

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – Monday, February 15, 2021

Public Hearing

Mayor Grenier opened the Public Hearing at 7:12 pm for Resolution 2021-03 City Cemetery Fees. There were no public comments. Mayor Grenier closed the Public Hearing at 7:12 pm.

Regular Meeting

Mayor Grenier called the Regular City Council Meeting to order at approximately 7:13 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, Otis, Eastman, Higbee, Rozek, and Theberge

Absent: Councilors Berthiaume and Morgan

Also present: James Wheeler, Pamela Laflamme, Shelli Fortin, and Barbara Tetreault, Berlin Daily Sun

c. Councilor Remillard moved, with a second by Councilor Otis, to accept the minutes of the February 1, 2021 Regular Meeting and Work Session and February 8, 2021 Work Session. So moved, the motion carried by roll call vote. Higbee- yes, Rozek – yes, Theberge – yes, Remillard – yes, Otis – yes, Eastman – yes, Grenier - yes

Disbursements:

There was no disbursements report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Council Committee Reports

There were no Council Committee Reports.

2. Resolution 2021-03 City Cemetery Fees (tabled 2/1/2021)

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-One

A RESOLUTION Rescinding the Resolution passed June 2, 2003 regarding City Cemeteries and establishing a new schedule of burial rates and charges for cemetery lots.

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

That the Resolution passed on June 2, 2003 relative to a fee schedule establishing the cost of burial lots and services is hereby rescinded. In place thereof, the City Council hereby adopts the following schedule of burial rates and charges for cemetery lots:

<u>Cost of Full Burial Lots:</u>		(includes perpetual care)
1-Grave Lot: \$ 450.00	2-Grave Lot: \$ 900.00	3-Grave Lot: \$1,350.00
4-Grave Lot: \$ 1,800.00	5-Grave Lot: \$2,250.00	6-Grave Lot: \$2,700.00

Cost of Cremains Burial Lots: 1- Cremains Lot \$400.00 (includes perpetual care)

Grave Openings/Closings (year round)

Regular Burial: \$500.00

Cremaains Burial: \$250.00

Saturday/Sunday Burials: \$125.00 extra flat fee charge to cover overtime costs

Veteran Exemption: Any Berlin resident who perishes in the line of duty while serving in active duty shall not incur any burial costs if buried in a City cemetery.

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

Councilor Remillard moved, with a second by Councilor Otis, to remove this item from the table. So moved, the motion carried by roll call vote. Higbee- yes, Rozek – yes, Theberge – yes, Remillard – yes, Otis – yes, Eastman – yes, Grenier – yes

Councilor Remillard moved, with a second by Councilor Otis, to read Resolution 2021-03 by short title for a second time. So moved, the motion carried by roll call vote. Higbee- yes, Rozek – yes, Theberge – yes, Remillard – yes, Otis – yes, Eastman – yes, Grenier - yes

Councilor Remillard moved, with a second by Councilor Otis, to read Resolution 2021-03 by short title for a third time. So moved, the motion carried by roll call vote. Higbee- yes, Rozek – yes, Theberge – yes, Remillard – yes, Otis – yes, Eastman – yes, Grenier - yes

Councilor Remillard moved, with a second by Councilor Otis that Resolution 2021-03 be passed. So moved, the motion passed by roll call vote. Higbee- yes, Rozek – yes, Theberge – yes, Remillard – yes, Otis – yes, Eastman – yes, Grenier – yes

NEW BUSINESS

3. Resolution 2021-04 Airport Grant (1st read)

Councilor Higbee moved, with a second by Councilor Otis, to table the Resolution and schedule a public hearing for March 1, 2021. So moved, the motion carried by roll call vote. Higbee- yes, Rozek – yes, Theberge – yes, Remillard – yes, Otis – yes, Eastman – yes, Grenier – yes

4. Resolution 2021-05 CDBG Housing & Community Development Plan Adoption (1st read)

Councilor Remillard moved, with a second by Councilor Otis, to table the Resolution and schedule a public hearing for March 15, 2021. So moved, the motion carried by roll call vote. Higbee- yes, Rozek – yes, Theberge – yes, Remillard – yes, Otis – yes, Eastman – yes, Grenier – yes

A copy of the Housing & Community Development Plan will be available on the website and in the City Clerk's office.

5. City Manager's Report

1. The Phase 2 Contract 1 I&I Removal Project virtual bid opening is scheduled for 3/17/2021 at 2:00 pm.

City Manager Wheeler advised this is the first of two projects. This project will consist of some street work, along with removing sump pumps connected to the sewer system in private basements. Mayor Grenier asked about the demolition I&I project. City Manager Wheeler advised that there are 10 properties with flat roofs or basement drains connected to the sewer system that are scheduled for demolition. They are currently working on this through the Division of Historical Resources, and are hoping the project will happen this summer. Councilor Rozek asked about the removal of sump pumps from basements and City Manager Wheeler advised these will be provided a connection to the storm drains instead of the sewer service.

Councilor Rozek moved, with a second from Councilor Higbee, to accept the City Manager's Report and place it on file.

Councilor Remillard asked about the Mason Street bridge work. City Manager Wheeler advised that he has a meeting this week with a contractor who is interested, and will have more information after that.

So moved, the motion carried by roll call vote. Higbee- yes, Rozek – yes, Theberge – yes, Remillard – yes, Otis – yes, Eastman – yes, Grenier – yes

6. Mayor's Report

Mayor Grenier advised that he had a meeting this morning with Senator Erin Hennessey. They discussed bail reform and education bills. Mayor Grenier advised that she understands the impact of education funding on communities and was very helpful.

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

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

8. Council Comments

There were no Council comments.

9. Adjournment

On a motion by Councilor Rozek, seconded by Councilor Higbee, the Council voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 pm. So moved, the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Higbee- yes, Rozek – yes, Theberge – yes, Remillard – yes, Otis – yes, Eastman – yes, Grenier – yes

Mayor Grenier reminded members of the Berlin Airport Authority of the meeting tomorrow night.

A True Record, Attest:

Shelli Fortin
City Clerk

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