

August 3, 2020
COUNCIL MEETING

The Westbrook City Council met on Monday, August 3, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Members present: Mayor Dennis Phelps, Jan Johnson, Manda Jorgenson, and Chadd Wahl.

Others present: Carl Conrad and Mike Hubin

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Wahl to approve the minutes from the July 6, 2020 council meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Police report was presented. Hubin needs to purchase a new taser as the one that the department has is out dated for training. The cost for a lower end model is \$2,400 and comes with a cartridge. He is looking to purchase it now and next July when we apply for our post training reimbursement it will be reimbursed back to us as equipment for mandatory training. Motion by Johnson and seconded by Jorgenson to approve the purchase of the taser. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

The high school would like to borrow tables from our community center to make the lunch room work for social distancing during lunch. They feel our round tables would work better. Council as a majority felt that it was ok to lend them to the school, however if we have an event, they will need to come back to the center. Steen mentioned that maybe we can give the school CARES Act money to purchase round tables like ours and when they are no longer needed, we can have them at the community center for use.

Frank Wood would like to make arrangements on his mowing assessment charges. Frank has 2 lots and each lot has charges of \$450.00. He would like to pay the total \$900.00 off by making \$150.00 monthly payments until it is paid in full. Council agreed to work with Frank and set up a payment plan.

We have the new Jetter truck! The truck will need to be stored in a building that is heated and room to get it in and out of. Joel with the utilities stated that the truck can be stored in one of their buildings, however he is asking us to split the cost in insulating, installing tin and a over head door. The cost to the city would be roughly \$3,000.00. Conrad stated that the city we purchased the truck from kept all the nozzles and attachments and he would like to purchase the jetter end with a camera for it. Motion by Jorgenson and seconded by Johnson to purchase the attachment for \$3,800 with discount and to go ahead with the repairs to the utilities shed for storage. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Wahl and seconded by Jorgenson to purchase a pole saw for the street department for roughly \$700-\$800. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Conrad talked spoke with Kelly Brown about the sewer and Brown suggested that we hire someone to camera the tile lines first before we hire an engineer to camera all lateral lines. Council agreed and told Carl to contact Visu Sewer to line it up.

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Jorgenson to approve the second reading of City Code 8.15 amendment – Open Burning and Regulation of Fires. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Wahl and seconded by Johnson to approve the tax forfeited properties with exception of the 2 bare lots in which EDA will submit a bid before directly to the county for economic development. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Wahl to approve the fire hydrant repair. After talking with the utility commissioners and also the surrounding cities in our area the fire hydrant repairs will be paid out of the water

utility fund. If the utilities run into any issues or become absorbent, we will work with them. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Phelps mentioned that there are a few interested parties in the land where the grain bins sat along highway 30. Phelps will contact both of them about their plans and if it would work out at that location with the utilities.

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Wahl to approve all building permit applications. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Wahl and seconded by Jorgenson to approve bills in the amount of \$213,596.17. Check #54280-54401. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Wahl to adjourn. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Katie Steen, City Clerk

Dennis Phelps, Mayor