

July 5, 2023
COUNCIL MEETING

The Westbrook City Council met on Wednesday, July 5, 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: Street Superintendent Carl Conrad, Gayle and Reed Streed

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

Police report was presented.

Conrad stated they are getting the streets and curbs painted. Council discussed the issues we are having with low hanging branches out in the street. Council agreed to give residents notice to trim them on their own and by September 15th those that did no trimming will be trimmed professionally and charged to their property taxes. Council requested an ad put in the paper for 2 weeks and door hangers.

Gayle Streed was present to address some concerns she has with her neighbor. She is having an issue with the ongoing vehicle noise going on in town. She has spoke with a few council members about the issue and has been told that some vehicles are street legal but there is such a thing as exhibition driving. Phelps stated he realizes this but that would be something that our police would have to witness in order to enforce. She pointed out vehicles and motorcycles with loud mufflers. She wasn't going to make a complaint about her neighbor, however last night he blew up a package of firecrackers at around midnight. The neighbor also has friends that blow hunting calls, loud music and loud mufflers. There has been an instance where they came across the street with a loaded gun to shoot squirrels. Snowmobiling/dirt bikes around the yard and up/down the blvd. One night she called 911 as they were racing down the street. The last time she talked with law enforcement they shut her down stating they aren't doing anything wrong and she can go to city council. Phelps stated that she has a legitimate complaint but there also is the other side that says they are just kids being kids. Phelps stated he will talk with Michael and see if he can find them around town and tell them to knock it off a little and that's all I can guarantee.

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

Motion by Jutting and seconded by Cassens to approved submitted building permits. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Cassens would like to discuss the building permit approval process. He would like to see more detail on the requests than we are requesting now, along with a follow-up in 6 months to the property for completion. Council members agreed that we should be asking for pictures, diagrams, plans/blue prints when they apply for the permit. Cassens offered to be one of the council members to do the 6-month check-in to the property. If they are not completed there should be a penalty. Motion by Jutting and seconded by Brown to approve the new process in building permits. Steen will start with new permits starting in July. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Brown and seconded by Cassens to approve bills in the amount of \$96,547.80. Check #57471-57566. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

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