

**October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022**  
**COUNCIL MEETING**

The Westbrook City Council met on Monday, October 3, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the City Council Room.

Members present: Mayor Dennis Phelps, Jan Johnson, Manda Jorgenson, Kelly Brown and Dennis Jutting

Others present: Ambulance Service – Dawn Joel, Jennifer Esping and Dan Joel

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Jutting to approve the minutes from the September 6, 2022 council meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Police report was presented.

Motion by Brown and seconded by Jorgenson to approve the 2023 Liquor License, Tobacco License and Games of Skill License. License fees will remain the same. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Jorgenson and seconded by Jutting to approve the 2023 Winter Snow Removal Agreement. Discussion was had on increasing the dollar amount due to the cost of fuel and labor. Jutting and Johnson suggested that we keep this year to see where we end up on expenses. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Westbrook Ambulance Service was present to propose an increase in wages and sign-on bonuses. Joel stated that the ambulance service is in dire need of more people. They would like to do a 3-step process to entice people to join the ambulance service. Phase 1 effective October 1<sup>st</sup> would be increasing On-Call Pay from \$1.00 to \$2.00 and run wage for EMT's \$18/hr. to \$25/hr. with EMR's at \$16/hr. increasing to \$23/hr. Currently there are only 3 EMT's and 6 EMR's. Phase 2 effective November 1<sup>st</sup> would be increasing the sign on bonus in conjunction with the hospital board. Phase 3 would be increasing retirement. Council reviewed the proposals with discussion and questions for the representatives present. Motion by Johnson and seconded by Jorgenson to approve Phase 1 and 2 for now. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Jutting and seconded by Johnson to approve the submitted building permit for Svoboda. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Jorgenson and seconded by Brown to approve bills in the amount of \$55,422.34. Check #56712-56791. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Quote for additional stage panels at the community center presented. Total cost for stage and skirting is \$8,313.23. Motion by Jorgenson and seconded by Johnson. All voting in favor. Carried. Woelber from WWG school will be asking the school board if there will be any funds coming on their end for a share in the cost. This promotes space and covid funds can be used.

Motion by Jorgenson and seconded by Brown to adjourn. All voted in favor. Motion carried.