

January 6, 2025
COUNCIL MEETING

The Westbrook City Council met on Monday, January 6, 2025 at 6:30p.m. at the City Council Room.

Members present: Mayor Rocky Kolar, Manda Jorgenson, Brian Cassens, Randy Swan and Kelly Brown.
Others present: Dan Joel, Amber Ward, Bret Lindaman, Carl Conrad, Curt Madson, Mike Hubin and Tiffini Atherton

Motion by Cassens and seconded by Jorgenson to approve the minutes from the December 2, 2024 council meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Police report was presented.

Bret Lindaman with the Ambulance Service was present to give an update on the new rig. \$360,000 was approved at the December council meeting. Lindaman found a company based out of Winona MN with production in N.C. that had a 2024 Ford 4X4 Diesel Amb for \$209,000.00. It will come in higher as there are changes to shelving and drawers but he doesn't anticipate it over a few thousand dollars. Lindaman is flying out to N.C. on the 20th of January to visit family and will drive it back. Lindaman has also contacted the graphics company to get graphics on it asap. No price on that yet. All in all, it should be way less than the approved \$360,000.00. Amber Ward provided the new Ambulance officers for 2025. Medical Director – Dr. Andrew Kopperud, Director - Amber Ward, Financial Manager – Dawn Joel, Training Coordinator – Amber Ward, President – Tony Staples, Vice President – Wyatt Christians, Secretary – Amber Ward, and Training Officers – Amber Ward/Bret Lindaman/Adam Fuchs. Motion by Jorgenson and seconded by Brown to approve new officers. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Madson gave a list of the new 2025 officers. They are to remain the same as last year. Chief – Curt Madson, Assistant Chiefs – Ryan Anderson and Bret Lindaman, Secretary – Wyatt Christians, Captains – Kelly Brown, Abe Noomen, Michael Jarmer and Training Officer – Tony Staples. Motion by Cassens and seconded by Jorgenson to approve 2025 officers. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Brown abstains.

Fire Department would like to increase fire call fees for 2025. Fire Call fee will go from \$750 to \$1,000 with calls over 2 hours going from \$150 an hour to \$250 an hour. Motion by Cassens and seconded by Jorgenson to approve the increase. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Brown abstains.

Open Forum –

Tiffini Atherton @ 736 Cedar Avenue expressed concern regarding the property to the south of her. The landlord that owns this house has not taken care of the property, has not required garbage service, and allows renters with dogs that are not permitted in which has attacked the neighbors dog. She feels that there should be guidelines established for landlords in which permits/inspections be required. Kolar stated that he intends to visit with the city attorney to see what the city can do legally and take the appropriate steps. This is a city-wide issue not just her neighbor and Kolar feels as though the dig issue and the landlords lack of involvement have become a serious issue.

Resolution 1-2025 Fines, rates and Fees were discussed. As stated above the fire department charges have changed, as discussed and voted on a few months ago there will be an increase in sewer rates and we will be creating a storm sewer charge starting in 2025, non-contracted garbage hauler will increase to \$750 from \$500, funeral escorts will increase to \$35.00 and all vehicle lockouts will be a fee of \$50.00 across the board. Motion

by Jorgenson and seconded by Cassens to approve the 2025 Fines and Fee Schedule. All voted in favor. Motion carried. 4 aye 0 nay

Motion by Brown and seconded by Jorgenson to approve all part-time, seasonal and incidental hires increase in pay to COLA % instead of the standard .25 an hour. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Cassens and seconded by Brown to approve Resolution 2-2025 Accepting A Donation to the City. All voted in favor. Motion carried. 4 yay 0 nay

Motion by Cassens and seconded by Swan to approve the Exempt permit for Westbrook Area Volunteers for the Glow Bingo event on Feb 15th – fundraiser for the swimming pool. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Jorgenson abstains. Motion by Brown and seconded by Swan to approve the temporary liquor permit for the glow bingo event. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Jorgenson abstains.

2025 Commissions were presented and discussed. Motion by Jorgenson and seconded by Brown to approve all commissions. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Cassens and seconded by Jorgenson to approve bills in the amount of \$269,054.04. Check #59258-59365. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

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