

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – Monday, December 21, 2020

Regular Meeting

Mayor Grenier called the Regular City Council Meeting to order at approximately 7:39 p.m. via Zoom, pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, Section 8 and Emergency Order #12, Section 3.

a. Pledge of Allegiance

b. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Grenier, Councilors Remillard, Morgan, Eastman, Higbee, Rozek, and Theberge

Absent: Councilors Berthiaume and Otis

Also present: James Wheeler, Pamela Laflamme, Susan Tremblay, Shelli Fortin, and Barbara Tetreault

c. Councilor Remillard moved, with a second by Councilor Higbee, to accept the minutes of the December 7, 2020 Regular Meeting and Work Session and December 14, 2020 Work Session. So moved, the motion carried by roll call vote. Higbee- yes, Rozek – yes, Theberge – yes, Remillard – yes, Morgan – yes, Eastman – yes, Grenier - yes

Disbursements:

Disbursement Summary Draft #1877 start date 12/05/2020 end date 12/18/2020 for a total cash disbursement of \$3,074,946.59. Councilor Theberge moved with a second by Councilor Higbee 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, Theberge – yes, Remillard – 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 2021-01 Re-Appropriating Funds to PW-Loader Lease Account (1st read)

Councilor Higbee moved, with a second by Councilor Theberge, to table the Resolution and schedule a public hearing for January 4, 2021. So moved, the motion carried by roll call vote. Higbee- yes, Rozek – yes, Theberge – yes, Remillard – yes, Morgan – yes, Eastman – yes, Grenier – yes

3. City Manager's Report

1. Cross Excavation began demolition work on the Princess Theater today. The temporary detour appeared to work well. Cross was able to discontinue the detour around 1 PM.
2. There is a link to the recycling calendar for the upcoming year on the City's web site under "News." The calendar covers the years 2021 to 2023. <https://www.berlinnh.gov/node/1/news>
3. There will be a joint meeting of the School Board and the City Council on Monday December 28th. The School will host this Zoom meeting and we will forward the Council the link information when it is available. The School Board meeting will begin at 6:00 PM with the joint agenda issue expected to be discussed at 6:15 PM. The joint issue to discuss is anticipated education aid and the formula that is based on free and reduced lunch. Our local state delegation will also be invited to the meeting.

4. At the end of last week, in her desire to share some good news, Angela Martin-Giroux shared a story with me of how she was able to help a young person who was both homeless and jobless. Angela was able to find employment with housing for this person in very short order.... As you can imagine, this person was extremely moved and grateful. With all that is going on, it was nice to have this simple example of how we can help someone who needs and wants the help just before Christmas.
5. Merry Christmas!!!

Mayor Grenier advised the Council that school funding is partly based on the number of students who receive free and reduced lunch. Since all students are able to receive lunches this year due to remote learning, these numbers are not available and may affect funding. Mayor Grenier advised that they will be meeting to discuss this issue and are hoping to possibly use last year's information.

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, Theberge – yes, Remillard – yes, Morgan – yes, Eastman – yes, Grenier – yes

4. Mayor's Report

There was no additional Mayor's Report.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

6. Council Comments

There were no Council comments.

7. Adjournment

On a motion by Councilor Rozek, seconded by Councilor Higbee, the Council voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm. So moved, the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Higbee- yes, Rozek – yes, Theberge – yes, Remillard – yes, Morgan– yes, Eastman – yes, Grenier – yes

Mayor Grenier wished everyone a Merry Christmas and thanked the Council for all of their hard work. Mayor Grenier stated that they are a great group of people with diverse opinions which is needed to make a city work.

A True Record, Attest:

Shelli Fortin
City Clerk

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