

**City of Belfast
Council Chambers-Belfast City Hall
Tuesday, January 21, 2025**

6:00 p.m. Request to go into an Executive Session on a Real Estate Matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) C.

6:30 p.m. Committee Interviews

7:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting

Regular Council Meeting No. 14

1) Call to order

2) Roll call: Mayor Eric Sanders; Councilors Mary Mortier, Neal Harkness, Brenda Bonneville, Chris Bitely and Paul Dean, City Manager Erin Herbig, and Deputy City Manager Manda Cushman.

3) Pledge of Allegiance

4) Adoption of the agenda

5) Acceptance of the minutes

Regular Council Meeting of January 7, 2025.

6) A. Open to the public

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B. Organization and Department Reports

7) Communications

8) Old Business and City Committee Reports

- Council consideration of Committee Appointments.

9) Permits, Petitions and Licenses - Consent Agenda

- A.** Request from the Police Chief to confirm Ted Gannon as a part-time Reserve Officer for the Belfast Police Department.
- B.** Request from the Media Manager to confirm Tyler Hills as a part-time Video Technician for BelTV.
- C.** Request to approve a Facility Use Request application by Our Town Belfast for use of City sidewalks and streets for the annual Ice Festival and State of Maine Ice Carving Championship on Friday, February 21, 2025, through Sunday, February 23, 2025.
- D.** Request to approve an application by Frank D. Hazeltine American Legion Post #43 d/b/a V.F.W. American Legion located at 134 Church Street, Belfast, Maine for a renewal Malt, Spirituous and Vinous Club with Catering liquor license.
- E.** Request to approve a Special Amusement Permit for Frank D. Hazeltine American Legion Post #43 d/b/a V.F.W. American Legion for live music, DJ, Karaoke, dancing, and all live entertainment located at 134 Church Street, Belfast, Maine, indoor only.

10) Business

- A)** Request from the Fire Chief to confirm Colby Robbins of Montville as a full-time Firefighter/Paramedic for the Belfast Fire and Ambulance Department.
- B)** Request from the Public Works Director to confirm Brian Spaulding of Belfast as a full-time Utility Equipment Operator / Laborer for the Public Works Department.
- C)** Discussion and possible action on a proposal for transitional housing in Belfast.
- D)** Presentation from the Police Chief on how to report hate crimes.
- E)** Request from the Fire Chief to increase the Advanced Life Support Fee from \$200 to \$350.

- F) Council Discussion on election polling locations.
- G) Request from the Harbor Master to approve 2025 Harbor Usage Fees.
- H) Request from the Harbor Master to approve 2025 Charter Vessel, Small Boat Storage, and Commercial Contracts.
- I) Discussion on future visits from cruise ships to the City of Belfast.
- J) Request by Airport Manager to publish an RFP to secure the services of an appraiser to develop a fair market value appraisal for the Belfast Municipal Airport.
- K) Request from the Finance Director to accept a \$132.00 donation to the Cemetery Department.
- L) Consideration of possible tax foreclosure waivers or requests for poverty abatement.
- M) Signing of Council Orders

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12) Communications

13) Adjourn