

## **PUBLIC HEARING – SEPTEMBER 15, 2014**

Mayor Grenier opened the duly advertised public hearing at approximately 7:33 p.m. to discuss the following subject matter:

- Resolution 2014-21 Carrying over Seventy-One Thousand, Nine Hundred Seventy-Seven Dollars and Three Cents (\$71,977.03) of Grant Funds from the year ended June 30, 2014 which are not yet expended to Fiscal Year 2015 – No comments

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

## **CITY COUNCIL MEETING – Monday, September 15, 2014**

Mayor Grenier called the Regular City Council Meeting to order at approximately 7:34 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, Rozek, Nelson and Theberge. Councilor Higbee was absent. Also present: City Manager James Wheeler Barbara Tetreault.

### **Minutes, Previous Meeting**

Councilor Remillard moved with a second by Councilor Otis to accept the minutes of the September 2 Regular Meeting/WS and the September 8 WS. So moved, the motion carried.

**Disbursements:** Disbursement Summary Draft #1724 start date 9/3/2014 end date 9/15/2014 for a total cash disbursement of \$1,171,032.36. 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. Resolution 2014-21 Carrying over Seventy-One Thousand, Nine Hundred Seventy-Seven Dollars and Three Cents (\$71,977.03) of Grant Funds from the year ended June 30, 2014 which are not yet expended to Fiscal Year 2015. (tabled 9/2/2014)

### **Resolved by the City Council of the City of Berlin as Follows:**

That the following grant funds for the year ended June 30, 2014, be carried over to FY15 as described below:

|   |   | Grant Amount | 2014      | Grant Funds     | Totals           |
|---|---|--------------|-----------|-----------------|------------------|
| Rev Acct #                                  | Description                                   | Received     | Expense   | Re-Appropriated | By Fund          |
|   | <b>FUND 10</b>                                |              |           |                 |                  |
| 10-305-240-0000                             | AV Roy Grant                                  | 15,127.76    | -         | 15,127.76       |                  |
| 10-305-239-0000                             | School Grants/Donations                       | 10,350.00    | 2,740.87  | 7,609.13        |                  |
| 10-309-201-0000                             | Berlin City Dealership                        | 12,098.76    | 7,013.56  | 5,085.20        |                  |
| 10-325-239-0000                             | EBD - Engineering by Design                   | 14,000.00    | -         | 14,000.00       |                  |
| 10-382-301-0000                             | NH Charitable Foundation                      | 16,189.37    | 15,228.01 | 961.36          |                  |
| 10-383-301-0000                             | NC Health Consortium                          | 7,996.33     | 4,785.53  | 3,210.80        |                  |
| 10-209-202-0000                             | Total Revenue Deferrals FD 10 - School Grants |              |           |                 | 45,994.25        |
|   | <b>Health Dept.</b>                           |              |           |                 |                  |
| 30-361-604-0017                             | Hazard Mitigation Grant                       | 154.83       | -         | 154.83          |                  |
| 30-361-604-0019                             | Public Health Community Initiative            | 2,661.64     | -         | 2,661.64        |                  |
| 30-361-604-0020                             | NC Health Consortium Pandemic Planning        | 831.44       | -         | 831.44          |                  |
| 30-361-604-0021                             | Pandemic Acute Care Center Supplies           | 9,850.00     | -         | 9,850.00        |                  |
| 30-361-604-0022                             | Heal NH Grant                                 | 6,528.46     | 3,058.10  | 3,470.36        |                  |
| 30-361-604-0024                             | Home Care Association                         | 205.95       |           | 205.95          | 17,174.22        |
|   | <b>Other City Departments</b>                 |              |           |                 |                  |
| 30-366-603-0001                             | Better Buildings-EECBG                        | 79,266.47    | 78,577.45 | 689.02          |                  |
| 30-368-300-0001                             | Library - Walmart Grant                       | 83.60        | -         | 83.60           |                  |
| 30-368-601-0001                             | Rec Dept - Attitash Donation                  | 6,862.59     | 1,307.19  | 5,555.40        |                  |
| 30-368-601-0002                             | Rec Dept - Babe Ruth Grant from CCB           | 2,776.38     | 1,302.00  | 1,474.38        |                  |
| 30-368-601-0004                             | Recreation Donations                          | 1,935.48     | 929.32    | 1,006.16        | 8,808.56         |
| 30-209-202-0000                             | Total Revenue Deferrals Fund 30 - Grant Fund  |              |           |                 | 25,982.78        |
| <b>Total Grant Funds Deferred to FY2014</b> |   |              |           |                 | <b>71,977.03</b> |

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

- Resolution 2014-22 Carrying over One Million, Three Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand, Nine Hundred Fifty-Six Dollars and Five Cents (\$1,332,956.05) of Capital Appropriations from the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2014 which are not yet expended to Fiscal Year 2015. (1<sup>st</sup> read)

Councilor Theberge moved with a second by Councilor Benski to table the resolution and schedule a public hearing on October 6, 2014. So moved, the motion carried.

4. Polling Hours for the November 4, 2014 State General Election

Councilor Theberge moved with a second by Councilor Rozek to set the polling hours from 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. for the November 4 State General Election. So moved, the motion carried.

5. City Manager's Report

North Country Council will be holding an open house at the Gorham Town Hall Thursday, September 18 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. They are looking for feedback on the proposed strategies in "A Plan for NH's North Country".

The plan can be viewed at <http://www.nccouncil.org/images/NCC/file/APlanforNHsNorthCountry082814.pdf>

An incredible amount of work goes into an election. Preparation begins weeks ahead of the election and continues for a few weeks afterward. The election results are below and they are also available on the City's web site.

| PRIMARY ELECTION |   |                  |                   |                        |                          |
|------------------|---|------------------|-------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 9-Sep-14         |   |                  |                   |                        |                          |
|                  | Berlin<br>Register<br>ed<br>Voters<br>a/o 9/2 | Voted @<br>Polls | Voted<br>Absentee | Total<br>Votes<br>Cast | Total City<br>Percentage |
| PRECINCT 1       | 1149  | 171              | 4                 | 175                    | 15%                      |
| PRECINCT 2       | 1255  | 207              | 2                 | 209                    | 17%                      |
| PRECINCT 3       | 1491  | 231              | 25                | 256                    | 17%                      |
| PRECINCT 4       | 1093  | 134              | 1                 | 135                    | 12%                      |
| TOTAL            | 4985  | 742              | 32                | 775                    | 15                       |
| PRECINCTS        |   |                  |                   |                        |                          |

**News from the PD.** Body Cameras: Each officer is equipped with a body camera, and they continue to be extremely beneficial in resolving complaints.

A PT Dispatcher Position will be filled by Bethany Bouchard, and she is scheduled to begin work next week. The Police Dept was fortunate to hire a certified officer from the NH State Police who previously did an internship with the Berlin PD. He has developed a good rapport with the officers, lives in Berlin, has three children, and has been actively involved the National Guard for the last twelve years.

Garage: The project is currently underway. Roland Pinette has reviewed the site and will be working on a plan for evidence and records storage, as well as a possible interview room.

The Berlin Regional Airport had three corporate jets land on Monday, September 8, departing on Tuesday. There were four limos transporting business people to a conference at the Mt. Washington Hotel.

Berlin Recreation is looking for nominations for the annual Gus Rooney Volunteer of the Year Award. Please help us recognize a deserving individual, group or organization that has given for the betterment of the youth in the community. Applicants must be Berlin residents. Nomination forms can be picked up at Berlin Recreation Center. Deadline is October 10. Any questions, 752-2010.

Rabies Clinic at Berlin Recreation Center on Saturday, September 20. Special Fall Clinic sponsored by White Mt. Beagle Club in conjunction with Lancaster Veterinary Hospital. Cats – 9:00 – 10:00 am; Dogs – 10:15 – 12:00 noon. Bring documents showing history of past vaccinations. Prices: Distemper - \$13.00; Leukemia - \$22.00; Kennel Cough - \$13.00; Lyme Disease - \$22.00. All rabies (cat or dog) - \$13.00

The Berlin Neighborhood Revitalization Project will be holding two public meetings for those interested in the program. One was held in the evening on Thursday Sept 11 and there is another meeting Wednesday, September 24 at 9:00 a.m. in the City Hall Auditorium. Attendance at one of the two meetings is a requirement for participation in the program. Representatives from TCCAP and Rural Development will also be in attendance.

The City of Berlin closed on its \$12,508,000 loan from the Rural Development Administration last week. The project, nearing completion, will now utilize a Rural Development Grant in the amount of \$1,342,000 as well as permanent financing from the State of NH DES up to an amount of \$3,276,000. An update of this project will be scheduled for the City Council in the near future.

Councilor Otis asked what the cost of the Primary Election was. The City Clerk replied she had not calculated those numbers yet but payroll for just the election workers was \$3,100.

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

6. Mayor's Report – No Report

7. Public Comments – No Comments

8. Council Comments

Councilor Nelson was at the Precinct 3 voting location where she received comments from two people who were unclear about going to a school to vote and didn't know where to go in to vote. We need to remember we have new people living in the area who aren't familiar with our polls.

Councilor Rozek concurred that at Brown School a man was quite agitated saying he wasted his time walked around the entire school looking for a sign directing him where to vote. We need something redirecting new folks.

Councilor Nelson added that it bothers her that there are four locations that had such low voter turn-out for all the time and effort that goes into an election. She noted that Hillside and the Rec. Center are only 2 blocks away so that should not be an argument for a reason why a person cannot go to a different location to vote.

Councilor Rozek suggested holding off on this discussion until after the November 4 election to see what those numbers are.

Councilors Morgan Allain, Remillard and Benski agreed we need to discuss a solution regarding the voting locations.

9. 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 7:51 p.m.

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