

REGULAR MEETING – MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
September 13, 2010

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 7:45 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Audrey P. Beck Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Haddad, Keane, Kochenburger, Lindsey, Moran, Paterson, Paulhus, Ryan, Schaefer

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Schaefer moved and Ms. Moran seconded to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2010 Special meeting as presented. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Keane and Mr. Schaefer who abstained. Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Ryan seconded to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2010 meeting as presented. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Keane and Mr. Schaefer who abstained.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Betty Wassmundt, Old Turnpike Road, questioned the cost of a membership to Cardio Express as detailed on page 69 of the packet.

Mike Sikoski, Wildwood Road, related an experience he had last Saturday night while driving home on Storrs Road. Mr. Sikoski stated that there were many students walking on both sides of the road making for a dangerous situation. He commented that when he called UConn police to advise them of the situation he was told it was out of their jurisdiction.

Betty Wassmundt, Old Turnpike Road, reported that she experienced a similar situation near the top of Moulton Road.

IV. REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER

Report attached

Town Manager Matt Hart thanked all staff and volunteers for their work during the Celebrate Mansfield Weekend. He especially noted the efforts of the Mayor, Cynthia van Zelm, Kathleen Paterson and the Festival on the Green Steering Committee.

The Town Manager reported on a meeting he and Director of Human Services Kevin Grunwald attended regarding the proposed assisted living facility. The Masonicare Board of Directors will be meeting on September 22nd at which time they will discuss the project.

Mr. Hart reported that Joshua's Trust has declined the property offered by the UConn Foundation on Dog Lane and asked Council for direction. By consensus Council members agreed not to pursue ownership of the property.

V. REPORTS AND COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Ms. Keane asked if grants have been pursued for the volunteer driver coordinator position as has been done in other towns. Director of Public Works Lon Hultgren reported that the transportation grant money used by area towns has already

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been earmarked for other projects in Mansfield but could be looked at in future years.

Ms. Moran noted the impressive level of UConn's presence at the Know Your Town Fair and the Festival on the Green.

Mayor Paterson commented on the level of participation and the contribution of volunteers for the Festival on the Green calling it a wonderful community event.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Capital Improvements Projects – Equipment & Improvements Bonding

Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Ryan seconded to approve the following resolution: RESOLVED, in accordance with Sections 406 and 407 of the Town Charter, the Town Council hereby reapproves the resolution entitled "RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$93,000 FOR COSTS WITH RESPECT TO VARIOUS EQUIPMENT ACQUISITIONS AND CAPITAL MAINTENANCE, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION" as originally adopted by the Town Council at meeting held August 9, 2010 and approved by the voters of the Town at Special Town Meeting held September 13, 2010.

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ryan moved and Ms. Moran seconded to approve the following resolution: RESOLVED, in accordance with Sections 406 and 407 of the Town Charter, the Town Council hereby reapproves the resolution entitled "RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$40,000 FOR COSTS WITH RESPECT TO VARIOUS TOWN FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION" as originally adopted by the Town Council at meeting held August 9, 2010 and approved by the voters of the Town at Special Town Meeting held September 13, 2010.

Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Keane moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to approve the following resolution: RESOLVED, in accordance with Sections 406 and 407 of the Town Charter, the Town Council hereby reapproves the resolution entitled "RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$130,000 FOR COSTS WITH RESPECT TO VARIOUS TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION" as originally adopted by the Town Council at meeting held August 9, 2010 and approved by the voters of the Town at Special Town Meeting held September 13, 2010.

Motion passed unanimously.

2. Community-Campus Relations

The Town Manager reported the Town is experiencing large off campus parties which are interfering with traffic and causing safety concerns. State Police Lt.

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Conroy has been exploring additional state legal remedies that may be available to the Town. Fire Chief Dave Dagon reported an increase in transport call volume over the last several weekends.

Members discussed the issue of off campus jurisdiction and the need to possibly reexamine the relationship between the State Police and UConn Police. The Town Manager commented that the State Police have primary jurisdiction and request help from UConn Police, who are all sworn in as Mansfield constables, when needed. Mr. Hart stated that this issue will be a point of discussion during the upcoming police study.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

3. Presentation: Parks & Recreation Update

Director of Parks and Recreation Curt Vincente, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation Jay O'Keefe, Administrative Service Manager Sherry Benoit and Member Services Coordinator Amanda Barry presented an update on the programs and services offered at Community Center as well as the members' services program currently in place.

4. Mansfield Community Center Membership Fees

Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to approve the Community Center Fee Recommendations for the operating year beginning November 1, 2010 and ending October 31, 2011, as presented by staff in its draft dated September 13, 2010.

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Kochenburger seconded to recess as the Town Council and convene as the Water Pollution Control Authority. Motion passed

5. WPCA, Mansfield/Windham Sewer Agreement

Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Kochenburger seconded to authorize the Town Manager, Matthew W. Hart, to execute the proposed Sewer Agreement between the Town of Mansfield and the Town of Windham, which agreement shall commence on July 1, 2010 for an initial five-year term.

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to adjourn as the Water Pollution Control Authority and reconvene as the Town Council. Motion passed.

6. Bid Waivers – Salt Shed Foundation Walls

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to approve the following resolution:

Resolved, effective September 13, 2010, that pursuant to Section 76-1 of the Mansfield Town Code the Mansfield Town Council approves bid waivers for the construction of the Town's salt shed footings and foundation walls as follows: reinforcing steel – Barker Steel LLC in the amount of \$21,000; concrete – Builder's Concrete in the amount of \$22,000; concrete construction – Hop River Concrete, Inc. in the amount of \$43,000.

Motion passed unanimously.

7. Successor Collective Bargaining Agreement for Local 2001, CSEA – Public Works

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded, effective September 13, 2010, to authorize the Town Manager to execute the proposed successor Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town of Mansfield and Local 2001, CSEA – Public Works, which agreement shall enter into effect on July 1, 2010 and expire on June 30, 2013.

Motion passed unanimously

8. Regional Ethics Board

Mr. Haddad updated the Council on the Personnel Committee's work on the Ethics Code. The mostly organizational changes to the draft by the Personnel Committee are currently being reviewed by the Town Attorney. Mr. Haddad noted the Ethics Board, Personnel Committee and Town Attorney have all received and reviewed copies of the Update of 1995 Model Code of Ethics for Municipalities and Special Districts.

Mr. Schaefer requested a copy of the Litchfield County area draft ethics ordinance referred to by Rick Lynn in the letter from CCM. Ms. Moran requested information from those opposed to a regional board.

After a discussion of the pros and cons of a regional board, members agreed that the process currently underway should continue to move forward.

9. Resolution Recognizing September as Leukemia, Lymphoma & Myeloma Awareness Month

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded, effective September 13, 2010, to authorize the Mayor to issue the attached Proclamation Recognizing September as Leukemia, Lymphoma & Myeloma Awareness Month.

The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Keane, Ms. Moran and Mr. Schaefer who abstained.

VIII. QUARTERLY REPORTS

Distributed

IX. DEPARTMENTAL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

No comments

X. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Mr. Ryan reported that he has been attending the Board of Education meetings regarding contract negotiations with the Teachers and that progress is continuing.

Ms. Keane reported the Ad Hoc Committee on Ordinances will be meeting on Thursday at 7:30 a.m.

Mr. Haddad reminded members that the Town Manager's performance reviews should be submitted as soon as possible.

XI. PETITIONS, REQUEST AND COMMUNICATIONS

10. M. Hart re: Appointment to Emergency Management Committee

11. M. Hart re: Reappointment to Conservation Commission

12. CCM re: Legislative Update – Governor Requests State Agencies to submit Budgets Containing 15% Decrease for FY 13

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13. State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management re: LoCIP Project
14. Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection re: National Recreational Trails Program Grant Award Notification
15. United States Environmental Protection Agency re: EPA Grant - Town Manager Matt Hart thanked Recycling Coordinator Ginny Walton for her work on this grant which addressed retrofitting school busses to decrease emissions.
16. Eastern CT Workforce Investment Council re: Eastern Region Workforce Support System Update
17. Northeast CT Economic Alliance – Loan Information
18. Chronicle “Firm close to decision on senior housing” – 08-24-10
19. Chronicle “Editorial: Water will impact Mansfield’s future” – 09-01-10
20. Chronicle “Officials confident Storrs Center will soon get...” – 08-18-10
21. Chronicle “Letter to the editor” – 08-17-10
22. Chronicle “Mansfield school project: What next?” – 08-21-10
23. Chronicle “Mansfield Town Council mulls new school sites” – 08-24-10
24. Chronicle “Mansfield council backs E.O. Smith track project” – 08-25-10
25. Chronicle “Juniper Hill to receive fed funding” – 08-27-10
26. Chronicle “Mansfield OK’s trash fee enforcement plan” - 09-07-10
27. Mansfield Today “Mansfield Special Town Meeting Sept. 13...” – 08-3

XII. FUTURE AGENDAS

No comments

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Ryan seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 p.m.
Motion passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk

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