

City Council Work Session

November 13, 2017

Present were: Mayor Grenier, Councilors Otis, Gentili, Morgan Allain, Higbee, Nelson and Remillard
Councilors Rozek and Theberge were absent.

Others present: City Manager Jim Wheeler, Michael Perreault, Angela Martin Giroux, George Fortier and
Barbara Tetreault *Berlin Daily Sun*

Mayor Grenier opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Prior to beginning, Mayor Grenier stated that the Council needed to officially certify the election and that matter will need to be added under other items. Councilor Nelson moved, with a second from Councilor Morgan Allain, to add the Certification of the Election results to other on the agenda. So moved, the motion carried.

Infrared Video

City Manager, Jim Wheeler, presented videos to the Mayor and Council which showed how the infrared system worked for street/asphalt repair.

Mr. Wheeler stated what the City is looking at for equipment is referred to as a 2 ton mini-combo, which on the low end would cost approximately \$59,500. This type of infrared equipment uses recycled asphalt with the addition of emulsion. Instead of being on an actual vehicle, this is something that will come on a tow behind trailer. It burns LP gas to heat the asphalt that is being repaired. It is anticipated that the expense of the actual purchase could be split between the sewer/general/water works budgets.

Councilor Nelson asked how the City employees will be trained to use the equipment. Messrs. Wheeler and Perreault stated that the manufacturer would be involved. Councilor Remillard asked what the expected life cycle is. That question will be asked of the manufacturer.

Mr. Wheeler stated that his intention would be to place this item in the upcoming budget, and that he will be speaking with Superintendent Craig Carrigan, Berlin Water Works, regarding budgeting. He feels that this equipment could be purchased and used as one entity, the City. He feels that while BWW is separated, in certain ways, it is all still a part of the City itself. Councilor Morgan Allain asked if just anyone will be operating the equipment. It was noted that specific employees will be trained, not all staff. She also suggested other manufacturers be looked into. Mr. Wheeler said that this item will go out to bid. He also stated that he would ask those that bid to note any deviances from the original bid package so there is a definitive understanding of each piece of equipment. Mayor Grenier said that he was concerned about lead time for delivery of this piece of equipment. He suggested that it may be prudent to purchase the equipment prior to finalizing the budget so the entire summer season is not lost prior to receiving the equipment. However, he did note that this would require a two-thirds vote from the Council.

Vendor License

City Clerk Elaine Riendeau presented the Mayor and Council with a memo regarding hawker/peddler licenses as they relate to local events such as Drive into the 50's, Jericho ATV Festival, RiverFire, etc. She stated that based on a recent incident this fall, it was a matter that needed to be thought about. Any person/business that sells merchandise and/or food within the State of NH is required to purchase a hawkers/peddlers license from the NH Secretary of State's office. The City also has an ordinance that covers this matter. The State's fee for this license

is \$50.00 per year and the City's fee is \$100.00. Both licenses are good for one year from the date of issue and must be purchased for any person who handles the sales/cash transaction. Health Office Angela Martin-Giroux stated that it is her understanding that a license is not required for short-term events. Ms. Riendeau stated that state law does in fact require licenses whether it is a one day event, or something long term.

Councilor Nelson expressed a great deal of concern regarding this matter stating that there are too many fees for the vendors as it stands. She is concerned that if more fees are added, vendors will not want to participate in some of the events. RiverFire is one event that is an unknown as it relates to attendance. Mayor Grenier stated that he did not want to lose any events/vendors due to fees.

Further discussion took place regarding this matter and it was agreed that during a future work session, a committee, that included the Chamber, Main Street Program and Police Chief Morency, would be created so that this matter can be further researched.

Beth Israel Cemetery

Mr. Wheeler stated that he needed to move this matter to non-public.

Other

-Certification of Election Results

2017 MUNICIPAL ELECTION				
Tuesday, November 07, 2017				
<u>Mayor - 2 Year</u>	<u>PRECINCT 1</u>	<u>PRECINCTS 2&3</u>	<u>PRECINCT 4</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
GRENIER	221	599	207	1027
MATTOS JR	179	368	156	703
<u>City Council - 4 Year</u>				
LAGRANGE	139	334	134	607
MARTEL	133	340	138	611
NELSON	233	593	219	1045
OTIS	198	476	161	835
REMILLARD	241	570	198	1009
ROZEK	207	554	195	956
STRAHAN	131	285	107	523
DICKINSON	192	434	165	791
<u>Moderator - 2 Year</u>				
DUMOULIN	202	580	245	1027
MORRISSETTE	320	717	220	1257
<u>Ward Clerk - 2 Year</u>				
DECHAMPLAIN	258	570	186	1014
LAVOIE	256	695	281	1232
<u>Supervisors - 2 Year</u>				

HEIDT	183	485	154	822
HUOT	255	645	233	1133
LEMIEUX	200	534	166	900
PELCHAT	270	617	211	1098
BISSON	229	650	196	1075
CROTEAU, PAUL	282	680	238	1200
CROTEAU, ROLAND	218	564	180	962
CROTEAU, SHIRLEY	290	639	221	1150
<u>School Board - 4 Year</u>				
LOSIER	326	819	293	1438
<u>School Board - 2 Year</u>				
HILL	85	263	93	441
PLOURDE	280	646	235	1161
RICHARD	120	263	102	485
VALERINO	238	612	220	1070
VALLIERE	200	502	178	880
ACKERMAN	51	114	43	208
<u>Library - 4 Year</u>				
LAFLEUR	360	882	318	1560
<u>Library - 2 Year</u>				
THOMAS	355	855	308	1518
Keno Yes	199	651	213	1063
Keno No	86	239	82	407

Councilor Remillard moved, with a second from Councilor Gentili, to accept and certify the 2017 Municipal Election Results as presented by the City Clerk. So moved, the motion carried.

There being no further business for the public Work Session, Councilor Morgan Allain moved, with a second by Councilor Nelson to move into non-public session at 7:25 pm. Roll call resulted all in the affirmative the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elaine Riendeau
City Clerk

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