

**City of Belfast
Council Chambers-Belfast City Hall
Tuesday, January 18, 2022**

**Regular Council Meeting
7:00 p.m.**

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1) Call to order

2) Roll call: Mayor Eric Sanders; Councilors Mary Mortier, Neal Harkness, Brenda Bonneville, Michael Hurley and Paul Dean, City Manager Erin Herbig, and Assistant to the City Manager Manda Cushman.

3) Pledge of Allegiance

4) Adoption of the agenda

5) Acceptance of the minutes

Regular Council Meeting of January 4, 2022 and Special City Council Meeting of January 5, 2022.

6) A. Open to the public

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Members of the public who wish to submit announcements, questions or comment for the City Council can email public@cityofbelfast.org or mail to City of Belfast, 131 Church Street, Belfast, ME 04915. We ask that you include your name and residence as comments will be included as part of the public record, and that all comments be sent prior to the date and time of the meeting, with a deadline of noon the day of the meeting.

The City Council will be utilizing the Zoom Webinar feature to allow for public input by allowing for virtual participation. There will be a website address that will serve as the link to the Zoom meeting and will be on the City website in advance of the meeting. There will also be

a phone number next to the website address that will enable someone to participate, even if they are experiencing technical difficulties. There is no requirement to register for Webinars. The Chat function will be disabled.

The public will be allowed to speak at the meeting, but only during the public comment period. When it is time for the person to have their opportunity to speak, the host will accept them into the meeting.

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B. Organization and Department Reports

7) Communications

8) Old Business and Council Committee Reports

9) Permits, Petitions and Licenses - Consent Agenda

10) Business

A) Request from the Fire Chief to confirm Drew Long as full time Firefighter/Emergency Medical Technician for the Belfast Fire and Ambulance Department.

B) Request from the Fire Chief to confirm Mark Cote as a volunteer Emergency Medical Technician for the Belfast Ambulance Department.

C) Request from the Belfast Fire Chief to expend up to \$6,250.00 for Basic Emergency Medical Training schooling for five students.

D) Council discussion regarding the Planning Board response to a report by the State Commission to increase housing opportunities by studying zoning and land use restrictions.

E) Council discussion on substandard housing concerns and property maintenance issues.

F) Update on the Belfast Keep the Faith Fund.

G) Request by the Economic Development Director to have the City Council adopt a target area survey for the Wight Street area.

H) Request from the Airport Manager to have the City Council authorize the City Manager to award a contract to SolarLogix, 28 Loxley Lane Swanville, ME to install a heat pump in the Belfast Airport Terminal building.

I) Update and further discussion regarding the Finance Office.

J) Council discussion on City Council Budget Priorities.

K) Council discussion on implementing a City-wide indoor mask mandate.

L) Request to place small public use sand/salt buckets around downtown.

M) Request to accept State of Maine American Rescue Plan Funding in the amount of \$409.78.

N) Request to accept a \$1,000.00 donation to the Belfast Fire Department.

O) Request to approve a CMP pole permit for two new poles on Herrick Rd.

P) Request to go into Executive Session on a Personnel matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) A.

Q) Signing of Council Orders

11) Communications

12) Adjourn