

**City Council Work Session
October 4, 2021**

Present were: Mayor Grenier, Councilors Eastman, Remillard, Morgan, Berthiaume, Higbee and Otis. Councilors Rozek and Theberge were absent.

Others present: City Manager Jim Wheeler, Community Development Director Pamela Laflamme, City Clerk Shelli Fortin, Finance Director Holly Larsen and William Carroll, Berlin Daily Sun.

Mayor Grenier called the meeting to order at 6:34pm.

Notice to Municipalities – Rudy’s Market

Mayor Grenier advised Rudy’s Market has been sold to K&S Sheppard LLC and they’ve applied to the State of NH Liquor Commission for a Combination Beverage/Wine/Tobacco license. Councilor Eastman moved to send a letter to the NH Liquor Commission supporting K&S Sheppard LLC’s application for a Combination Beverage/Wine/Tobacco license. Councilor Berthiaume seconded and the motion carried by majority in favor with a recusal from Councilor Remillard.

City Manager Interview Committee Selection

Mayor Grenier informed Council that the Statue allows the Mayor to appoint three members of the committee. He commented he’s appointing the following Councilor based on experience. He appointed Councilors Berthiaume, Morgan and Higbee to the interview committee. He appointed Councilor Remillard as the alternate in the event one of the three Councilors can’t make the meetings. Councilor Remillard moved to accept Mayor Grenier’s nomination for the City Manager Interview Committee to Councilors Morgan, Berthiaume, Higbee with the alternate being Councilor Remillard. Councilor Morgan seconded and the motion carried by majority in favor.

Conflict of Interest and Incompatibility of Office Ordinance

Mr. Wheeler informed Council since the first read of this Ordinance, he made some additions to paragraph F. Additions include; Library Trustees, Cemetery Trustees, Trustees of Trust Funds and Housing Authority. Mayor Grenier commented that per the City Charter, the Mayor has the appointment power to all committees except the Airport Authority. The Airport Authority is Council election. All the other committees are Mayor’s appointments subject to Council confirmation.

At 6:41pm, there being no further business in Work Session, Mayor Grenier recessed before moving on to the Regular Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Danielle Rioux
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*Minutes are unofficial until they have been accepted by the City Council by motion.