

REPORT OF THE
GORHAM TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
Burleigh Loveitt Council Chambers
August 24, 2021

Chairman Pratt opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were 5 members of the public in attendance.

Roll Call: Chairman Pratt, Councilors Shepard, Hartwell, Hager, Phillips and Wilder Cross. Also in attendance were Town Manager Ephrem Paraschak and Town Clerk Laurie Nordfors.

Old Business

Item # 2021-8-05 Action to consider a referendum to authorize spending of up to \$6,171,072.00 for the Gorham School Department.
(Councilor Kuech Spon.)

Proposed

Order # 21-120 Moved by Chairman Pratt, seconded by Councilor Shepard and Ordered, that the Town Council authorizes a referendum question for November 2, 2021 to expend not more than \$575,000 from the school capital reserve fund and not more than \$244,900 from undesignated fund balance in addition to the \$2,265,000 in funding from bonds approved by referendum in 2020 for the Gorham Middle School HVAC Heat Pump Upgrade and Repair Project; and

Be It Further Ordered, that the Town Council schedules a Public Hearing for September 7, 2021.

Order #21-120 was VOTED **5 yeas, 1 nay (Hager), 1 absent (Kuech)**

New Business

Item # 2021-8-16 Action to consider authorizing the release of not more than \$575,000 from the school capital reserve account. (Councilor Pratt Spon.)

Proposed

Order # 21-121 Moved by Councilor Shepard, seconded by Councilor Wilder Cross and Ordered, that the Gorham Town Council authorizes the release of up to \$575,000 from the school capital reserve account for the Gorham Middle School HVAC Heat Pump Upgrade and Repair Project pending voter authorization at referendum on November 2, 2021.

Order #21-121 was VOTED **5 yeas, 1 nay (Hager), 1 absent (Kuech)**

Item # 2021-8-17 Action to consider entering into Executive Session, pursuant to Title 1 M.R.S.A., § 405 (6) (C) (Admin. Spon.)

Proposed

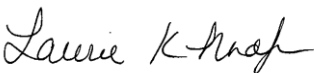
Order # 21-122 Moved by Councilor Phillips, seconded by Councilor Shepard and Ordered, that the Town Council enter into Executive Session, pursuant to Title 1, MRSA, Sec. 405 (6) (C) to discuss the new Gorham Industrial Park West Campus where discussion or consideration of the real property or interests therein, or disposition of publicly held property or economic development only if premature disclosures of the information would prejudice the competitive or bargaining position of the body or agency.

Order #21-122 was VOTED **6 yeas**

Moved by Councilor Shepard, seconded by Councilor Hartwell and VOTED to come out of Executive Session. **6 yeas**

Moved by Councilor Shepard, seconded by Councilor Phillips and VOTED to adjourn. **6 yeas**
Time of Adjournment: 7:30PM

A True Record of Meeting
08/24/2021

ATTEST  _____ 08/25/2021
Laurie Nordfors, Town Clerk