

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BATH, MAINE
Wednesday, January 5th, 2022, 6:00 PM

Councilors Present: Julie Ambrosino, Phyllis Bailey, Mary Ellen Bell, Roo Dunn, Jennifer DeChant arrived at 6:03pm, Susan Bauer, Aaron Park, Elizabeth Dingley

Councilors Absent: Terry Nordmann

City Staff Present: Marc Meyers, City Manager; Darci Wheeler, City Clerk; Juli Millett, Finance Director; Ben Averill, City Planner; Lee Leiner, Public Works Director, Lindsey Goudreau, Marketing Specialist, Roger Therriault, City Solicitor; and Michael Bethea, BCTV

Chairperson Park led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Darci Wheeler, City Clerk, called the Roll.

- Presentation of Plaque to Raye Leonard for 2 years and 9 months of dedicated service on the Bath City Council.
- Presentation of City Chair and Proclamation to Sean Paulhus for 13 years of dedicated service on the Bath City Council.
- Presentation by the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee, regarding the renewal of the Bicycle Friend Community status.
- Presentation by Mid Coast Hospital
- Presentation of City Logo Update
- Presentation by Climate Action Commission

C. Public Hearing: (None)

D. Consent Agenda 6:59 PM

***1) Minutes of the previous Council Organizational/Regular Meetings of December 1, 2021, Organizational/Special Meeting of December 15, 2021, and Items K3, K4 and K5 (Motion to Accept as Presented)**

Councilor Bauer moved, Councilor Bell seconded, to approve as presented. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas.

E. Time Devoted to Residents to Address City Council: (None)

F. Resolutions, Orders and Ordinances 7:01 PM

2) Order – Approving contract for the Riverwalk project with J. Pratt Construction, Inc.

ORDER
APPROVING BID AND CONTRACT

BE IT HEREBY ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BATH, THAT THE BID OF J. PRATT CONSTRUCTION, INC FOR THE RIVERWALK PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,100,568.49 IS ACCEPTED, IT BEING THE LOWEST QUALIFIED BID SUBMITTED, AND A CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF BATH AND J. PRATT CONSTRUCTION, INC IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND

THE MANAGER IS AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT AND ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO ITS IMPLEMENTATION ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF BATH. THE PROJECT SHALL BE FUNDED FROM ACCOUNT 15-1505-730.

Lee Leiner, Public Works Director introduced this item. Mr. Leiner responded to questions from Councilors Bailey, DeChant, Dingley, Bauer, Bell and Ambrosino. City Manager Meyers responded to questions from Councilors Dunn, DeChant, and Bauer.

Councilor Bauer moved, Councilor Bailey seconded, to approve as presented. The motion carried with five (5) yeas and two (2) nays.

YEAS: Councilors Ambrosino, Bailey, Bell, Dunn, and Bauer

NAYS: Councilors DeChant and Dingley

***3) Annual Appointment of Scott Davis as Codes Enforcement Officer, Health Officer and Plumbing Inspector for one year, pursuant to State Statutes. (Motion to appoint)**

Annual Appointment of Scott Davis as Codes Enforcement Officer, Health Officer and Plumbing Inspector for the City of Bath, for a period of one year, pursuant to 30-A M.R.S. Section 3601-A, with the explicit approval and authority of the Municipal Officers, to enforce the State Laws, duly adopted State Rules, or local Ordinances enacted pursuant to Title 25, Part 6, Chapter 313, Title 10, Part 14, Chapter 1103, and Codes enacted by the City of Bath, pursuant to Title 30-A, Part 2, Subpart 4, Chapter 141, regarding adoption of Codes by reference. (Motion to appoint.)

***4) Annual Appointment of Tom Lister as Alternate Codes Enforcement Officer and Local Plumbing Inspector for the City of Bath for one year, pursuant to State Statutes. (Motion to appoint)**

Annual Appointment of Thomas Lister as Alternate Codes Enforcement Officer and Alternate Plumbing Inspector for the City of Bath, for a period of one year, pursuant to 30-A M.R.S. Section 3601-A, with the explicit approval and authority of the Municipal Officers, to enforce any State Laws, duly adopted State Rules, or local Ordinances enacted pursuant to Title 25, Part 6, Chapter 313, Title 10, Part 14, Chapter 1103, and Codes enacted by the City of Bath, pursuant to Title 30-A, Part 2, Subpart 4, Chapter 141, regarding adoption of Codes by reference. (Motion to appoint.)

***5) Annual Appointments to Committees by Council Nominees:**

Bath Housing Authority Board of Directors – Mary Ellen Bell

Midcoast Council of Governments – Aaron Park, Jennifer DeChant

Patten Free Library Board of Directors – Mary Ellen Bell

Recreation Commission – Elizabeth Dingley

Sidewalk Vending License Committee – Elizabeth Dingley

Student Community Liaison Council – Aaron Park

Welfare Review Board – Phyllis Bailey, Terry Nordmann, Susan Bauer

G. Petitions and Communications (None)

H. City Manager's Report 7:20 PM

December 31st Retirement of Captain Rick Chipman
Sean Chandler Promoted to Captain effective January 3rd
Michael Bethea will be facilitating BCTV due to December 31st retirement of Steve Marois of BCTV

I. Committee Reports 7:20 PM

Councilor Bailey reported

Community Development Committee

Planning board will move forward the Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance to Council

Capacity to create workforce housing

Create more options for older adults to remain in their homes

Councilor Ambrosino reported

Forestry Committee

Mapping out Butler Head on GPS

City Arborist position available

J. Unfinished Business (None)

K. New Business (None)

L. Councilor Announcements

Councilor Bauer

Good Morning Program

Seniors living alone can call Police Department to let them know that they are fine

Information can be found on City Website regarding the program

Councilor Dingley

Mask mandate discussion needed

Councilor DeChant, Dunn, Bell agreed

Councilor Bauer recommended to put this on the January 19th agenda

Councilor Dunn recommended to enforce this in city owned buildings at this time

City Manager Meyers asked if the Council would prefer a draft ordinance be brought to the January 19th meeting

City Solicitor Therriault explained the process of ordinance and emergency ordinance

Councilor Bailey

Senior Center Newsletter is available

Covid updates

Tax Prep help thru AARP

Councilor Dingley

Rabies Adhoc Committee revisited

Committee will need to buy in needed from surrounding towns for ORV

Councilor Bell asked for clarification of what task is for this Adhoc Committee

Chair Park read the motion brought by Council last meeting

Councilor DeChant stated that we are in the planning phase

Councilor Dingley will continue to advocate for ORV

Councilor Bailey stated that next steps should be as follows

Cost of ORV

Identify other options

Go to other communities to see what interests them to buy in

Costs for each community determined

City Manager Meyers stated that the program should be spoken about before the cost

Discussion continued regarding makeup of the committee

City Manager, Staff, Councilors Dingley, Dunn, and Bell will plan to meet

Councilor Bauer moved, Councilor Bailey seconded, to enter Executive Session. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Discuss Real Estate Matters per 1 MRSA §405(6)(C)

Councilor Ambrosino moved, Councilor Bailey seconded, to enter Regular Session. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas.

Councilor Bauer moved, Councilor Ambrosino seconded, to adjourn. The motion carried with seven (7) yeas.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Attested:

Darci L. Wheeler, City Clerk

Please note: These minutes are action minutes. The entire meeting can be viewed at www.cityofbath.com