

**WESTBROOK CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY FEBRUARY 4, 2019
WESTBROOK HIGH SCHOOL, ROOM 114**

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by Committee Chair Chau.

City Councilors Present: Lynda Adams (Ward 5); Victor Chau (Ward 2); Michael T. Foley (At-Large); Brendan Rielly (Ward 1); Gary Rairdon (Ward 4, President)

City Councilors Absent: Ann E. Peoples (At-Large); Anna A. Turcotte (Ward 3, Vice President)

Other City Officials Present: Jerre Bryant (City Administrator); Stephen Fields (Assistant City Administrator/Director of Human Resources); Angela Holmes (City Clerk); Sean Lally (Police Captain); Michael Sanphy (Mayor)

TOWING FEES

Committee Chair Chau gave the floor to Mr. Bryant to explain the purpose of the evening's agenda topic.

Mr. Bryant explained that the City of Westbrook issues towing licenses to those tow companies that wish to be placed upon the City's tow list, which Public Safety uses when we determine that cars need to be towed. The City sets the rates that these licensed tow companies charge when responding to a City call for service. The City does not set the rates charged for private tows. To qualify for the tow list, companies must undergo background checks, have their vehicles inspected and agree to charge the set rates for City calls for service. A tow company asked City Council to consider increasing the rate tow companies may charge for City calls for service.

The City Clerk's Office conducted a review of the fees that surrounding communities allow tow companies to charge and proposed an increase to the rates for non-accident tows, accident tows and vehicle storage.

Motion to increase the Non-Accident Tow rate to \$100, the Accident Tow rate to \$125, and the Vehicle Storage rate to \$40.

Moved by Councilor Foley, seconded by Councilor Adams.

The following individuals commented on the motion to increase the tow rates: President Rairdon, Captain Lally, Councilor Adams, Ms. Holmes, Councilor Chau.

Motion carried by a show of hands. None opposed.

The new fee structure will be referred to City Council for consideration at the meeting held on February 25, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 6:43pm.

Moved by Councilor Foley, seconded by Councilor Adams.

Motion carried by a show of hands. None opposed.