

February 3, 2025
COUNCIL MEETING

The Westbrook City Council met on Monday, February 3, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at the City Council Room.

Members present: Mayor Rocky Kolar, Brian Cassens, Randy Swan and Kelly Brown

Others present: Dan Joel - Utilities, Amber Ward – Ambulance, Chief Hubin, Carl Conrad, Tiffani Atherton

Motion by Brown and seconded by Cassens to approve the minutes from the January 6, 2025 council meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Police report was presented. Property cleanup notices will be mailed out with deadlines of February 28. Council will address them at the March 3rd meeting to discuss violations at that time. Hubin would like council to approve the hiring of 2 people on a as needed basis. Miranda Harrison from the Cottonwood County dispatch office to help enter BCA information into the system. She is very familiar with the program. Mike would also like to call on Ryan Anderson only if needed assistance. These two would be paid as expense check as they are only on a needed basis. Motion by Cassens and seconded by Brown to approve the hires @ \$20.00 an hour pay rate. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Amber Ward with the Westbrook Ambulance stated that the auto pulses they have in each rig are outdated. The service would like to purchase 2 Lucas machines that are quick and very simple to use. Stryker came to do a demo, gave a quote and will give a trade-in of \$6,000.00 for the auto pulses. The price of the Lucas machines are \$40,874.22 and with the trade-in of \$6,000.00 that leaves \$35,415.38 total for purchase price. They will use some of the state grant money to make this purchase. Motion by Cassens and seconded by Swan to make the purchase of the Lucas machines. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Ambulance would like to transfer the money market funds in the amount of \$94,687.00 from Bank Midwest Investments into the checking account as the account is depleted after the rig purchase. Motion by Brown and seconded by Cassens to make the transfer. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Steen stated the checking account balance for the Ambulance includes the 2025 Ambulance contract funds. Steen asked if the contract money can stay in the account instead of transferring back and forth between the money market and checking for this year because of the rig purchase. Ambulance and council are both fine with this.

The new rig has graphics on it. The amount is \$3,700 for the new rig and they are going to be doing the same graphics on the old rig so they are uniform. They will use the funds from the Taylor Family Farms Grant that was received as part of the rig purchase. Motion by Cassens and seconded by Brown to approve the graphics. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Amber stated that the Storden First Responders are voting soon to purchase the old rig. The price is \$20,000.00 which is on the lower end, however we will have the agreement that we can use it if we are out a rig as mutual aid.

Motion by Brown and seconded by Swan to accept the Grant dollars from the Taylor Family Farms Grant. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Steen presented a price on the chosen slide for the pool. The price for slide and installation is \$71,510.00. The pool committee presented several different slides and prices however this slide was what we were looking for. The committee has the funds raised for the slide. Motion by Cassens and seconded by Brown to approve the purchase. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Cassens and seconded by Swan to accept the Fire Relief Association donation of \$10,000.00 and to give to Fire Department for operating. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Brown abstains.

Motion by Cassens and seconded by Swan to approve bills in the amount of \$234,341.01.
Check #59366-59412. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

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