.

One citizen suggested that council review the fee structure with exemption to incentivize policy.

## **11. City Manager Report**

City Manager Truc Dever reported that with the help of Senator Collins and staff, both IRS penalties for late filings have been abated and the overpaid will be refunded. Manager Dever also reported that with the help of Senator Collins and her staff, the Biddeford Wastewater Infrastructure Improvement Project received a 6-million-dollar award. She reported that the City Assessor has resigned.

## **12. Committee Updates by Council**

None.

## **13. Other Business**

None.

## **14. Council President Addressing the Council**

Council President Beaupre reported that the Policy Committee will be working on ordinance changes, fee schedule and grouping committees together. He also encouraged public attendance at Winterfest this weekend.

## **15. Mayor Addressing the Council**

Mayor LaFountain congratulated the York County Community Action on their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. He received a request to rename the “315 Main Street” park and will add this item to a future agenda. He also stated that the Cultural and Heritage Center would like to partner with the city to celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the nation’s founding and asked council members to let him know if there is any interest.

## **16. Executive Session**

16.a Executive Session 1 MRS 405 (6) d Contract Negotiations

16.b Executive Session 1 MRS 405 (6) a Personnel Matters

Motion by Council President Beaupre to enter executive session at 7:12 P.M

Second by Councilor Lessard.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

Motion by Councilor Lessard to exit executive session at 8:04 P.M.

Second by Council President Beaupre.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Motion passed.

## **17. Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 P.M. by Councilor Lessard.

Second by Council President Beaupre.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Meeting Adjourned.