

**BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**  
**City Council of the City of Bath, Maine**  
**Wednesday, May 19, 2004 6:00 PM**  
**Bath City Hall Auditorium**

**Present:** Chairman Winglass; Councilors Hall, Quimby, Blake, Hart, Daigle, Rogers, Mitchell

**Absent:** Councilor Wyman

Chairman Winglass called the Hearing to order at 6:07 PM.

**I. PUBLIC HEARING - City of Bath 2004-2005 Combined Budget**

John Bubier, City Manager, began his presentation with an update on the tax reform measures being considered in Maine. Mr. Bubier gave a detailed overview of the City Budget. He stated that the Council is looking at a possible \$1.05 raise in the tax rate.

COMBINED CITY, SCHOOL, SEWER AND CAPITAL RESERVE COMPARISON  
2004-2005

School Operations	16,134,227
City Operations	8,846,277
County	1,281,459
Sewer Utility	1,759,100
School Capital	0
City Capital (excluding Bonded)	998,500
Total Combined	29,019,563

William Torrey III, Chairman of the Board of Education gave an overview of the School Budget componets. Mr. Torrey stated that the school budget would be up 2.8%, which would result in a \$400,000, cut in the school budget. He listed the following reasons that influenced the budget:

- 80% of budget is made up of personnel benefits/health care coverage/COLA
- Technology Upgrades
- Shift of costs from State to Municipal Level
- No Capital Spending

John James asked what the County Budget might do to the City Budget. Councilor Blake stated the County Budget was still being decided and the Jail Commission was asking for an \$180,000 increase.

Katherine McClellan of 708 Washington Street asked if the fuel was put out to bid. John Bubier stated that fuel bid was conducted through MCDBP and SW Sewall had taken the bid.

Seeing no other comments or questions, Chairman Winglass closed the Public Hearing at 6:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Mary J. White, City Clerk

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