

**January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**COUNCIL MEETING**

The Westbrook City Council met on Thursday January 5, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. at the City Council Room.

Members present: Acting Mayor Manda Jorgenson, Dennis Jutting and Brian Cassens

Others present: Mike Hubin

Motion by Jutting and seconded by Cassens to approve the minutes from the December 5, 2022 council meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Police report was presented. Snow Parking has been an issue and tickets are being distributed.

Resolution 1-2023 Fines and fees for 2023 were reviewed and discussed. The streets are deteriorating quickly and the weight of garbage and recycling trucks don't help. It has been decided to increase the hauler fee to put into the street improvement account to accommodate for the repairs. Motion by Cassens and seconded by Jutting to approve the increase from \$100.00 to \$500.00 for all contracted and non-contracted. Resolution approved with the change. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Jutting and seconded by Cassens to approve part-time employees/seasonal workers hourly increase of \$.25 and COLA adjustment increase of 4% for full-time as discussed with budgeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Resolution 2-2023 Establish polling place presented. Motion by Cassens and seconded by Jutting to approve resolution establishing polling place. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Jutting and seconded by Cassens to approve the 2023 Fines and Fees Schedule. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Cassens and seconded by Jutting to approve the 2023 Fire Department Officers. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Fire Department has requested to increase wages for calls, meetings and trainings from \$7.00 and hour to \$10.00. Motion by Jutting and seconded by Cassens to approve the increase request. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Cassens and seconded by Jutting to accept the donation of \$10,000.00 from the Westbrook Fireman Relief and donate it to the Fire Department for operating. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Jutting and seconded by Cassens to approve the 2023 Ambulance officers/handbook. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Cassens and seconded by Jutting to approve Deb Hersey from library substitute as a part-time library employee. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Sewer rate increase was discussed. Jutting stated that it has been 6 years since there has been an increase in rates. The sewer account funds have been depleted on necessary projects and repair/Maintenance. After researching area rates and looking at current rates council feels there needs to be an increase and reviewed every year. Motion by Jutting and seconded by Cassens to approve the following increases: residential base rate \$11

to \$13 and commercial base rate \$15 to \$17. Residential per thousand rate \$4.00 to \$5.00 and commercial per thousand rate \$4.50 to \$5.50. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Cassens and seconded by Jutting to approve bills in the amount of \$108,248.15. Check #56936-57054. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Cassens and seconded by Jutting to adjourn. All voted in favor. Motion carried.