

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – Monday, June 1, 2020

Mayor Grenier called the Regular City Council Meeting to order at approximately 7:18 p.m. via Zoom, pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, Section 8 and Emergency Order #12, Section 3.

Regular Meeting

a. Pledge of Allegiance

b. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Grenier, Councilors Remillard, Otis, Morgan, Eastman, Higbee, Rozek, Berthiaume and Theberge
Absent: None

Also present: James Wheeler, Susan Tremblay, Pamela Laflamme, Shelli Fortin, James Watkins, Julie King, Jamie Welch, Gary Croteau, Colette Theberge, and Barbara Tetreault, Berlin Daily Sun.

c. Councilor Remillard moved, with a second by Councilor Otis, to accept the minutes of the May 18, 2020 Regular Meeting and Work Session, and the May 27, 2020 Budget Hearing. So moved, the motion carried by roll call vote. Higbee- yes, Rozek – yes, Berthiaume- yes, Theberge – yes, Remillard – yes, Otis – yes, Morgan – yes, Eastman – yes, Grenier - yes

Disbursements:

Disbursement Summary Draft #1864 start date 05/16/2020 end date 05/29/2020 for a total cash disbursement of \$921,033.22. Councilor 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 carried by roll call vote. Higbee- yes, Rozek – yes, Berthiaume – yes, Theberge – yes, Remillard – yes, Otis – yes, Morgan – yes, Eastman – yes, Grenier - yes

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Council Committee Reports

There were no Council Committee Reports.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Resolution 2020-13 Adopting the FY2021 Budget (1st read)

Councilor Remillard moved, with a second by Councilor Otis to table the Resolution and schedule a public hearing for June 15, 2020. So moved, the motion carried by roll call vote. Higbee- yes, Rozek – yes, Berthiaume – yes, Theberge – yes, Remillard – yes, Otis – yes, Eastman – yes, Grenier – yes

3. City Manager's Report

1. We welcome Bronson Paradis to the Public Works Department; he is the new administrative clerk.
2. Peter Donovan has accepted the position of Assistant Fire Chief.
3. Corcoran Associates began work in the City today reviewing properties for the 2020 5-year update.
4. We have an RFP out for general assessing services with responses due on June 17, 2020.

5. The City Hall Lobby is open as of today. We have a hand sanitizing station available and the floor has been marked with 6 foot distance markers. There are signs asking people to keep socially distanced and we are asking that there be no more than 3 people in the lobby at one time.
6. EPA has announced that it will hold a virtual information meeting and public hearing on the Chlor-Alkali Superfund Site on June 10th between 7 and 9 pm. Relevant materials will be forwarded to the City Council and posted on the City's website.

Councilor Rozek moved, with a second from Councilor Higbee, to accept the City Manager's Report and place it on file. So moved, the motion carried by roll call vote. Higbee- yes, Rozek – yes, Berthiaume – yes, Theberge – yes, Remillard – yes, Otis – yes, Eastman – yes, Grenier – yes

4. Mayor's Report

Mayor Grenier advised that the next work session may be held at the BMHS gym. This will give them a chance to work on the budget face-to-face, while maintaining social distance. Councilor Eastman asked if this would be livestreamed and Pam Laflamme advised they may be able to stream the audio, and are looking at camera and audio equipment to be able to livestream in the future.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

6. Council Comments

There were no council comments.

7. Adjournment

At approximately 7:39 p.m. Councilor Rozek moved with a second by Councilor Berthiaume to adjourn the regular meeting. So moved, the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Higbee- yes, Rozek – yes, Berthiaume – yes, Theberge – yes, Remillard – yes, Otis – yes, Eastman – yes, Grenier – yes

A True Record, Attest:

Shelli Fortin
City Clerk

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