

PUBLIC HEARING – MAY 5, 2014

Mayor Grenier opened the duly advertised public hearing at approximately 7:30 p.m. to discuss the following subject matters:

- Ordinance 2014-04 Amending Downtown Zoning – No Comments
- Resolution 2014-08 PD Homeland Security Dispatch Training Grant – No Comments

There being no comments for or against the subject matters, Mayor Grenier declared the public hearing portion of the meeting now closed.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – Monday, May 5, 2014

Mayor Grenier called the Regular City Council Meeting to order at approximately 7:31 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. The pledge of allegiance to the flag preceded roll call. Present: Councilors Remillard, Otis, Benski, Higbee, Rozek, Nelson and Theberge. Councilor Morgan Allain informed the Mayor she would be absent. Also present: James Wheeler and Barbara Tetreault.

Minutes, Previous Meeting

Councilor Remillard moved with a second by Councilor Otis to accept the minutes of the April 21 Regular Meeting/WS and April 28 Work Session. So moved, the motion carried.

Disbursements: Disbursement Summary Draft #1714 start date 4/22/2014 end date 5/05/2014 for a total cash disbursement of \$1,487,466.26. Councilor Theberge moved with a second by Councilor Nelson 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. Ordinance 2014-04 amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Berlin, Chapter 17, ZONING, ARTICLE IV, Establishment of Zoning Districts, Section 17-41, Zoning Districts. (tabled 4/21/14)
Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Berlin as follows:

Now therefore, be it ordained by the Mayor and Council that the Code of Ordinances of the City of Berlin Chapter 17, Zoning, Article IV, Establishment of Zoning Districts, Section 17-41, Zoning Districts is hereby amended as follows: OFFICIAL ZONING MAP

The City of Berlin Zoning Map shall be changed to reflect the following:

1. The new northeastern boundary of the Downtown Zone will be Mason Street.
2. The remaining former area of the Downtown Zone being bounded by Mason Street, Oak Street, Willard Street, and Pleasant Streets to where it intersects with Main Street and the eastern bank of the Androscoggin River is hereby rezoned as Business General. A map is attached to this ordinance for further clarification.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after passage.

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

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

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

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

3. Resolution 2014-08 authorizing the Berlin Police Commission to apply for and accept grant funds from the NH Department of Safety State Homeland Security Grant Program for Communications-Specific Professional Development and appropriating the sum of Seven Thousand, Seven-Hundred Dollars (\$7,700.00) to the Berlin Police Department FY'14 budget for the purpose of effectuating the grant. (tabled 4/21/14) Resolved by the City Council of the City of Berlin as follows:

Whereas funding is available to State and Local units of government for Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) Public Safety Telecommunicators training which is designed to blend the knowledge and skill building information needed for the basic telecommunicator with the most up-to-date information on technology and issues surrounding today's public safety communications centers; and

Whereas said training includes hot topics such as Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP), the telecommunicator's role in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's National Incident Management System Incident Command System, and an extensive expansion on topics previously presented as well as entire modules dedicated to collective response to natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and other man-made disasters; and

Whereas dispatchers, as first responders in communications, require such specialized training; and

Whereas the importance of said training is acknowledged by the State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) which currently provides grant funds to defray the cost.

Now therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Berlin, NH, that the Berlin Police Commission is authorized to apply for and accept funds from the NH Department of Safety State Homeland Security Grant Program. Further, that the sum of Seven Thousand Seven-Hundred Dollars (\$7,700.00) is appropriated to the Berlin Police Department for the purpose of effectuating said grant. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after passage.

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

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

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

4. Resolution 2014-09 Authorize application to the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) Community Facility Grant for partial funding to provide two picnic shelters at local playgrounds. (1st read)

Councilor Theberge moved with a second by Councilor Benski to table the resolution and schedule a public hearing on May 19. So moved, the motion carried.

5. City Manager's Report

Housing

The Notices to Quit will be placed on the 2014 tax deeded properties this week.

Recreation Department

The transfer of 1 acre of land to PSNH at community Field required the relocation of the City's electrical service to the field. The relocation of the service was completed last week by Vaillancourt electric and City staff.

Public Works Street Sweeping

As of the end of last week approximately 40% (48 lane miles) of City Streets have received a first pass of the sweeper.

NHMA Legislative Bulletin Excerpts and Updates

“On **Tuesday May 6**, Division II of the House Finance Committee will hold a work session on **SB409** which appropriates approximately \$5million to reimburse local governments (municipalities, schools, village districts, etc) for the 12.5% state share of disaster assistance for 9 disasters that occurred between February 2010 and July 2013. More than 200 municipalities would receive reimbursement in fiscal year 2016 under this bill. The full Finance Committee is scheduled to vote on the bill on **Thursday, May 8.**” If passed, Berlin’s state match is \$34,592.

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

6. Mayor's Report

Mayor Grenier informed Council that next Monday would be the budget meeting to prepare the budget before the public hearing on May 28th. He cautioned them to be prepared for a possible long meeting. He has been working with Jim & Patty to put together a responsible budget.

Appointment: Water Works Commission, four year term. The Mayor asked to have the vacancy advertised in the local paper. A total of four letters of interest were received from the following individuals: Roland Berthiaume, Michael Couch, Paul Ingersoll and incumbent David Bertrand. All four are highly qualified people but after much soul searching and seeing how things were running at the Water Works, the Mayor chose to appoint, subject to Council’s approval, Paul Ingersoll.

Councilor Rozek moved with a second by Councilor Otis to accept the Mayor’s nomination of Paul Ingersoll to the Water Works Commission for a 4 year term set to expire 5/2018. Roll call resulted in the following votes: voting in the affirmative - Councilors Remillard, Otis, Benski, Rozek, Theberge and Mayor Grenier; voting in the negative - Councilor Higbee and Councilor Nelson abstained from voting. The motion carried.

7. Public Comments – no comments

8. Council Comments – no comments

9. Adjournment:

There being no further business before the Mayor and Council at this time, Councilor Rozek moved with a second by Councilor Higbee to adjourn the regular meeting. So moved, the motion carried and Mayor Grenier declared the regular meeting closed at approximately 7:49 p.m.

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