

## **CITY COUNCIL MEETING – Monday, July 18, 2022**

### **Regular Meeting**

Mayor Grenier called the Regular City Council Meeting to order at approximately 7:58 pm.

#### **a. Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **b. Roll Call**

Present: Mayor Grenier, Councilors Remillard, Eastman, Higbee, Robert Theberge, Roland Theberge, Berthiaume, and Morency

Absent: Councilors Morgan and Higbee

Also present: City Manager Phillip Warren, Jr, Community Development Director Pamela Laflamme, Chief Daniel Buteau, City Clerk Shelli Fortin, Lori Korzen, Steven Korzen, Amber Bachner, Micah Bachner, Zuri Chambers, Kenneth Nett, and Paul Robitaille, Berlin Daily Sun.

**c.** Councilor Remillard moved, with a second by Councilor Morency, to accept the minutes of the July 5, 2022 Regular Meeting and Work Session. So moved, the motion passed.

#### **Disbursements:**

Disbursement Summary Draft #1917 start date 07/06/2022 end date 07/18/2022 for a total cash disbursement of \$857,756.14. Councilor Roland Theberge moved with a second by Councilor Berthiaume to accept the disbursement summary and pay all bills as recommended by the Committee on Accounts/Claims. So moved, the motion passed.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **1. Council Committee Reports**

There were no Council committee reports.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **1. Resolution 2022-26 Lincoln Avenue Yield Intersection (1<sup>st</sup> read)**

Councilor Berthiaume moved, with a second by Councilor Remillard, to table the Resolution and schedule a public hearing for August 1, 2022. So moved, the motion carried.

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

1. Attached is the Fire Chief's June report, the Monthly Incident Report and the EMS call volume report.
2. Attached is the transfer report for June 2022.
3. As discussed at the Traffic and Safety meeting, an inventory of the City's traffic control lights and equipment is being completed. A recent concern about the timing of the lights at the Cleveland Bridge spurred this. Once complete, a layer will be added to the GIS system that will contain the assets, their condition and allow for work orders to be assigned to the assets.
4. Line painting has been delayed once again – the contractor advised that due to weather delays it will be pushed back to July 30.
5. Work will need to be done to the roof at city hall – the copper on the clock tower is lifting up and will need repair – estimate gathering is in process. Will advise further.
6. Work is progressing well on the Riverwalk project.

Councilor Remillard asked about the line painting and if the City Manager feels the work will get completed. City Manager Warren advised they will have to wait and see, and advised that they will look for other vendors in the future.

Councilor Roland Theberge asked about the Riverwalk and if it will be cement or asphalt. City Manager Warren advised that some will be paved and some will be cement, as cost is factored into it. Mr. Warren advised it will be 2 lifts of paving just like the roads.

Councilor Remillard moved, with a second by Councilor Roland Theberge, to accept the City Manager's Report and place it on file. So moved, the motion passed.

### **3. Mayor's Report**

#### **a. Horseshoe Tournament Request**

Madam/Sir,

This letter is a request for Carole Jackson and Zuri Chambers access to the field located at the corner of E River Road and Bridge Street, Milan. We are looking to conduct a horseshoe tournament on August 13, 2022 in lieu of Milan Old Home days. Times of the tournament have not been determined at this time.

Participants are asking if grilling (tail-gating) will be permissible as this event is expected to last for the majority of the day.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. I look forward to your response.

Respectfully,

Zuri Chambers  
61 Flint Street  
Berlin, NH 03570

Mayor Grenier noted that the field has already been converted and is a great place to hold a tournament.

Councilor Roland Theberge asked about the baseball field, and Mayor Grenier advised that the baseball field has not been used in a while and there are 10-12 horseshoe pits already there. Councilor Roland Theberge agreed that tailgating was a good idea.

Councilor Remillard moved, with a second from Councilor Berthiaume, to approve the use of the field as requested by Ms. Chambers for the horseshoe tournament on August 13, 2022. So moved, the motion carried.

### **4. Public Comments**

Lori Korzen of 788 Kent Street advised that she is sick over the decision about the geese. Ms. Korzen stated that she understands that the farmer needs to be able to use his fields, but that it takes a long time to suffocate a goose and you can hear them banging in the cage while they are dying. Ms. Korzen requested that they look at different ways to mitigate the situation, as she is not sure citizens are ready for that.

Micah Bachner of 59 High Street also suggested looking into contraceptives, as there are a couple options available, as this would do no harm to the existing geese. Mr. Bachner suggested that there are alternate avenues for mitigation.

### **4. Council Comments**

Councilor Robert Theberge noted that several weeks ago he singled out Mr. Henry Noel as being a draft dodger during the Vietnam War. Councilor Theberge stated that he reached out to Mr. Noel after this happened and that Mr. Noel went to Canada for his education. Councilor Theberge stated that he was wrong, and wanted to make a public admission of his error, and note that Mr. Noel has accepted his apology.

**5. Adjournment**

On a motion by Councilor Roland Theberge, seconded by Councilor Remillard, the Council voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 pm. So moved, the motion carried.

A True Record, Attest:

Shelli Fortin  
City Clerk

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