

## **PUBLIC HEARING – January 2, 2018**

Mayor Grenier opened the duly scheduled and advertised Public Hearing at approximately 7:33 p.m. to hear comments on the following subject matters:

Resolution 2018-01 Appropriating up to \$28,000 for the Purchase of a Pickup Truck

Mayor Grenier asked for comments from the public; with none presented, the public hearing on the subject matter above closed at 7:33 p.m.

## **CITY COUNCIL MEETING – Tuesday, January 2, 2018**

Mayor Grenier called the Regular City Council Meeting to order at approximately 7:33 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. The pledge of allegiance to the flag preceded roll call. Present: Councilors Remillard, Otis, Morgan Allain, Higbee, Gentili, Rozek, and Theberge. Absent: Councilor Nelson. Also present: Jim Wheeler, Susan Tremblay and Barbara Tetreault, Berlin Daily Sun

### **Minutes, Previous Meeting**

Councilor Remillard moved with a second by Councilor Otis to accept the minutes of the December 18<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting/Work Session. So moved, the motion carried.

### **Disbursements:**

Disbursement Summary Draft #180 start date 12/19/2017 end date 01/08/2018 for a total cash disbursement of \$1,120,598.13. Councilor Theberge moved with a second by Councilor Higbee to accept the disbursement summary and pay all bills as recommended by the Committee on Accounts/Claims. So moved, the motion carried.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS – There were none.**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Council Committee Reports – There were none.
2. Resolution 2018-01 Appropriating up to \$28,000 for the Purchase of a Pickup Truck (tabled 12/018/2017)

**A RESOLUTION** appropriating the sum of up to Twenty-Eight Thousand Dollars \$28,000.00 from Unappropriated Fund Balance (UFB) to the Public Works Department to purchase a ¾ ton four wheel drive pickup truck.

### **Resolved by the City Council of the City of Berlin as Follows:**

Whereas, the Public Works Department is in need of a pickup truck for use in the general operations of the department; and

Whereas, the Capital funding request for \$150,000 for public work equipment was not funded; and

Whereas, the State of New Hampshire has a contract in place with MacMulkin Chevrolet for 2018 model vehicles; and

Whereas, as a Government entity, the City of Berlin can purchase a 2018 four wheel drive Silverado with towing package for \$27,105.00.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Berlin, NH that up to Twenty-Eight Thousand Dollars \$28,000.00 shall be appropriated from Unappropriated Fund Balance (UFB) to the Public Works Department for the purchase of a pickup truck through the State of NH Contract #8002239.

This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after passage.

Councilor Remillard moved with a second by Councilor Otis to remove the resolution from the table at this time. So moved, the motion carried.

Councilor Remillard moved with a second by Councilor Otis to have the resolution read a second time by title only. So moved, the motion carried.

Councilor Remillard moved with a second by Councilor Otis to have the resolution read a third time by title only. So moved, the motion carried.

Councilor Remillard moved with a second by Councilor Otis to pass the resolution. Roll call resulted in a unanimous vote in the affirmative, the motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **3. City Manager's Report**

1. New City employee, Amanda Cassidy, will be starting work as the Code/Fire Clerk tomorrow, January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please join us in welcoming Amanda.
2. The City is receiving proposals for a new phone system at the Berlin Police Dept. this week. The proposals will be thoroughly reviewed over the next few weeks before a decision is made.
3. We have two Bombardier sidewalk tractors out for bids due January 4<sup>th</sup>. These are 1978 and 1984 tractors. They have served the City well but are no longer in an operating condition which meets our needs. The PWD Dept. purchased a newer used sidewalk tractor last year to improve our sidewalk plowing and sanding abilities.
4. The Berlin Public Works Department will be performing night time snow removal from St. Anne's Church to the Twelfth Street Bridge starting at midnight tonight and going through the early morning hours of Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>.
5. The first two Legislative Bulletins of the 2018 legislative session produced by NHMA are out. They can be viewed at [www.nhmunipal.org](http://www.nhmunipal.org). There are several bills either retained from the 2017 session or new bills issued for the 2018 session which affect municipalities. It is time, once again, to start watching and participating in the process.
6. Finally, I'd like to thank our municipal employees who worked in the cold over the holidays to take care of municipal business while the rest of us were able to enjoy our friends and families.

Councilor Rozek moved with a second from Councilor Morgan Allain to accept the City Manager's Report and place it on file. So moved, the motion carried.

#### **4. Mayor's Report –**

Mayor Grenier stated that he wanted to take a moment to publicly to speak about the personal tragedy that Police Chief Pete Morency and his wife Denise are facing. Mayor Grenier indicated that he is firmly in the Police Chief's corner and supports him and his family in their time of crisis.

#### **5. PUBLIC COMMENTS - There were none.**

6. Council Comments – There was none

7. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Mayor and Council, Councilor Rozek moved with a second by Councilor Theberge to adjourn the regular meeting. So moved, the motion carried and Mayor Grenier declared the regular meeting adjourned at approximately 7:42 P.M.

A True Record, Attest:

Elaine Riendeau  
City Clerk

Note: Minutes are unofficial until they have been accepted by the Council by motion.