

**February 6, 2023**  
**COUNCIL MEETING**

The Westbrook City Council met on Monday, February 6, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the City Council Room.

Members present: Mayor Dennis Phelps, Brian Cassens, Dennis Jutting, and Kelly Brown.

Others present: Alex Johnson – Fire Relief President

Motion by Jutting and seconded by Brown to approve the minutes from the January 5, 2023 council meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Police report was presented.

Alex Johnson presented a request to increase the Fireman Relief Association retirement benefit from \$700 to \$1,000 retro active per years of service. The association has the funds in investments to cover the increase. The benefit has not been increased since 2012 and the Association feels that it needs to be adjusted. The relief allows a max of 2 members to retire in a given year. Members need to be on for 10 years for ½ vested and 20 years for full vested. Retirement age is 50. Also keep in mind that the State Reimburses the department when there is a payout. Motion by Jutting and Seconded by Cassens to approve the request. Brown abstains.

Motion by Cassens and seconded by Jutting to approve the 2023 Fire Relief Association Officers. President – Alex Johnson, Vice Pres – Reed Bakken, Secretary – Wyatt Christians, Treasurer – Bret Lindaman, Gambling Director – Ryan Anderson. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Brown Abstains.

Motion by Cassens and seconded by Brown to approve the VFW application for Exempt Permit for Bingo and Raffle. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Brown and seconded by Cassens to approve the submitted building permit. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Steen submitted reports to council for review. Jutting stated he thinks our vehicle reserve contributions are too low and they should be increased. We will be looking at replacing a few vehicles coming up and the amount currently levied is not building up this account. Steen stated that the vehicle reserve amount is submitted with the levy so there is nothing we can do for 2023. Motion by Jutting and seconded by Brown to increase the vehicle reserve amount levied next year from \$6,500.00 to \$15,000.00. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Brown and seconded by Jutting to approve bills in the amount of \$205,203.37. Check #56729-57142. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

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