

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

Wednesday, December 4, 2024, 6:00 PM

Councilors Present: Julie Ambrosino, Christopher Marks, Mary Ellen Bell, Terry Nordman, 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; Lawrence Renaud, Fire Chief; Chris Wallace, Interim Public Works Director; and Pete Compagna, BCTV

Call to Order: 6:10pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Public Comments: 6:10pm

Michael Plaisted, 19 Allen Street; parade fees

Manager's Report: 6:17pm

Christmas Events
Thanks to City Staff with all the work they do for setup
Hopeful sculpture unveiling
Friday, 12/6 at 4pm

Committee Reports: 6:21pm

Councilor DeChant
Main Street Bath
Winter Wonderland
Bright Nite Bath 8pm

Councilor Dunn
Bath Water District
Lead pipe survey completed
Facilities
Fire Station

Councilor Ambrosino
Climate Action Plan

Councilor McCorkle
Economic Development

Work plan
3 steps
Impact of tourism

Councilor Mansfield-Pryor
Forestry
Tree planting

Public Hearings: None

Consent Agenda: 6:28pm

(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.)*

2024-125) Minutes of the previous meetings of November 6, 2024, Regular Meeting and November 20, 2024, Special Meeting

2024-126) *Order: Appointing Registrar of Voters term to expire December 31, 2026

2024-127) *Order: Appointing Warden and Ward Clerk for 2025 Municipal Elections

2024-128) *Order: Adopting Robert's Rules of Order for parliamentary procedure

2024-129) *Order: Adopting Council Working Rules and Regulations

Motion from Councilor Dunn to accept the consent agenda. Seconded by Councilor Mansfield-Pryor. Chair Johnson called for a roll call vote. All were in favor of the consent agenda.

YEAS: Councilors Ambrosino, Marks, Guzzetti, Nordmann, Dunn, DeChant, McCorkle, and Mansfield-Pryor

Unfinished Business: 6:29pm

2024-121) Ordinance: Approving pole attachment agreement with Ubicquia

Marc Meyers, City Manager, provided background on the item. Comments were made by Councilors Dunn and Marks.

Councilor Ambrosino made a motion to accept with a second made by Councilor Marks. Chair Johnson called for a roll call vote. The order passed.

YEAS: Councilors Mansfield-Pryor, McCorkle, DeChant, Dunn, Nordmann, Marks and Ambrosino

ABSTAIN: Councilor Guzzetti

2024-122) Ordinance: 150 Congress Avenue Contract Zoning

Marc Meyers, City Manager, provided background on the item. Comments provided by Councilor Guzzetti.

Public Comment made by Michael Lyne from Developers Collaborative Predevelopment LLC

Councilor Guzzetti made a motion to accept with a second made by Councilor McCorkle. Chair Johnson called for a roll call vote. The order passed unanimously.

YEAS: Councilors Ambrosino, Marks, Guzzetti, Nordmann, Dunn, DeChant, McCorkle, and Mansfield-Pryor

New Business: 6:37pm

2024-130) Appointment of Interim Public Works Director

Marc Meyers, City Manager, provided background on the item and introduced Chris Wallace. Chris shared his enthusiasm for being given the opportunity. He responded to questions and comments from Councilors Dunn, and Ambrosino.

Councilor Dunn made a motion to accept with a second made by Councilor Mansfield-Pryor. Chair Johnson called for a roll call vote. The order passed unanimously.

YEAS: Councilors Mansfield-Pryor, McCorkle, DeChant, Dunn, Nordmann, Guzzetti, Marks and Ambrosino

2024-131) Order: Acceptance of Gift-Meg Barker, Embark Maine
Tours

Marc Meyers, City Manager, presented the item. He responded to questions and comments from Councilors Mansfield-Pryor, and Guzzetti.

Public Comment was made by Meg Barker, Embark Tours.

Chair Johnson provided final comment.

Motion from Councilor McCorkle made motion to accept as presented. Seconded by Councilor Guzzetti. Chair Johnson called for a roll call vote. All were in favor.

YEAS: Councilors Ambrosino, Marks, Guzzetti, Nordmann, Dunn, DeChant, McCorkle, and Mansfield-Pryor

2024-132) Order: EMS Agreement with Georgetown

Lawrence Renaud, Fire Chief, provided background information on the item. He responded to questions from Councilors McCorkle and Dunn. Marc Meyers, City Manager made comments regarding the contract alignment with others.

Councilor Dunn made a motion to accept with a second made by Councilor Marks. Chair Johnson called for a roll call vote. The order passed unanimously.

YEAS: Councilors Mansfield-Pryor, McCorkle, DeChant, Dunn, Nordmann, Guzzetti, Marks and Ambrosino

2024-133) Order: Setting meetings of the City Council for 2025

Marc Meyers, City Manager, presented the item. Questions and comments from Councilors Ambrosino, McCorkle, DeChant, Dunn, and Nordmann.

Motion from Councilor Ambrosino made motion to accept as presented. Seconded by Councilor Mansfield-Pryor. Chair Johnson called for a roll call vote. All were in favor.

YEAS: Councilors Ambrosino, Marks, Guzzetti, Nordmann, Dunn, DeChant, McCorkle, and Mansfield-Pryor

2024-134) Ordinance: Chapter 7, Purchasing and Finance, Section 7.117 Sales; Real Estate

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

Councilor Marks made a motion to accept with a second made by Councilor Ambrosino. Chair Johnson called for a roll call vote. The order passed unanimously.

YEAS: Councilors Mansfield-Pryor, McCorkle, DeChant, Dunn, Nordmann, Guzzetti, Marks and Ambrosino

2024-135) Appointments and Reappointments:

Cory King reappointment to Economic
Development term to expire July 2027

Bruce Brennan reappointment to Forestry
Committee term to expire October 2027

John Marsh reappointment to Water District Board
of Directors term to expire November 2029

Chair Johnson asked for the item to be accepted and a motion from Councilor Ambrosino to accept as a slate was granted. It was seconded by Councilor Dunn. Comments and questions were provided by Councilors Dunn, Mansfield-Pryor, and McCorkle. Chair Johnson called for a roll call vote. It passed unanimously.

YEAS: Councilors Mansfield-Pryor, McCorkle, DeChant, Dunn, Nordmann, Guzzetti, Marks and Ambrosino

Councilor Comments: 7:15pm

Councilor McCorkle commented that the printed agenda binder was missing the second side of all pages.

Chair Johnson expressed her thanks for the confidence in her as Chair of the City Council term to expire the first Wednesday of December 2025.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:18pm.

Motioned by Councilor McCorkle and seconded by Councilor DeChant.

Attested:

Darci Wheeler, City Clerk

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