

## **CITY COUNCIL MEETING – Monday, March 7, 2022**

### **Regular Meeting**

Mayor Grenier called the Regular City Council Meeting to order at approximately 8:13 p.m.

#### **a. Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **b. Roll Call**

Present: Mayor Grenier, Councilors Remillard, Eastman, Roland Theberge, Robert Theberge, Higbee, Morency, and Berthiaume

Absent: Councilor Morgan

Also present: Interim City Manager Pamela Laflamme, City Clerk Shelli Fortin, Lori Korzen, Steven Korzen, Stuart Light, Carl Ouellette, and William Carroll, Berlin Daily Sun.

**c.** Councilor Remillard moved, with a second by Councilor Higbee, to accept the minutes of the February 21, 2022 Regular Meeting and Work Session, and the work session of February 28, 2022. So moved, the motion passed.

### **Disbursements:**

Disbursement Summary Draft #1907 start date 02/22/2022 end date 03/07/2022 for a total cash disbursement of \$1,031,571.41. Councilor Roland 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 passed.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **1. Council Committee Reports**

There were no Council committee reports.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **2. City Manager's Report**

1. Attached is the property transfer list for January 2022.
2. Charter Communications Price Adjustment.
3. Attached is the Fire Chief's report, the Monthly Incident Report and the EMS call volume report for February 2022.

Councilor Remillard moved, with a second by Councilor Higbee, to accept the Interim City Manager's Report and place it on file. So moved, the motion passed.

#### **3. Mayor's Report**

- a. Re-appointment to Berlin Water Commission – Paul Ingersoll

Dear Honorable Mayor,

My term of office for Water Board Commissioner expires as of May 1, 2022.

I am willing to continue to serve as a Board Member. Would you please consider re-appointing me as a Water Board Commissioner, with a new term of office expiring on May 1, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Ingersoll

Councilor Remillard moved, with a second by Councilor Higbee, to approve the Mayor's nomination of Paul Ingersoll as a member of the Berlin Water Commission until May 1, 2026. So moved, the motion carried.

b. Appointment to ZBA – David Lavallee, Sr

Mayor Paul Grenier and City Council,

My name is David Lavallee. I've been a resident of Berlin for two years. I moved here to retire from a fifty-year career as a machinist/toolmaker. I'm a member of Heritage Baptist Church located on Exchange Street. Pastor Dana Hoyt has informed me that there is an opening on the ZBA Board. I am interested in this position. In two short years I've grown to love this community, and would like to give back to the city. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

David J. Lavallee, Sr

Councilor Higbee moved, with a second by Councilor Berthiaume, to approve the Mayor's nomination of David Lavallee, Sr, as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment with a term to expire April 30, 2025. So moved, the motion carried.

Mayor Grenier reminded the Council of the budget meeting with the Board of Education on Thursday, March 10.

Mayor Grenier reminded the public that it is pothole season and to be patient. Mayor Grenier requested the public contact the Public Works Department to report any sizable potholes and stated that there won't be any permanent fixes until the asphalt plant opens in May.

Councilor Robert Theberge asked if the Assistant Public Works Director could check with other communities to see if another composite is available to fill the potholes. Interim City Manager Laflamme advised that there is a stickier cold patch that they can use, but it is more expensive and harder to come by.

Councilor Roland Theberge asked about purchasing equipment for pothole repair, such as a hot box. Interim City Manager Laflamme stated that they have discussed this with the Public Works Director for the budget, but are also discussing how to use the resources they have more efficiently.

Councilor Remillard moved, with a second by Councilor Roland Theberge, to accept the Mayor's Report and place it on file. So moved, the motion passed.

**4. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**5. Council Comments**

Councilor Robert Theberge stated that there are two bills coming up for debate in the legislature, HB1033 which they are hoping to kill, and a bill concerning employer contributions for retirement, which would save the City \$63,500 if it moves forward.

**6. Adjournment**

On a motion by Councilor Higbee, seconded by Councilor Berthiaume, the Council voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 pm. 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.