

Public Hearing – October 1, 2012

Mayor Grenier opened the duly advertised public hearing portion of the meeting at approximately 8:21 p.m. to hear public comments on the following subject matter:

- Resolution 2012-30 Appropriating \$89,250 to School Capital Improvements

There being no one wishing to speak for or against the subject matter, Mayor Grenier closed the public hearing portion of the meeting at approximately 8:21p.m.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – Monday, October 1, 2012

Mayor Grenier called the City Council Meeting to order at approximately 8:22 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. The pledge of allegiance to the flag preceded roll call. Present: Councilors Remillard, Otis, Morgan Allain, Benski, Higbee, Rozek, Nelson and Théberge. Also present: Pat MacQueen, Pam Laflamme, Corinne Cascadden, Andre and Colette Caron, citizens and the press.

Minutes, Previous Meeting

Councilor Remillard moved with a second by Councilor Otis to accept the minutes of the September 17 Regular Meeting/Work Session and September 24 Work Session. So moved, the motion carried.

Disbursements: Disbursement Summary Draft #1675 start date 9/20/2012; end date 10/03/2012 has a total cash disbursement of \$1,837,252.36. Councilor Nelson moved with a second by Councilor Theberge to accept the disbursement summary and pay all bills as recommended by the Committee on Accounts/Claims. So moved, the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – no comments

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Council Committee Reports. No reports
2. Resolution 2012-30 appropriating \$89,250 to the School Department and \$8,000 to the Recreation & Parks Department Fiscal Year 2013 budgets from unappropriated fund balance for the capital items described below. (tabled 9/17/2012) Resolved by the City Council of the City of Berlin as follows:

-Whereas, the Berlin Board of Education is recommending the purchase of a new school bus to replace Bus #99 which refers to the year it was put into service; and

-Whereas, #99 does not pass inspection, but can be used as trade for a new vehicle bringing the cost to \$76,750.00; and

-Whereas, Marston School has a graveled area which is not conducive to safe play; and

-Whereas, this graveled area can be paved for \$12,500.00; and

-Whereas, it has come to the Council's attention that tennis courts in the City are in desperate need of resurfacing; and

-Whereas, the Moving Downtown Forward Initiative will pay \$8,000.00 for the resurfacing of the Glen Avenue court; however \$8,000.00 is needed to pave the Horne Field tennis courts. Now therefore be it resolved that Ninety Seven Thousand, Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$97,250.00) is hereby appropriated from unappropriated fund balance to the school department, and Recreation Department for the following: \$76,750.00 for the purchase of a 2013 Model Thomas school bus, \$12,500.00 for paving a graveled area at Marston School and \$8,000.00 to resurface the tennis court at Horne Field. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after passage.

Councilor Remillard moved with a second by Councilor Otis to remove the resolution from the table at this time. So moved, the motion carried.

Councilor Remillard moved with a second by Councilor Otis to have the resolution read a second time by title only. So moved, the motion carried.

Councilor Remillard moved with a second by Councilor Otis to have the resolution read a third time by title only. So moved, the motion carried.

Councilor Remillard moved with a second by Councilor Otis to pass the resolution. So moved, the motion carried and Mayor Grenier declared the resolution now passed.

NEW BUSINESS

3. Ordinance 2012-10 Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Berlin; Chapter 13 Streets, Article IV Parks and Recreation; Division 1 Generally; by adding a new section 13-91.1 Bickford Place Park. (1st read)

Councilor Nelson moved with a second by Councilor Morgan Allain to table the ordinance and schedule a public hearing on October 15. So moved, the motion carried.

4. Resolution 2012-31 Authorizing an application for \$10,000,000.00 of funding from the U.S. Department of Education, Race-To-The-Top District Grant 2012 for Berlin Public Schools, in a Consortium of N.H. Local Education Agencies, to support locally directed improvements in learning and teaching that will directly improve student achievement and educator effectiveness. (1st read)

Councilor Remillard moved with a second by Councilor Otis to table the resolution and schedule a public hearing on October 15. So moved, the motion carried.

5. Resolution 2012-32 Appropriating the sum of Four Thousand, Three Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$4,320.00) to the Berlin Police Department FY'12 budget for the purpose of effectuating the NH Highway Safety Project Grant, "Operation Safe Commute." REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA. NOT READ, NO ACTION

6. Polling Hours for the November 6, 2012 State General Election

City Clerk Debra Patrick asked Council, for the record, to set the Polling Hours for the November 6, 2012 State General Election.

Councilor Remillard moved with a second by Councilor Rozek to set the Polling Hours from 8:00 am until 7:00 pm for the November 6, 2012 State General Election. So moved, the motion carried.

7. City Manager's Report
Paving

All of the paving contemplated in the contract with Pike has been completed. This includes Rt. 110 out to the Urban Compact line and in to where the Phase II project will end which will give all new paving to that section of Rt. 110. It includes a section on Riverside Drive in front of White Mountain Community College. It also includes Hutchins Street from Wood to the intersection with 12th Street and Page Hill Road as well as the section from the 12th Street Bridge to the intersection with Hutchins and Page Hill Road from the intersection with Hutchins up to the Hospital property. Weather-permitting, we are hoping to get this new pavement painted this week. We also expect to get to the section of Hutchins from Napert Village to Turcotte Street with our own grader and crew with grader patching.

HEAL Grant Meetings

HEAL is a collaborative effort of philanthropic organizations, state agencies, and community partnerships concerned about the rising obesity epidemic and its consequences. HEAL aims to foster implementation of healthy eating and active living interventions through a state-wide infrastructure at the local community level across five sectors - schools, worksites, health care settings, food outlets, and cities/towns. The focus is on interventions that affect policy and environmental changes that result in a demonstrable impact on health and quality of life of New Hampshire residents. HEAL is funded by HNH Foundations, Anthem, Endowment for Health, NH Charitable Foundations, NHDHHS, Convergence partnership Fund of Tides Foundation.

In July Berlin HEAL had a community assets forum to make a list of what the steering committee felt were the places for healthy eating and physical activity in the City and where those things were lacking.

On September 24 Berlin led by Health Officer Angela Martin Giroux held another meeting to plan for and schedule the community forums. Two forums are now scheduled for:

- 10/24/12 at Hillside Elementary cafeteria starting at 5:30 p.m. with dinner and the forum will be from 6:00-7:30.
- 10/29/12 at Senior Meals from 12:00-1:00 p.m. and from 4:30-5:30 at the Salvation Army Friendly Kitchen Dinner.

After the forums there will be an evaluation of what was learned at the forums and two project will be chosen for further development. On October 11th HEALNH and some visitors from Policylink will be coming up to tour Berlin so they can see some of the positive changes that have taken place for health including the housing demolitions. A HEAL meeting will follow.

BEMS Report

Attached is a report from Chris Dubey in which he describes some of the basic differences between the services that can be provided by EMT-basic personnel and Paramedics.

Wright Pierce Amendment #7

Attached is a letter from Chris Dwinal of Wright Pierce Engineers following up on the meeting he attended with Council recently regarding Amendment #7 to the I&I Base Agreement. The primary purpose of this amendment was to provide additional Residential Project Representation (RPR) for the McGee Street-Kent Street project contractor. The new revised Amendment #7 is also attached which accomplishes what the Council asked for and approved, i.e. that the increase in time and cost for RPR services of up to \$60,200 in this amendment be split between the City and Wright Pierce on a 50-50 basis with the City's additional cost not to exceed to \$30,100. Currently, we are waiting for NHDES and USDA RD to approve at which point, I will sign it.

Berlin in the News

I have attached a couple of articles receiving publication around NH. The first is an article that appeared in NH Magazine on Saturday September 1st which talks about the fact there is much to do of interest in Berlin. The other is NHDES using Berlin and its Brownfields efforts to publicize the Cleanup work of the Department.

Weekend Events

The Lumber Jack Festival like so many Riverfire events seems destined for rain. Two years in a row now it has rained on the event.

North Country Council Vision Workshops

Attached is flier put out by NCC to promote several workshops to be held throughout the North Country in the next couple of months to try to obtain public input about what visions they have for the future of the North Country. The one in Berlin is slated for Nov. 1st from 7-9pm in the City Hall Auditorium.

PWD Monthly Report Manager's Time Keeping available for public review in the City Manager's Office

Councilor Nelson moved with a second by Councilor Rozek to accept the City Manager's Report and place it on file. So moved, the motion carried.

8. Mayor's Report

a. Proclamation: Andre Caron

Mayor Grenier was on the City Council back in 2004 when Andre was hired. They were at ground zero and there was no footprint for the job. Andre did not flinch but actually was psyched to do the job and was not afraid of a good fight. Andre gave the City something to be proud of and made many connections in Concord where he was well respected. The Mayor thanked Andre for all his work for a better community.

Andre thanked the Mayor and Council for their support when they were doing budgets and put out \$200,000 each year since previous Councils fought with him. We started first in the state and impressed Concord with our success when they heard we had already spent \$400,000 of own money. He feels good leaving since they are in good hands with Linda White. He thanked Council for their continued support over the years.

b. ZBA Resignation, Christopher Burke effective September 25. Councilor Nelson moved with a second by Councilor Otis to accept Christopher Burke's resignation. So moved, the motion carried. The Mayor suggested advertising for the open alternate position.

9. Public Comments: No comments

10. Council Comments:

Councilor Rozek asked if there was a timeline toward the end of October when Pike will close down paving. The City Manager replied the work should get done the next week or so.

Councilor Nelson officially welcomed Paula Benski to the Council Team!

11. Adjournment:

There being no further business before the Mayor and Council at this time, Councilor Rozek moved with a second by Councilor Nelson to adjourn the regular meeting. So moved, the motion carried and Mayor Grenier declared the regular meeting closed at approximately 8:48 p.m.

A True Record, Attest:
Debra A. Patrick, CMC
City Clerk