

**City Council Work Session
November 11, 2019**

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

Others present: City Manager James Wheeler, AV Home Care Director Tara MacKillop.
Mayor Grenier opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Declaration of Election/Accepting the Results of the 11/5 Election

Councilor Rozek moved to enter into the Regular order of Business; Councilor Higbee seconded and the motion carried with all voting in favor.

Councilor Rozek moved to accept the results of the November 4, 2019 Municipal Election as presented; Councilor Morgan seconded and the motion carried.

2019 MUNICIPAL ELECTION				
Tuesday, November 05, 2019				
Mayor - 2 Year	PRECINCT 1	PRECINCTS 2&3	PRECINCT 4	TOTAL
GRENIER	222	636	219	1077
LAFLAMME	122	290	130	542
STEVENS	25	71	19	115
WRITE-INS	0	8	0	8
City Council - 4 Year				
EASTMAN	186	427	121	734
GODDARD	149	427	134	710
HEIDT	36	112	48	196
HIGBEE	122	459	151	732
LACASSE	164	369	169	702
MACPHERSON	67	232	73	372
MORGAN	218	632	229	1079
THEBERGE	224	614	268	1106
WHITE	70	193	72	335
WRITE-INS	7	26	9	42
Moderator - 2 Year				
DUMOULIN	242	633	253	1128
HORNE	202	566	203	971
MCKENZIE	231	645	222	1098
WRITE-INS	4	12	4	20
Ward Clerk - 2 Year				
ERIKA BUTEAU	11	36	11	58
DOUGLAS TOWNE	7	16	4	27
JEANINE MCKENZIE	3	5	4	12
MAE SCHUERMAN	1	13	7	21
OTHER WRITE-INS	20	48	13	81

Supervisors - 2 Year				
DRAPEAU	216	589	206	1011
DUBE	175	488	168	831
LEMIEUX	178	500	187	865
LIGHT	154	438	158	750
BISSON	213	640	236	1089
CROTEAU	208	568	202	978
CUSSON	239	650	247	1136
WRITE-INS	7	23	9	39
School Board - 4 Year				
BUTEAU	177	419	201	797
HOUSTON	32	102	48	182
MUNCE	131	413	105	649
WRITE-INS	1	0	0	1
School Board - 2 Year				
JACKSON	100	224	86	410
NOLIN	209	629	241	1079
VALLIERE	183	575	208	966
CHAREST	164	431	184	779
GRENIER	153	455	157	765
HALE	73	168	62	303
WRITE-INS	2	2	1	5
Library - 4 Year				
BERGERON	318	884	328	1530
WRITE-INS	2	3	2	7
Library - 2 Year				
LIGHT	75	195	66	336
THOMAS	257	724	274	1255
WRITE-INS	1	1	0	2
Sports Book Yes	170	512	180	862
Sports Book No	84	219	66	369

Councilor Rozek moved to recess to Work Session; Councilor Higbee seconded and the motion carried with all in favor.

AV Home Care

Tara MacKillop, who has been the director at AV Home Care for about one year, reported that November is National Home Care Month. AV Home Care provides personal care, home services and nursing care to elderly and disabled so that they can stay in their homes. The funding from the City goes to those who can't afford to pay. Berlin residents make up 24 of 48 clients, with the remaining coming from local towns. The agency has a lot of activity and there are a lot of people in need. The agency does fundraising with a yearly yard sale and bake sale to fund Dorothy's Gift. AV Home Care was the beneficiary of a Casino Night that netted \$1,500 and there is an annual campaign where letters are sent to donors.

Ms. MacKillop noted that St. Vincent stopped their contribution of \$4,800. Services are paid through private pay, veterans' funding, Medicaid, Choices for Independence (CFI) which is a grant through the state. Mayor Grenier asked who the officers of the board are and how much they are involved. Ms. MacKillop named several members and indicated that there are monthly meetings that alternate from finance to operations. Councilor Morgan asked if other communities contribute to AV Home Care. Ms. MacKillop noted that Gorham does; however Milan and other towns have not been asked. Mayor Grenier thanked Ms. MacKillop for her presentation and she left the meeting at this time.

Other

Mayor Grenier reported that he attended the Veteran's events on November 11 including the re-dedication of 12 Memorial Place, dedicated to the 12 veterans lost in the Viet Nam war. The ceremonies were very well attended by area veterans.

Councilor Rozek commented that the Council had been approached to reconsider the Veteran's Tax Credit and Mayor Grenier replied that the Board of Assessor's was consulted and they ultimately recommended that the credit remain the same.

Councilor Rozek asked if a tax rate has been set and Mr. Wheeler indicated that it has not. The City has been in touch with the DRA and it is expected that there will be options for the Council to consider at next Monday's meeting. Councilor Rozek questioned whether the tax rate will be over what was projected in the spring and Mr. Wheeler said he and the Finance Director would be scrutinizing with the DRA.

Non Public Session

Councilor Higbee moved to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 II(e) Pending Claims; Councilor Morgan seconded and the motion carried unanimously by roll call.

A pending claim was discussed.

Councilor Rozek moved to come out of non-public session; Councilor Higbee seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Rozek moved to seal the minutes until the Mayor and City Manager determine they can be released as releasing them would make any action taken ineffective; Councilor Higbee seconded and the motion carried.

Councilor Rozek moved to adjourn; Councilor Higbee seconded and the motion carried. The meeting ended at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Tremblay
Administrative Assistant

*Minutes are unofficial until they have been accepted by the City Council by motion.