

**City of Belfast
Council Chambers-Belfast City Hall
Tuesday, January 7, 2020
Regular Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.**

Regular Council Meeting No. 13

1) Call to order

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

3) Pledge of Allegiance

4) Adoption of the agenda

5) Acceptance of the minutes

Regular Council Meeting of December 17, 2019.

6) A. Open to the public

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B. Organization and Department Reports

- Update from the Code & Planning Department regarding the Planning Board's review of the Nordic Aquafarm permits and hearings before the Planning Board.

7) Communications

8) Old Business and Council Committee Reports

9) Permits, Petitions and Licenses - Consent Agenda

- A.** Request to approve an application for a Special Amusement Permit for Neighborhood for Live Music, DJ, Karaoke, all Live Entertainment, and dancing located at 132 High Street, Belfast, Maine, interior only.

- B.** Request to approve an off premises catering permit for Bell the Cat, Inc. for a private birthday party located at the Belfast Shrine Club, 20 Northport Avenue, Belfast, ME on December 20, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

10) Business

- A)** Brief presentation by the Director of Code and Planning, Wayne Marshall, on proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments regarding the regulation of solar energy projects in Belfast.
- B)** Public Hearing on proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments regarding the development of solar energy projects in Belfast.
- C)** Discussion and possible decision by the Council on whether to adopt the proposed Ordinance Amendments for the development of solar energy projects in Belfast.
- D)** Request from the City Clerk, Amy Flood, to appoint Elaine Mansfield as Deputy Clerk and Deputy Tax Collector.
- E)** Request from Acting Police Chief Gerry Lincoln to appoint Eric Lowell as a full-time Police Officer for the City of Belfast.
- F)** Request from the Economic Development Director, Thomas Kittredge to pay legal invoices for work related to creating a Tax Increment Financing District in order to meet the State grant criteria to be eligible for the development of low income senior housing on Wight Street.
- G)** Request to go into Executive Session to discuss a Personnel matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) A.
- H)** Request to go into Executive Session to discuss a Union matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) D.
- I)** Request to go into Executive Session to discuss an Economic Development matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) C.
- J)** Request to go into Executive Session to discuss an Economic Development matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) C.
- K)** Signing of Council Orders

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12) Communications

13) Adjourn