

# **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BATH, MAINE**

Wednesday, March 6, 2024, 6:00 PM

**Councilors Present:** Julie Ambrosino, Christopher Marks, Mary Ellen Bell, Terry Nordmann, Roo Dunn, Jennifer DeChant, Caitlin McCorkle, Miriam Johnson, and Megan Mansfield-Pryor

**Councilors Absent:** None

**City Staff Present:** Marc Meyers, City Manager; Darci Wheeler, City Clerk; Juli Millett, Finance Director/Assistant City Manager, Rod Melanson, Sustainability and Environment Director; and Pete Compagna, BCTV

Call to Order: 6:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

**Chair Bell asked for a motion to add Item 2024-31: Council Priorities to the agenda under Unfinished Business. Councilor Ambrosino made a motion, while Councilor Marks seconded. All in favor.**

Presentations: 6:05pm

Hiring of Gareth Hodgdon, Fire Department  
Hiring of Liam Love, Fire Department  
Customs House Presentation  
Forestry Presentation

Public Comments: None

Manager's Report: 6:30pm

## **High and North Street**

**Parking restrictions**

**Recommended 4 way stop**

**April Council process**

**Public hearing next week**

## **Weather**

**Local flooding Wednesday into Thursday am**

**Rain and high tide over weekend**

## **Meeting with Phil Davis, EMA Director**

## **Retirements**

**Shelley Merrill, Admin, Bath Police**

**Ted Raedel, Sergeant, Bath Police**

**Scott Davis, Codes Enforcement Officer**

## **New Hire**

## **Misty Parker, Economic and Community Development**

### **Director**

Committee Reports: 6:34pm

- Councilor DeChant
  - Economic Development
    - Subcommittee regarding Food Truck Policy
    - Wayfinding Presentation
      - Sign entering the city will be replaced by Memorial Day
- Councilor Johnson
  - Transportation
    - Ad hoc subcommittee regarding Help Bath Thrive, Drive 25
    - In line with comp plan and council priorities
- Councilor Dunn
  - Facilities Committee
    - Traffic issues while McMann field is worked on
  - Sagadahoc Budget Advisory Committee
    - Meeting this week with departments
- Councilor Mansfield-Pryor
  - SWAC
    - Increased composting
    - Curbside collection
    - Morse High School involvement
    - Climate conversation
- Councilor Marks
  - Community Development
    - Subcommittee
      - Attended planning board meeting on 3/5
      - Short term rentals
- Councilor Ambrosino
  - Bike and Pedestrian Committee
    - Comp plan
    - Traffic calming
    - EBike Demo 5/16, Police Department lot
- Councilor McCorkle
  - Main Street Bath
    - Bee Bath Buy Bath program
    - Winterfest
    - Spring Into Summer 5/18

Public Hearings: 6:43pm

2024-20) Abandoned Property

**No public comment**

Consent Agenda: 6:31pm

*(Items marked with an asterisk (\*) on the agenda shall be considered routine matters not requiring debate. Any Councilor wishing to have any item marked with an asterisk removed from the Consent Agenda shall have the unlimited right to do so at any time prior to the vote by Council on the Consent Agenda. If such an item is removed from the Consent Agenda, it shall be dealt with in the normal course of the meeting.)*

2024-21) \*Minutes of the previous meetings of February 7, 2024, Regular Meeting, and items 22, 23, 24 (Motion to accept as presented)

2024-22) \*Order: Exercising the River Herring fishing rights at Winnegance Lake to be administered by the Winnegance River Herring Commission as per Harvest Plan

2024-23) \*Order: Exercising the River Herring fishing rights at Whiskeag Creek to "Rod and Line"

2024-24) \*Resolution: Membership and Appointment of Voting Delegate Representative and Alternate for Maine Service Centers Coalition

**Motion from Councilor Nordmann to accept as presented. Seconded by Councilor Dunn. The consent agenda was unanimously approved.**

New Business: 6:31pm

2024-25) Acceptance of Election Tabulations for the State of Maine Presidential Primary Elections held on March 5, 2023

**Darci Wheeler, City Clerk, provided background on the item.**

**Motion from Councilor Dunn to accept as presented. Seconded by Councilor Marks. It was unanimously approved.**

2024-26) Order: Abandonment 16 Highland Street

**Scott Davis, Codes Enforcement Officer, provided background on the item. Phil Saucier, City Solicitor was also in attendance. He responded to questions and comments from Councilors McCorkle, Nordmann, Dunn, Marks, Johnson, DeChant, and Ambrosino.**

**Public comments were made by Lana Allen, 20 Highland Street and Nancy Nellis, 985 High Street.**

**Motion from Councilor McCorkle to accept as presented. Seconded by Councilor Ambrosino. It was unanimously approved.**

2024-27) Order: Amending BIW TIF Budget

**Juli Millett, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director, provided background on the item, responding to questions from Councilor Dunn.**

**Motion from Councilor McCorkle to accept as presented. Seconded by Councilor Dunn. It was unanimously approved.**

2024-28) Ordinance: LUC Amendment Article 2, Definitions, Sections 2.02 Definitions (Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure)

**Rod Melanson provided background on the item. He responded to questions and comments from Councilors DeChant, Bell, and Dunn.**

**Public comments were made by Brian Salter, BIW, in favor.**

**Further council comments were made by Councilors Nordmann and Ambrosino.**

**Motion from Councilor Ambrosino to accept as presented for first passage. Seconded by Councilor Marks. Chair Bell called for a roll call vote. The order passed with six (6) yeas, one (1) nay and one (1) abstention.**

**YEAS: Councilors Mansfield-Pryor, Johnson, McCorkle, Dunn, Marks and Ambrosino**

**NAYS: Councilor DeChant**

**ABSTAIN: Councilor Nordmann**

2024-29) Ordinance: LUC Amendment Article 10, General Performance Standards, Sections 10.06 Parking and Loading, F. Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure

**Rod Melanson provided background on the item. He responded to questions and comments from Councilors McCorkle, Johnson, Ambrosino, Dunn, DeChant, and Marks.**

**Public comments were made by Mike Plaisted, 19 Allen Street who questioned the parking incentives and Connor English, 128 Whiskeag Road, in favor.**

**Further council comments were made by Councilors Bell, Dunn, Ambrosino, Johnson, DeChant, Ambrosino. Marc Meyers, City Manager, also provided comments and clarification.**

**Motion from Councilor Ambrosino to accept as presented for first passage. Seconded by Councilor Mansfield-Pryor. Chair Bell called for a roll call vote. The order passed with six (6) yeas, one (1) nay and one (1) abstention.**

**YEAS: Councilors Mansfield-Pryor, Johnson, McCorkle, Dunn, Marks and Ambrosino**

**NAYS: Councilor DeChant**

**ABSTAIN: Councilor Nordmann**

2024-30) Appointments and Reappointments:

Martin Lakeman appointment to Bath Custom House Board term to expire August 2025

Pia Neilson reappointment to Bath Housing Authority term  
to expire February 2029

**Motion from Councilor Dunn to accept as a slate. Seconded by Councilor Ambrosino. It was unanimously approved.**

Unfinished Business: 8:01pm

2024-31 Council Priorities

**Chair Bell provided background on the item, responding to questions and comments from Councilors DeChant, Dunn, and Nordmann.**

**Motion from Councilor McCorkle to accept as presented. Seconded by Councilor Dunn. It passed.**

Councilor Comments: 8:10pm

**Various**

**Valentine Cards appreciation to students of Dike-Newell  
Mansfield-Pryor  
Darci Wheeler- Paul Craig Athenian Fellow**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm.**

**Motioned by Councilor McCorkle and seconded by Councilor Ambrosino. All were in favor.**

Adjournment

Attested:

Darci Wheeler, City Clerk

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