

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – Monday, March 19, 2018

Mayor Grenier called the Regular City Council Meeting to order at approximately 7:34 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The pledge of allegiance to the flag preceded roll call. Present: Councilors Otis, Morgan Allain, Higbee, Gentili, Rozek, Nelson Remillard and Theberge. Also present: Jim Wheeler, Sue 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 March 5th Regular Meeting/Work Session and the March 12th Work Session. So moved, the motion carried.

Disbursements:

Disbursement Summary Draft #1810 start date 03/06/2018 end date 03/19/2018 for a total cash disbursement of \$1,388,571.26. Councilor Nelson moved with a second by Councilor Morgan Allain 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.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Resolution 2018-05 Appropriating \$40,000 to FD Firetruck Repair (1st read)

Mayor Grenier reiterated to Mr. Wheeler that in order to pass this resolution, a 2/3 vote by Council would be needed because the funds are coming from the UFB. Mr. Wheeler is aware of the requirement and figured that whether the funds are from UFB or not, there was criteria that will need to be met.

Councilor Remillard moved, with a second from Councilor Otis, to table the resolution and schedule a public hearing for April 2, 2018. So moved, the motion carried.

3. Resolution 2018-06 Authorizing WWT Service Truck Purchase (1st read)

Councilor Nelson moved with a second from Councilor Higbee, to table the resolution and schedule a public hearing for April 2, 2018. So moved, the motion carried.

4. City Manager's Report

1. The Hillside Avenue Bridge was bid and the results were as follows:

Ray's Electric - \$624,115.54
Coleman Const. - \$732,330.50

The construction estimate for the project was \$553,853. The City's share of eligible costs is 20%. The higher than estimated bid will result in additional City funds in the amount of approximately \$15,000.

2. Responses to requests for qualifications for the EMS Integrations Study, City Hall Elevator and Snow Melt Feasibility are due this week on the 21st.

3. We received the executed deed for the Beth Israel Cemetery this week. It will be sent to the Registry of Deeds making the transaction complete. The cemetery will be under the supervision of the Cemetery Trustees.
4. NH HB1381 relative to Utility valuation was expected to come up for a floor vote last week but did not given that the House was not able to stay on schedule. It is not expected to come up on Wednesday the 21st when it is expected to be tabled. This will open the door for HB 324 which has been amended to go to a Study Commission. That amendment is attached.
5. The Milan Planning Board voted to approve a subdivision on the west side of East Side River Road in Milan on airport property. The property transaction between the BAA and Mr. Bob Chapman is planned for next week.
6. Eric Grenier of HEB Engineers, Inc. and Marcel Leveille evaluated the airport's runway in its mid-winter frost heaving stage. This gave a better idea of the problem areas. Some cracks that were 2"-3" in separation prior to heaving stages are now 4"-6" in some sections. There is a meeting scheduled at the airport for April 6th at 1:00 pm on the Runway Capital Improvement Project. Carol Niewola of NHDOT Bureau of Aeronautics, Eric of HEB Engineers, Inc. and airport staff will be in attendance.
7. DOT has amended its rules regarding Class E Airspace at the Berlin Airport. The amendment takes into consideration the addition of a localizer performance with vertical guidance function (LPV) to Runway 18. LPV offers the most accurate satellite technology to obtain aviation position. An LPV approach can get a pilot down to a mere 200-foot to 250-foot decision altitude. The benefit is that this makes it possible for aircraft to land at runways in very low visibility.
8. A workshop on "Effective Public Meetings and the Right to Know" will be held Thursday, April 5, 2018, Room 102 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the White Mountains Community College. All City Boards and Committees have been invited and we hope they will take advantage of having this training opportunity in Berlin.
9. PWD Statistics are attached.

Councilor Higbee inquired how the LPV had come about for the airport. Mr. Wheeler stated that it had come from the FAA.

Councilor Rozek stated that in the memo from HEB Engineers to Mr. Perreault it notes that the NHDOT will have to review the bid/estimate for the Hillside Avenue bridge project. He asked what that means for the project and the City. Mr. Wheeler stated because the bids came in higher than what was projected, the State will need to review them to ensure that funds are available.

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

5. Mayor's Report

a. Board of Assessors Reappointment – Robert Goddard

Mayor Grenier presented a nomination to reappoint Robert Goddard as Chair to the Board of Assessors for a 3 year term, which will expire on March 31, 2021. Councilor Rozek moved with a second from Councilor Remillard, to accept the Mayor's nomination for Robert Goddard on the Board of Assessors for a 3 year term to expire on March 31, 2021. So moved, the motion carried.

b. Planning Board Appointment(s)

Mayor Grenier presented 2 nominations for Thomas F. McCue and Christina Lefebvre as regular, 3 year term members of the Planning Board. Their terms will end on April 30, 2021. Councilor Rozek moved

with a second from Councilor Remillard, to accept the Mayor's nomination for Thomas F. McCue and Christina Lefebvre as regular members on the Planning Board for a 3 year term to expire on April 30, 2021. So moved, the motion carried.

Mayor Grenier took a moment to thank the City Clerk and the many other people of the City of Berlin who assisted in honoring and recognizing the many gifts Paul "Poof" Tardiff was able to give to the community.

Councilor Rozek moved, with a second from Councilor Higbee, to accept the Mayor's Report as presented and place it on file. So moved, the motion carried.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS – There were none.

7. Council Comments – There were none.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Mayor and Council, Councilor Rozek moved with a second by Councilor Higbee to adjourn the regular meeting. So moved, the motion carried and Mayor Grenier declared the regular meeting adjourned at approximately 7:52 P.M.

A True Record, Attest:

Elaine Riendeau
City Clerk

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