

City Council Work Session September 18, 2023

Present were: Mayor Grenier, Councilors Robert Theberge, Morency, Berthiaume, Eastman, Morgan, Remillard and Roland Theberge. Councilor Higbee was absent

Others present: Dir. Of Strat. Initiatives and Asst. City Mgr. Pamela Laflamme, City Clerk Shelli Fortin, Finance Director Holly Larsen, Jan Zicha, Robert Cone, Debi Davis, Arnie Davis, Sarah Boone, Connor Arsenault, Lori Korzen and Lisa Connell, Berlin Daily Sun.

Mayor Grenier opened up the meeting at 6:30 p.m. He advised there are two items that will be discussed in Non-Public Session. He requested to start with item two of the work session agenda and after go into Non-Public Session. The Land Sale at Horne Field item will be addressed after Non-Public Session.

Investment Policy Review

Ms. Laflamme advised the investment policy was last reviewed in 2021. The auditors require Council takes a vote on the investment policy every year. This wasn't done in 2022. No changes were done when last reviewed in 2021. Ms. Laflamme commented that the policy is to assure safety and liquidity; yield is secondary as stated by the previous City Manager in 2021. Councilor Remillard moved to ratify the investment policy for FY2023 and remains unchanged from FY2021. Councilor Morgan seconded and the motion carried with all in favor.

Non-Public Session

At 6:34 p.m., Councilor Roland Theberge moved with a second from Councilor Berthiaume to enter into Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3 II; (d) Consideration of the acquisition, sale, or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community. So, moved, the motion carried by roll call with all in favor.

A discussion was had on the sale of City owned land. No votes were taken.

At 6:48 p.m., Councilor Berthiaume moved with a second from Councilor Roland Theberge to come out of Non-Public Session. So, moved the motion carried by roll call with all in favor.

Land Sale at Horne Field

Councilor Remillard moved to convey a portion of Map 135 Lot 7, with a lot line adjustment previously approved by the Planning Board, to abutters Arnie and Debi Davis in the amount of \$1,200 with the condition the lot is merged with their property Map 136 Lot 4 and they pay expenses. Councilor Morgan seconded and the motion carried by roll call with all in favor.

Non-Public Session

At 6:51 p.m., Councilor Remillard moved with a second from Councilor Roland Theberge to enter into Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3 II; (c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person. So, moved, the motion carried by roll call with all in favor.

A discussion was had on a matter which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person. No votes were taken.

At 7:31 p.m., Councilor Berthiaume moved with a second from Councilor Remillard to come out of Non-Public Session. So, moved the motion carried by roll call with all in favor.

At 7:32 p.m., there being no further business in Work Session, Mayor Grenier recessed before moving on to the Regular Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Danielle Rioux
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*Minutes are unofficial until they have been accepted by the City Council by motion.