

PUBLIC HEARING – JUNE 19, 2017

Mayor Grenier opened the duly scheduled and advertised Public Hearing at approximately 8:30 p.m. to hear comments on the following subject matters:

Resolution 2017-09 adopting a budget in the amount of \$39,870,920 and appropriating such to defray the expenses of Berlin's City Government for the fiscal year 2018.

Mayor Grenier asked for comments from the public; with none presented, the public hearing on the subject matter above closed at 8:31 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – Monday, June 19, 2017

Mayor Grenier called the Regular City Council Meeting to order at approximately 8:31 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. The pledge of allegiance to the flag preceded roll call. Present: Councilors Remillard, Otis, Gentili, Higbee, Rozek, Nelson, Theberge and Morgan Allain. Also present: Jim Wheeler, Susan Tremblay, Patty Chase, Corrine Cascadden, Bryan Lamirande, Nicole Plourde, Pam Laflamme, Paul Robitaille, Mike Perreault, several firefighters and Barbara Tetreault

Minutes, Previous Meeting

Councilor Remillard moved with a second by Councilor Otis to accept the minutes of the June 5th Regular Meeting/Work Session. So moved, the motion carried.

Disbursements:

Disbursement Summary Draft #1791 start date 06/06/2017 end date 6/19/2017 for a total cash disbursement of \$722,521.56. Councilor Theberge moved with a second by Councilor Nelson 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 2017-09 Fiscal Year 2018 Budget (Tabled 6/5/2017)

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 Rozek to increase the City Hall and Other Buildings (01-404) line item by \$1,441 to cover the costs of janitorial expenses in the Code Enforcement Office. Roll call resulted in affirmative votes by all Council members and Mayor. Mayor Grenier declared the motion passed.

Councilor Remillard moved with a second by Councilor Rozek to increase the Outside Agencies (01-412) by \$2,000 for the Berlin Local Market. Roll call resulted in affirmative votes by all Council members and Mayor. Mayor Grenier declared the motion passed.

Councilor Remillard moved with a second by Councilor Otis to reduce of the Fire Department budget by \$50,000 from line item 01-421-109-2000, Assistant Fire Chief. Roll call resulted in the following: Remillard – Aye, Otis – Aye, Morgan Allain – Aye, Gentili – Nay, Higbee – Nay, Rozek – Aye, Nelson – Nay,

Theberge – Nay, Mayor Grenier – Nay. The vote resulted in the majority Nay, Mayor Grenier declared the motion failed.

A RESOLUTION adopting a budget in the amount of Thirty-Nine Million, Eight Hundred One Thousand, Sixty Dollars (\$39,801,060) and appropriating such to defray the expenses of Berlin's City Government for the fiscal year 2018

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

That the following budget be adopted and accordingly, the sum of Thirty-Nine Million, Eight Hundred One Thousand, Sixty Dollars (\$39,801,060) be appropriated to defray the expenses of Berlin's City Government for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, less expected revenues, with the balance to be raised by taxation on real estate of the municipality

| Account Number | Description | FY 2017 Budget | FY 2018 Proposed CM Budget |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| 01-401 | MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL Total | 59,820 | 66,382 |
| 01-402 | ADMINISTRATION Total | 1,138,570 | 1,032,253 |
| 01-403 | ELECTIONS Total | 16,712 | 9,831 |
| 01-404 | CITY HALL AND OTHER BUILDINGS Total | 56,136 | 51,240 |
| 01-405 | SPECIAL FUNDS Total | 260 | 275 |
| 01-406 | PROPERTY AND LIABILITY INS Total | 93,489 | 90,157 |
| 01-408 | CENTRAL SERVICES Total | 265,000 | 25,000 |
| 01-409 | DISCOUNTS/ ABATEMENTS/DEEDED P Total | | |
| 01-410 | PERSONNEL BENEFITS Total | 322,640 | 353,205 |
| 01-411 | CONTINGENCY Total | 9,600 | 9,600 |
| 01-412 | OUTSIDE AGENCIES Total | 70,582 | 69,397 |
| 01-413 | CEMETERY Total | 12,961 | 17,961 |
| 01-416 | IT DEPARTMENT Total | 132,750 | 150,950 |
| | TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT | 2,178,521 | 1,876,251 |
| 01-420 | POLICE DEPARTMENT Total | 3,073,790 | 3,203,000 |
| 01-421 | FIRE DEPARTMENT Total | 1,920,966 | 2,180,658 |
| 01-422 | STREET LIGHTING Total | 145,200 | 156,200 |
| 01-423 | AMBULANCE SERVICE Total | 329,000 | 335,000 |
| 01-424 | SPECIAL PUBLIC SAFETY Total | 90,800 | 163,600 |
| | TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY | 5,559,756 | 6,038,458 |
| 01-425 | HOUSING DIVISION/HR Total | 43,100 | 138,300 |
| | TOTAL HOUSING DIVISION/HR | 43,100 | 138,300 |
| 01-430 | PUBLIC WORKS Total | 1,904,305 | 1,924,929 |
| 01-436 | SOLID /PW Total | 814,985 | 829,875 |
| | TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS | 2,719,291 | 2,754,804 |

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| 01-440 | HEALTH DEPARTMENT Total | 571,756 | 1,901 |
| 01-441 | WELFARE Total | 112,207 | 152,474 |
| 01-449 | PARKS Total | 264,239 | 274,843 |
| 01-450 | RECREATION DEPARTMENT Total | 136,970 | 150,086 |
| 01-451 | LIBRARY Total | 193,145 | 198,020 |
| | TOTAL COMMUNITY SERVICE | 1,278,316 | 777,324 |
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| 01-470 | DEBT SERVICE Total | 557,891 | 762,491 |
| 01-480 | CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS Total | 495,342 | 203,996 |
| | TOTAL CITY DEBT AND CIP | 1,053,233 | 966,487 |
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| | TOTAL CITY GENERAL FUND | 12,832,217 | 12,551,624 |
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| 01-460 | SCHOOL OPERATING BUDGET Total | 17,984,343 | 18,143,437 |
| 01-461 | SCHOOL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS Total | 211,000 | 47,000 |
| | TOTAL SCHOOL GENERAL FUND | 18,195,343 | 18,190,437 |
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| 01-407 | COUNTY TAX Total | 1,553,959 | 1,730,000 |
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| 01-414 | TRANSFER OUT Total | 14,369 | - |
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| | TOTAL CITY GENERAL FUND | 32,595,888 | 32,472,061 |
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| | OTHER CITY FUNDS | | |
| FUND 10 | SCHOOL EDUCATION GRANTS Total | 2,741,656 | 2,952,750 |
| 11-464 | SCHOOL FOOD SERVICES Total | 661,990 | 655,000 |
| 19-438 | RECREATION ACTIVITY Total | 35,700 | 35,700 |
| 21-402 | BERLIN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT Total | 181,184 | 181,184 |
| FUND 30 | GRANT FUNDS | 82,500 | 113,000 |
| FUND 59 | CDBG GRANTS Total | | - |
| 60-432 | SEWER FUND TOTAL W/Capital and Debt Service | 3,143,782 | 3,255,954 |
| 63-437 | CATES HILL LANDFILL Total | 7,180 | 6,075 |
| 65-490 | BERLIN AIRPORT TOTAL w/Capital | 175,963 | 129,337 |
| | TOTAL ALL OTHER FUNDS | 7,029,954 | 7,328,999 |
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| | TOTAL CITY BUDGET- ALL FUNDS | 39,625,842 | 39,801,060 |

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

Councilor Remillard moved with a second by Councilor Higbee to pass the Budget, as amended and outlined by Mr. Wheeler during the work session, for the Fiscal Year 2018 in the amount of \$39,801,060. Roll call resulted in the following: Remillard – Nay, Otis – Aye, Morgan Allain – Nay, Gentili – Aye, Higbee – Aye, Rozek – Nay, Nelson – Aye, Theberge – Aye, Mayor Grenier – Aye. Mayor Grenier declared the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

3. Resolution 2017-10 School Department Grants (1st read)

Councilor Nelson moved with a second from Councilor Morgan Allain to table the resolution and schedule a public hearing on July 5, 2017. So moved, the motion carried.

4. Teamster Contract Decision

| | | Increase | HI Savings | Cost Increase Over Current Year |
|--------|-------|------------|------------|------------------------------------|
| Year 1 | 1.30% | \$7,176.60 | \$7,103.10 | \$ 73.50 |
| Year 2 | 1.20% | 6,710.67 | | 6,710.67 |
| Year 3 | 1.10% | 6,225.26 | | 6,225.26 |

Councilor Remillard moved with a second by Councilor Otis to approve the cost items of the Teamsters Contract as noted with a compounded cost to the City in the amount of \$19,646.60. Roll call resulted in all affirmative votes. Mayor Grenier declared the motion passed.

5. City Manager's Report

Mr. Wheeler stated that late last week, the City was notified that it was awarded the skate park grant in the amount of \$75,000.

Councilor Nelson asked if the group has also been raising money for the project. Mr. Wheeler stated that he had suggested to them that rather than the arduous project of working on donations in a manner that would prolong the inception of the park, the City would apply for grant monies. Councilor Morgan Allain asked when the project would be started. Mr. Wheeler and Ms. Laflamme will begin working on RFP's immediately.

Councilor Rozek moved with a second from Councilor Morgan Allain to accept the City's Managers Report. So moved, the motion carried.

6. Mayor's Report

Mayor Grenier took a moment to thank the Council for its arduous work and commitment to the citizens with the preparation of this year's budget. It was hard work for all involved. He also thanked the Department Heads for stepping up and doing what was necessary to make cuts that were necessary to keep the budget where it needed to be.

Councilor Rozek moved with a second from Councilor Theberge to accept the Mayor's Report. So moved, the motion carried.

Mayor Grenier also shared the following correspondence with the Council.

June 18, 2017

Dear Honorable Mayor Mr. Grenier & City Council:

I am writing today to request blind pedestrian signage be placed at 2061 Riverside Drive, for north and south bound traffic. I am legally blind and a long-time resident at this address. With the placement of this signage it would alert drivers to my presence. For me to access the sidewalk safely as possible I need to cross at 2061 Riverside Drive and travel through the WMCC (White Mtn. Community College) parking lot. The NH Dept. of Transportation stated that this section of Rte. #16 (Riverside Dr.) is maintained by the city of Berlin and thus the responsibility of signage lies within.

Thank you in advance for considering my requests and I look forward to hearing from you in the near future. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns in regards to this request via tele.# (603)752-2347 or e-mail (galicash2016@gmail.com). I am enclosing a copy of certification to my visual impairment for your review.

Respectfully,

Linda E. Vaillancourt
Enclosure

Councilor Remillard moved with a second from Councilor Higbee to place Mrs. Vaillancourt's letter on file, confirm the receipt of said correspondence, remand the matter to the Traffic and Safety Committee and forward copies to the Public Works and Police Departments. So moved, the motion carried.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS - There were none.

8. Council Comments

Councilor Rozek asked to schedule the next Traffic and Safety Committee. Further discussion took place and it was decided to schedule the meeting on Monday, July 17, 2017.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Mayor and Council, Councilor Rozek moved with a second by Councilor Nelson to adjourn the regular meeting. So moved, the motion carried and Mayor Grenier declared the regular meeting adjourned at approximately 8:58 P.M.

A True Record, Attest:

Elaine Riendeau
City Clerk