

PUBLIC HEARING – November 20, 2017

Mayor Grenier opened the duly scheduled and advertised Public Hearing at approximately 7:46 p.m. to hear comments on the following subject matters:

Resolution 2017-21 Accepting and appropriating \$94,155 from Nellie Mae Foundation

Mayor Grenier asked for comments from the public; with none presented, the public hearing on the subject matter above closed at 7:47 p.m.

Resolution 2017-22 Accepting and appropriating \$8,750 from NH Robotics

Mayor Grenier asked for comments from the public; with none presented, the public hearing on the subject matter above closed at 7:48 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – Monday, November 20, 2017

Mayor Grenier called the Regular City Council Meeting to order at approximately 7:48 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. The pledge of allegiance to the flag preceded roll call. Present: Councilors Otis, Nelson, Higbee, Gentili, Rozek, Theberge and Morgan Allain. Absent: Councilor Remillard. Also present: Pam Laflamme, Susan Tremblay

Minutes, Previous Meeting

Councilor Rozek moved with a second by Councilor Theberge to accept the minutes of the October 16th and November 6th Regular Meeting/Work Session as well as the minutes from the October 23rd and November 13th Work Session. So moved, the motion carried.

Disbursements:

Disbursement Summary Draft #1802 start date 11/07/2017 end date 11/20/2017 for a total cash disbursement of \$675,510.61. 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 2017-21 – Accepting and Appropriating \$94,155 from Nellie Mae Foundation (Tabled 11/06/2017)

A RESOLUTION accepting and appropriating a Nellie Mae Education Foundation, Transformative Education Governance Award in the amount of Ninety Four Thousand, One Hundred Fifty-Five Dollars (\$94,155.00) in FY17-18, for the implementation of a highly engaged participatory and democratic planning process for the delivery of the city's education system

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

Whereas the local communities desire to participate in the engagement process to generate a range of alternative plans including regional collaboration of the school district; and

Whereas a local steering committee of school administration and community stakeholders, under the direction of NH and North Country Listens, of the Carsey School of Public Policy, will develop a strategic community engagement plan; and

Whereas the plan will include voices from community residents, students and parents, teachers, elected officials, and school leaders who will participate in community dialogues; and

Whereas the engagement plan includes: 1) data regarding demographic changes, financial realities of reduced state funding aid and its implication on local taxes, 2) aligning governance to include strong voices of students and parents, 3) improving students college and career readiness, 4) working regionally to achieve equity in a high level of student outcomes for all students in the Androscoggin Valley; and

Whereas major activities of the project will include audits of the effectiveness of current school governance structures to better understand and set goals for a new governance structure.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Berlin, NH accepts a Nellie Mae Education Foundation, Transformative Education Governance Award in the amount of Ninety Four Thousand, One Hundred Fifty-Five Dollars (\$94,155.00) in FY17-18, and appropriates such funds to the Berlin Public Schools for the purpose of the award.

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

Councilor Nelson moved with a second by Councilor Theberge to remove the resolution from the table at this time. So moved, the motion carried.

Councilor Nelson moved with a second by Councilor Morgan Allain to have the resolution read a second time by title only. So moved, the motion carried.

Councilor Nelson moved with a second by Councilor Morgan Allain to have the resolution read a third time by title only. So moved, the motion carried.

Councilor Nelson moved with a second by Councilor Morgan Allain to pass the resolution. So moved, the motion carried.

3. Resolution 2017-22 – Accepting and Appropriating \$8,750 from NH Robotics Program (Tabled 11/06/2017)

A RESOLUTION accepting and appropriating a grant award from the NH Robotics Education Development Program in the amount of Eight Thousand, Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$8,750.00) to initiate competitive robotics student teams in accordance with NH RSA 188-E:24 a. Robotics Education Development Program.

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

Whereas RSA 188-E:24 a. established a Robotics Education Development Program to increase student interest and involvement in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) by engaging students in hands-on sustainable and affordable curriculum-based robotics engineering programs across the U.S. and internationally; and

Whereas the annual amounts of \$2,250.00 for Berlin Middle School and \$6,500.00 for Berlin High School each year for two years will be used to purchase competition robotics kits; and

Whereas the grant is designed to help schools secure all the technical resources they will need to start a Robotics Team, from robot kits and tools to tournament registration fees and stipends for team coaches.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Berlin, NH accepts Eight Thousand, Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$8,750.00) from the NH Robotics Education Development Program and appropriates such funds to the Berlin Public Schools for the purpose of the grant.

This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after passage

Councilor Nelson moved with a second by Councilor Higbee to remove the resolution from the table at this time. So moved, the motion carried.

Councilor Nelson moved with a second by Councilor Higbee to have the resolution read a second time by title only. So moved, the motion carried.

Councilor Nelson moved with a second by Councilor Higbee to have the resolution read a third time by title only. So moved, the motion carried.

Councilor Nelson moved with a second by Councilor Higbee to pass the resolution. So moved, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

4. City Manager's Report - There was none.

5. Mayor's Report

Mayor Grenier presented the following nomination.

Dear Mayor and Council:

I am interested in serving on the Berlin Industrial Development & Park Authority. The board has asked that I consider joining them and as there is a vacant position, I would like to fill that vacancy. I have spent the last several years here in Berlin working for the community in various capacities, currently as a Mortgage Loan Officer. I think my experience in banking would be an asset to the board.

I am told the term would run until July 2020. I appreciate the opportunity to serve the City of Berlin in this capacity.

Sincerely,
Robert Hill
19 Bret Street
Berlin, NH 03570

Councilor Higbee moved, with a second from Councilor Gentili, to accept the nomination of Robert Hill to serve on the Berlin Industrial Development & Park Authority with a term to expire July 31, 2020. So moved, the motion carried.

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

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS - There were none.

7. Council Comments –

Councilor Rozek stated that there will be a Traffic and Safety Committee meeting on Monday, November 27th at 5:30 pm.

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 8:00 P.M.

A True Record, Attest:

Elaine Riendeau
City Clerk

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