



Regular City Council Meeting

Minutes

Wednesday, August 6, 2025 at 6:00 pm

Meeting Location

- **In Person:** Council Chambers, Bath City Hall, 55 Front Street
- **Television:** BCTV Channel 14
- **Live Stream:** [BCTV 14 \(castus.tv\)](#)
- **ZOOM:** [Zoom Link](#)

1. Call to Order

Minutes:

The City of Bath City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers on August 6, 2025. Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Minutes:

Council members present: Julie Ambrosino, Christopher Marks, Jean Guzzetti, Jane Nordmann, Roo Dunn, Jennifer DeChant, Caitlin McCorkle (remote), Miriam Johnson, and Megan Mansfield-Pryor (remote)

Staff present: City Manager Marc Meyers, City Clerk Darci Wheeler, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Juli Millett, Police Chief Andrew Booth, Planning Director Jenn Curtis, Community and Development Director Misty Parker, Wastewater Pollution Control Facility Superintendent Bryan Levitt, and IT Director Michael Bethea.

4. Presentations

- a. Proclamation recognizing "Kindness Day"**
- b. Notice of Intent to apply to Rural Development - Hunt Street Pumpstation and Water Pollution Control Facility Upgrade**

5. Public Comments

6. Manager's Report

Minutes:

City Manager Marc Meyers gave an update on Library Park and the reinstallation of the Zorach Fountain. He also stated that Garbage to Garden would be offering a 3 month free trial of composting.

7. Committee Reports

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Councilor Marks stated that the Patten Free Library would be considering a change to bylaws that would increase the size of the Board of Trustees. Councilor Dunn reported that the Bath Water District did not meet in July, and the Fire Station Building Committee has no update. He further stated that the Kennebec Riverview Group would be facilitating clean up on August 9th at 6pm. Councilor DeChant reported that the Economic Development Committee would not be meeting in August. Main Street Bath's annual fundraiser will be August 31st at 5pm. Councilor Mansfield-Pryor stated the Transportation, Bike and Pedestrian Committee Bike Ride will be happening tonight. Chair Johnson reported that the Housing Committee is coming to the end of establishing a Short-Term Rental Licensing Ordinance. Final edits will be reviewed at their upcoming meeting.

8. Public Hearings

a. 2025-69) Ordinance: Approving contract with the Professional Fire Fighters of Bath, IAFF Local 1611, Bath Firefighters Union

Minutes:

Chair Johnson opened the public hearing at 6:29. There was no public comment. She closed the public hearing at 6:29.

b. 2025-70) Ordinance: Approving contract with the Professional Fire Fighters of Bath, IAFF Local 1611, Captains Unit

Minutes:

Chair Johnson opened the public hearing at 6:29. There was no public comment. She closed the public hearing at 6:30.

c. 2025-71) Ordinance: Amendment to Chapter 17, Vehicles and Traffic, Parking Appendix; NW Corner of Centre and Water Streets

Minutes:

Chair Johnson opened the public hearing at 6:30. There was no public comment. She closed the public hearing at 6:30.

d. 2025-73) CDBG Housing Assistance Program and CDBG Public Infrastructure Grant Funds

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Chair Johnson opened the public hearing at 6:30. There was no public comment. She closed the public hearing at 6:30.

9. Consent Agenda

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Councilor Marks moved the approval of the consent agenda items, seconded by Councilor Dunn. Roll call Vote: AYES: Ambrosino, Marks, Guzzetti, Nordmann, Dunn, DeChant, McCorkle, Mansfield-Pryor. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. Motion carried.

a. 2025-74) *Minutes of the previous meetings of July 2, 2025, Regular Meeting

- b. 2025-75) *Standards of Conduct; Fair Housing Resolution; Section 504 Self-Evaluation & Transition Plan; Residential Anti-Displacement & Relocation; and Equal Employment Opportunity Statement
- c. 2025-76) *Order: Approving ballot for MMA's Vice President and Executive Committee Members

10. Unfinished Business

- a. 2025-66) Approval: Merit to move to Planning Board; Land Use Code Amendment to Section 8.11 Marine Business District (C5) (tabled from 7/2/2025)

Minutes:

City Manager Marc Meyers presented Approval of Merit #2025-66. Councilor Ambrosino motioned to approve as presented, seconded by Councilor Marks. City Manager Meyers responded to questions/comments from Councilors Dunn, Marks, and Ambrosino. There was no public comment. Councilor Dunn provided final Council comment. City Planner Jenn Curtis added additional information as needed.

Roll call Vote: AYES: Mansfield-Pryor, McCorkle, DeChant, Dunn, Nordmann, Guzzetti, Marks, Ambrosino. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. #2025-66 granted.

- b. 2025-69) Ordinance: Approving contract with the Professional Fire Fighters of Bath, IAFF Local 1611, Bath Firefighters Union

Minutes:

City Manager Marc Meyers presented Ordinance #2025-69. Councilor Dunn motioned to approve as presented, seconded by Councilor Ambrosino.

Roll call Vote: AYES: Ambrosino, Marks, Guzzetti, Nordmann, Dunn, DeChant, McCorkle, Mansfield-Pryor. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. Ordinance #2025-69 will be law in 21 days.

- c. 2025-70) Ordinance: Approving contract with the Professional Fire Fighters of Bath, IAFF Local 1611, Captains Unit

Minutes:

City Manager Marc Meyers presented Ordinance #2025-70. Councilor Dunn motioned to approve as presented, seconded by Councilor Marks.

Roll call Vote: AYES: Mansfield-Pryor, McCorkle, DeChant, Dunn, Nordmann, Guzzetti, Marks, Ambrosino. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. Ordinance #2025-70 will be law in 21 days.

- d. 2025-71) Ordinance: Amendment to Chapter 17, Vehicles and Traffic, Parking Appendix; NW Corner of Centre and Water Streets

Minutes:

Chief of Police Andrew Booth presented Ordinance #2025-71. Councilor Ambrosino motioned to approve as presented, seconded by Councilor Marks.

Roll call Vote: AYES: Ambrosino, Marks, Guzzetti, Nordmann, Dunn, DeChant, McCorkle, Mansfield-Pryor. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. Ordinance #2025-71 will be law in 21 days.

11. New Business

- a. 2025-73) Resolution: Accept and appropriate CDBG Housing Assistance Program and CDBG Public Infrastructure Grant Funds

Minutes:

Director of Community and Development Misty Parker presented Resolution #2025-73. Councilor Ambrosino motioned to approve as presented, seconded by Councilor Dunn. Director Parker responded to questions /comments by Councilor Guzzetti. Roll call Vote: AYES: Mansfield-Pryor, McCorkle, DeChant, Dunn, Nordmann, Guzzetti, Marks, Ambrosino. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. Resolution #2025-73 adopted.

b. 2025-77) Order: Approval of Bid for Harward Street Pumpstation and Sewer Interceptor Upgrade

Minutes:

Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Juli Millett and Wastewater Pollution Control Facility Superintendent Bryan Levitt presented Order #2025-77. Councilor Marks motioned to approve as presented, seconded by Councilor Ambrosino. They responded to questions/comments by Councilors Dunn and McCorkle. Cathy Cooper spoke on behalf of her daughter Carolyn Cooper, 1 Juniper Street in favor of the project due to flooding in that area.

Roll call Vote: AYES: Ambrosino, Marks, Guzzetti, Nordmann, Dunn, DeChant, McCorkle, Mansfield-Pryor. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. Order #2025-77 approved.

c. 2025-78) Ordinance: Authorizing up to \$2,026,500 of the City's General Obligation Bonds to Finance the Commercial Street Pump Station and Force Main Upgrade, and Stormwater Study

Minutes:

Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Juli Millett presented Ordinance #2025-78. Councilor Dunn motioned to approve as presented, seconded by Councilor Marks. She responded to questions/comments by Councilors Ambrosino and Dunn. City Manager Meyers provided additional information.

Roll call Vote: AYES: Mansfield-Pryor, McCorkle, DeChant, Dunn, Nordmann, Guzzetti, Marks, Ambrosino. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. Ordinance #2025-78 will be presented for second passage on August 20, 2025.

d. 2025-79) Ordinance: Land Use Code 1.07 amendment, BIW proposed rezoning of Industrial/Shipyard(I) District-700 Washington Street

Minutes:

City Manager Marc Meyers presented Ordinance #2025-71. Councilor Ambrosino motioned to approve as presented, seconded by Councilor Marks. City Manager Meyers introduced Jake Harriman who proceeded with a presentation of their project. City Planner Jenn Curtis gave additional information and discussion followed among Councilors Guzzetti, Marks, Mansfield-Pryor, Dunn, and Ambrosino.

Public comment: Charly Wojtysiak, 54 Weeks St.; asked for clarification on how Comprehensive Plan aligns with Land Use Code changes, the results of studies get lost in the shuffle, should look at past studies and focus on what wasn't accomplished Brandon McBride, 52 Floral St., Employed by BIW; in support Mark Andrews, 155 Ridge Rd., Employed by BIW; in support James Harper, 27 Farrin St., Employed by BIW; in support

Final Council Comments were brought forward by Councilors DeChant, Guzzetti, Ambrosino, Marks, Dunn, and Guzzetti. City Planner Curtis provided feedback. Councilor Dunn motioned to amend Ordinance #2025-79 to state:

MINIMUM LOT AREA 1. All uses..... None MINIMUM Lot Width PER LOT 1. All uses..... None MINIMUM Setbacks 1. Front, between Route 1 and Fisher Court..... 35 feet Front, between Castine Ave and Hinckley St..... 15 feet Front, all other areas..... 50 feet 2. Side..... 25 feet 3. Rear..... 25 feet 4. From waterbodies..... 25 feet, except none for buildings and structures for water-dependent uses MINIMUM YARD AREAS 1. Front, between Route 1 and Fisher Court..... 5 feet Front, between Castine Ave and Pine St... .. 5 feet Front, all other areas..... 25 feet 2. Side..... 5 feet 3. Rear..... 5 feet 4. From waterbodies..... 5 feet, except none for buildings and structures for water-dependent uses MAXIMUM LOT COVERAGE 1. All uses..... 75 percent MAXIMUM BUILDING HEIGHT 1. All uses..... 75 feet and to send it to Planning Board for their review. Seconded by Councilor DeChant. Councilor Dunn clarified that it was for Public Hearing when questioned by City Manager Meyers.

Roll call Vote: AYES: Mansfield-Pryor, McCorkle, DeChant, Dunn, Nordmann, Guzzetti, Marks, Ambrosino. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. Amendment for Ordinance #2025-78 approved.

Motion made by Councilor Marks and seconded by Councilor Dunn. Roll call Vote: AYES: Ambrosino, Marks, Guzzetti, Nordmann, Dunn, DeChant, McCorkle, Mansfield-Pryor. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. Ordinance #2025-79 will be presented for second passage on September 3, 2025.

e. 2025-80) Ordinance: Chapter 5 Business, Article 16, Door to Door Solicitation

Minutes:

City Manager Marc Meyers presented Ordinance #2025-80. Councilor Ambrosino motioned to approve as presented, seconded by Councilor Nordmann. City Manager Meyers responded to questions/comments from Councilors DeChant, Ambrosino, and Dunn. Final Council comments were made by Councilor Marks.

Roll call Vote: AYES: Mansfield-Pryor, McCorkle, DeChant, Dunn, Nordmann, Guzzetti, Marks, Ambrosino. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. Ordinance #2025-80 will be presented for second passage on September 3, 2025.

f. 2025-81) Appointments and Reappointments

Amanda McDaniel reappointment to Economic Development Committee term to expire July 2028; Michael Mason reappointment to Economic Development Committee term to expire July 2028

Minutes:

Chair Johnson presented Item #2025-81. Councilor Ambrosino motioned to approve as a slate, seconded by Councilor Marks.

Roll call Vote: AYES: Ambrosino, Marks, Guzzetti, Nordmann, Dunn, DeChant, McCorkle, Mansfield-Pryor. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. Item #2025-81 approved.

g. 2025-82) Order: Approving agreement with ecomaine for recycling services

Minutes:

City Manager Marc Meyers presented Order #2025-82. Councilor Ambrosino motioned to approve as presented, seconded by Councilor Marks. City Manager Meyers responded to questions/comments from Councilors Dunn and Ambrosino.

Roll call Vote: AYES: Mansfield-Pryor, McCorkle, DeChant, Dunn, Nordmann, Guzzetti, Marks, Ambrosino. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. Order #2025-82 adopted.

12. Councilor Comments

Minutes:

Councilor DeChant commented that Councilor Marks and herself were working on abandoned buildings, abused blight, and foreclosures and advances were happening. She reminded everyone that smoking is not allowed in public parks. Councilor Johnson gave an overview of her family history growing up in Ukraine and her ties to working with immigrants currently, and the role of City Council in that. She also stated that her term is up and she will not be running for reelection.

13. Executive Session

a. Real Estate per 1 MRS §405(6)(C)

14. Adjournment

Minutes:

Councilor Ambrosino motioned to move to Executive Session at 8:39pm, seconded by Councilor Marks.