

City Council Work Session
May 16, 2022

Present were: Mayor Grenier, Councilors Remillard, Berthiaume, Morency, Higbee and Eastman. Councilors Robert Theberge, Morgan and Roland Theberge were absent.

Others present: City Manager Phillip L. Warren Jr., Community Development Director Pamela Laflamme, Finance Director Holly Larsen, City Clerk Shelli Fortin, Chief of Police Dan Buteau, Lori Korzen, Steven Korzen, Stuart Light, Micah Bachner, Amber Bachner, Ted Bosen and William Carroll, Berlin Daily Sun.

Mayor Grenier opened the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

First 2022 Property Tax Warrant Bill

Mr. Warren presented the 2022 tax warrant for period one. The total amount to collect is \$8,513,339.99. Councilor Remillard moved to authorize the City Manager to send tax bills collectively in the amount of \$8,513,339.99. Councilor Morency seconded and the motion carried by all in favor.

Timber Tax Warrant

Mr. Warren advised this is a timber tax warrant for U.S. National Forest – T.R. Dillon Logging/Ted Tichy, Agent. This is for timber cut at Map & Lot 408-1 and is in the amount of \$15,136.30. Councilor Remillard moved to approve the timber tax warrant to U.S. National Forest – T.R. Dillon Logging/Ted Tichy, Agent in the amount of \$15,136.30. Councilor Higbee seconded and the motion carried by majority in favor with one recusal from Councilor Eastman.

Tax Deferrals

Mr. Warren presented two Elderly and Disabled Tax Deferral applications for 2021 along with Corcoran Consulting Associates' recommendations to approve both deferrals. Councilor Higbee moved to approve the tax deferral application for Laura MacPherson of 286 Church Street. Councilor Remillard seconded and the motion carried by majority in favor with one recusal from Councilor Eastman.

Councilor Remillard moved to approve the tax deferral application for Joyce Kovac of 105 Granite Street. Councilor Higbee seconded and the motion carried by majority in favor with one recusal from Councilor Eastman.

OHRV Ordinance discussion

Ms. Laflamme advised that on tonight's regular meeting agenda, Council will be voting to pass resolution 2022-19 for the speed limit change on Route 110. She commented there was an ATV Safety meeting held here at City Hall two weeks ago. During that meeting, the Bureau of Trails brought up a change that was made to RSA 215-A:6, IX in 2019 which states Council may authorize the use of roads by ATV's following a duly noticed public hearing at least 14 days in advance in a public location in the City and notification to abutters by verified mail. She advised Council that while the speed limit change will be enacted tonight, it will not allow ATV traffic until after the public hearing is held and a decision is made. Mayor Grenier suggested amending Resolution 2022-19 to be effective June 10, 2022. Council agreed and will make the amendment during regular meeting. Councilor Berthiaume brought up safety concerns from the Law Enforcement Committee and the Chamber in regards to having the Jericho Lake Road open the day of the Jericho Jamboree. She is asking if language to the ATV Ordinance could be added stating the road is not open to ATV's. Councilor Morency advised the OHRV Ordinance should be reviewed at the next Traffic Safety Committee meeting, then bring any changes to Council for approval.

At 6:57p.m., Councilor Higbee moved with a second from Councilor Morency to enter into Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3 II; (d) Consideration of the acquisition, sale, or lease of real or personal property which, if

discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community. So, moved, the motion carried by roll call with all in favor.

The consideration of selling City owned land was discussed. Staff was requested to gather additional information on the matter. No votes were taken. At 7:12p.m. Councilor Berthiaume moved to come out of non-public session, Councilor Higbee seconded and the motion carried by roll call with all in favor.

At 7:13p.m., Councilor Higbee moved with a second from Councilor Morency to enter into Non-Meeting per RSA 91-A:2, I. (b) Collective Bargaining. So, moved, the motion carried by roll call with all in favor.

At 7:26p.m., Mayor, Council and Staff came out of Non-Meeting. There being no further business in Work Session, Mayor Grenier recessed before moving on to the Regular Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Danielle Rioux
Executive Assistant

*Minutes are unofficial until they have been accepted by the City Council by motion.