

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – Monday, October 15, 2018

Mayor Grenier called the Regular City Council Meeting to order at approximately 7:28 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Public Hearing

Mayor Grenier opened the Public Hearing at 7:28 pm for Resolution 2018-25 Appropriating \$107,000 to the School Department for a minivan and bus. There were no public comments. Mayor Grenier closed the public hearing at 7:28 pm.

Mayor Grenier opened the Public Hearing at 7:28 pm for Ordinance 2018-04 Opioid Legislation. There were no public comments. Mayor Grenier closed the Public Hearing at 7:29 pm.

Regular Meeting

a. Pledge of Allegiance

b. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Grenier, Councilors Otis, Morgan Allain, Berthiaume, Gentili, Higbee, Rozek, and Theberge. Councilor Remillard was absent. Also present: Jim Wheeler, Shelli Fortin, Pamela LaFlamme, Corinne Cascadden, Peter Morency, Dan Buteau, John Lacasse, Claire Stiles, and Barbara Tetreault, Berlin Daily Sun

c. Councilor Higbee moved with a second by Councilor Morgan Allain to accept the minutes of the October 1st Regular Meeting and Work Session. So moved, the motion carried.

Disbursements:

Disbursement Summary Draft #1825 start date 10/02/2018 end date 10/15/2018 for a total cash disbursement of \$1,201,318.11. Councilor Theberge moved with a second by Councilor Gentili 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. Councilor Rozek reminded the Council about the Traffic Safety Committee meeting which is scheduled for October 22 at 5:30 pm.

2. Ordinance 2018-04 Opioid Legislation (tabled 10/01/2018)

Councilor Berthiaume moved, with a second by Councilor Morgan Allain, to remove this item from the table. So moved, the motion carried.

Councilor Berthiaume moved, with a second by Councilor Morgan Allain, to read Ordinance 2018-04 by short title for a second time. So moved, the motion carried.

Councilor Berthiaume moved, with a second by Councilor Morgan Allain, to read Ordinance 2018-04 for a third time by short title. So moved, the motion carried.

Councilor Berthiaume moved, with a second by Councilor Morgan Allain that Ordinance 2018-04 be passed. There was no discussion. So moved, the motion passed.

3. Resolution 2018-25 Appropriating \$107,000 to School Department for Minivan and Bus (tabled 10/01/2018)

Councilor Higbee moved, with a second by Councilor Morgan Allain, to remove this item from the table. So moved, the motion carried.

Councilor Higbee moved, with a second by Councilor Morgan Allain, to read Resolution 2018-25 by short title for a second time. So moved, the motion carried.

Councilor Higbee moved, with a second by Councilor Morgan Allain, to read Resolution 2018-25 by short title for a third time. So moved, the motion carried.

Councilor Higbee moved, with a second by Councilor Morgan Allain, that Resolution 2018-25 be passed. There was no discussion. A roll call vote was taken. Councilor Higbee - Aye, Councilor Rozek – Aye, Councilor Berthiaume- Aye, Councilor Theberge – Aye, Councilor Otis – Aye, Councilor Morgan Allain – Aye, Councilor Gentili – Aye, Mayor Grenier – Aye. The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Resolution 2018-26 FD Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program \$631,760 for Pumper (1st read)

Councilor Higbee moved, with a second by Councilor Theberge to table the Resolution and schedule a public hearing for November 5, 2018. So moved, the motion carried.

5. Resolution 2018-27 FD Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program \$261,938 for Equipment (1st read)

Councilor Berthiaume moved, with a second by Councilor Morgan Allain to table the Resolution and schedule a public hearing for November 5, 2018. So moved, the motion carried.

6. City Manager's Report

1. The Public Works Dept. completed the initial preparatory earthwork on the skatepark on Tuesday 10/9/2018. Spohn Ranch is on-site today working on the elements of the park.
2. There was a final inspection meeting on October 11, 2018 for the Construction of Scenic Vistas, Interpretive Panels and other Approved Mitigation Project associated with the Phase 2 Upgrade of Route 110. This project included "The Avenues" monument as well as other elements and is considered substantially complete. This work was required by the Division of Historic Resources as part of our mitigation for the Route 110 project.
3. The Preservation Alliance Review Committee has approved the application for a \$4500 matching grant for the Berlin Public Library! The funds will be used with our local match of approximately \$9,200 to do a systems and building assessment of the Library. Final pricing will be determined when a consultant is selected. The completion of the study will allow us to apply for additional funding for renovation.
4. Bryan Chevarie will be attending a week long assessing program IAAO (International Association of Assessing Officials) 101 – Fundamentals of Real Property Appraisal beginning 10/29/2018.
5. KRT has completed the contracted statistical update. It has been placed on the agenda of the next BOA meeting scheduled for Wednesday 10/18/2018. I expect to further report on it at the City Council work session on 10/22/2018.
6. We welcome Kirstin Taylor to the Recreation Department as the Recreation Assistant. Among her other duties, Kirstin will be doing the Little Tykes Playground which is a seven week program of crafts, story time, snacks and games for toddlers ages 3 to 5.
7. The Recreation Development Hockey League is now forming teams. Anyone interested in playing is asked to register by October 19th. There will be a Road Toll for Recreation Hockey on Glen Avenue on Saturday, October 20th from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm.
8. Robert Doyle, the architectural and engineering consultant who did the elevator study for City Hall, will be at next week's City Council Work Session on 10/22/2018 to report his findings.

9. The Police Department Statistics are attached.

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.

7. Mayor's Report

- a. Mayor Grenier read the "Extra Mile Day" Proclamation, Proclaiming November 1, 2018 to be "Extra Mile Day".

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS – There were none.

9. Council Comments – Councilor Higbee asked about the new stone sign near the water tower. The letters are difficult to see because they match the color of the stone. City Manager Wheeler advised that the contractor is aware of the issue and will be taking care of the problem.

10. Adjournment

At approximately 7:49 p.m. Councilor Rozek moved with a second by Councilor Higbee to adjourn the regular meeting. So moved, the motion carried.

A True Record, Attest:

Shelli Fortin
City Clerk

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