

REGULAR MEETING MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
MAY 28, 2002
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The regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council was called to order by Mayor Elizabeth Paterson at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Bellm, Haddad, Hawkins, Holinko, Paterson, Rosen, Schaefer, Stallard, Thorkelson

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Haddad seconded to approve the minutes of May 13, 2002 as corrected. Under New Business item #4. Mr. Thorkelson move and Mr. Bellm seconded..... and further Mr. Bellm moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to postpone to date certain ad to schedule an informational meeting on May 20, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. to have a question and answer time for the public and Council regarding the Downtown Mansfield Concept Master Plan.

So passed unanimously.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Mayor Paterson stated that since there were many people present who may wish to speak each person would have 3 minutes to speak and that everyone would speak for the first time and if time permits they could speak for a second time.

Bob Keplesky, 734 Storrs Road, spoke in support of the Recreation Advisory committee on the Management Plan for the Southeast Park. He also commented that he would like to see restrooms and a storage and concessions facility at the Park.

Michael Callahan, 21 Oakwood Dr., spoke in favor to the need for improvements at the Southeast Park Field. He would like to see restrooms, a storage facility, a concessions booth and a permanent source of water supply.

Allen Ward, 85 Ball Hill Road, thanked the Council for the Informational meeting which was held on May 20, 2002 regarding the Downtown Mansfield Concept Master Plan. He urged the by-laws be changed to reflect more Mansfield residents on the Development Agency Board.

Edith Allison, 549 Gurleyville Road, spoke in support of the Mansfield Downtown Partnership and urged Council not delay with the plans.

Maria Gogarten, 968 Warrenville Road, requested the Council postpone decisions on the Route 89/Mt. Hope Road intersection until more neighbors have been adequately notified. She did not receive her notification until Saturday.

Diane Nadeau, 150 Thornbush Road, Chairman of the Mansfield Football and Cheerleading Club, supports the Southeast Park and sports programs in Mansfield. 100's of youths use this facility in the Fall, Spring and Summer. There is still a need for storage area and concessions, water supply and restrooms.

Richard Sherman, 43 Pinewoods Lane, a resident in the area of Southeast Park, urged the Recreation department to start a ride pool board and to encourage carpooling. The number of cars at that facility has greatly increased.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program-Juniper Hill Village

Mr. Rosen moved and Mr. Thorkelson seconded to adopt the certified resolution necessary to submit the Town's application to the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program to provide for an addition/renovations to the existing kitchen and dining room as well as a parking lot expansion at Juniper Hill Village Senior Housing Complex.

So passed unanimously.

2. Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program-Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Program

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Thorkelson seconded to adopt the certified resolution necessary to submit the Town's application to the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program to continue the Town's existing housing rehabilitation program.

So passed unanimously.

3. Downtown Mansfield Concept Master Plan-Implementation Alternatives

Mr. Thorkelson moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to move to designate the Mansfield Downtown Partnership, Inc, as Mansfield's municipal development agency for the Storrs Center area, and to authorize the Partnership to proceed with the preparation of a municipal development plan pursuant to Sections 8-200b and 32-242a of the Connecticut General Statutes; and

To designate \$125,000.00 from the Capital Budget to fund the preparation of a municipal development plan for the Downtown Mansfield project; and

To stipulate that the Mansfield Town Council will not give final approval to any plans or proposals of the Municipal Development Agency until the Town Council reviews the revised By-laws, which address such concerns as democratic process, representation of the Mansfield constituency, election of Board Members, adequate notice of meetings; and

To stipulate that membership of the Board of Directors of the Mansfield Development Agency shall be limited to Mansfield residents, Mansfield taxpayers, owners and operators of businesses in the Town of Mansfield and those with a University of Connecticut affiliation; and

Further to stipulate that individual membership in the Mansfield Municipal Development Agency shall be available at a nominal cost.

So passed unanimously.

V. NEW BUSINESS

4. MVFC Ambulance Bid

Mr. Hawkins moved and Mr. Holinko seconded to amend the budget for this project by \$15,000 to a total of \$165,000 from the available fund balance in the CNR Fund for the MVFC Ambulance.

So passed unanimously.

5. Proposed Agreement with Celero Square Associates

Mr. Rosen moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to approve the attached agreement with Celeron Square Associates and authorize the Town Manager to execute said agreement on behalf of the Town of Mansfield.

So passed unanimously.

6. Set FY 2002-03 Mill Rate

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Stallard seconded:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the tax rate for the Town of Mansfield for Fiscal Year 2002-2003 be set at 27.50 mills, and the Collector of Revenue be authorized and directed to prepare and mail to each taxpayer tax bills in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes, as amended and such taxes shall be due and payable July 1, 2002.

So passed unanimously.

7. Stallard Resignation from Town Council

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Holinko seconded to refer the resignation of Town Council Member James E. Stallard III to the Republican Town Committee for a recommendation.

So passed unanimously.

8. Coney Rock Preserve Management Plan

Mr. Thorkelson moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded to approve the Coney Rock Preserve Management as submitted by staff.

So passed unanimously

9. Lions Club Park Management Plan

Mr. Holinko moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to approve the Lions Club Management Plan as submitted by the Recreation Advisory Committee.

So passed unanimously.

10. Southeast Park Management Plan

Mr. Hawkins moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to approve the Southeast Park Management Plan as submitted by the Recreation Advisory Committee.

So passed unanimously.

11. Sunny Acres Park Management Plan

Mr. Rosen moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to approve the Sunny Acres Park Management Plan as submitted by the Recreation Advisory Committee.

Some pages were missing in the report; corrected copies will be given to Council at next meeting.

Mr. Bellm moved and Mr. Haddad seconded to table this item.

So passed unanimously.

12. Route 89/Mt. Hope Road Intersection

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Bellm seconded to postpone consideration of ConnDOT's response concerning the Route 89/Mt. Hope Road intersection until the next meeting on June 10, 2002 in order to notify concerned residents and allow them to participate in the process.

So passed unanimously.

13. PZC Referral re: Pine Grove LLC Subdivision Application

No action needed.

14. Water Supply Plan

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Stallard seconded to postpone consideration of the Water Supply Plan until the next meeting on June 10, 2002 in order to give the Council and interested residents an opportunity to review and consider the report.

So passed unanimously.

14a. Proclamation for Mansfield Lions Club

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Thorkelson seconded to authorize the Mayor to issue the attached proclamation in honor and recognition of the Mansfield Lions Club.

So passed unanimously.

VI. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Mr. Holinko inquired when the public relations and publicity about the Community Center was going to begin. He also suggested a sign be placed in the construction area informing people of the project.

VII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Finance Committee will be meeting on June 12, 2002.

VIII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Paterson reported on the successful Memorial Day Parade and celebration. The State Legislature presented the Town with a Proclamation on the celebration of it's 300th Anniversary.

IX. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

On May 30th there will be a public information session/workshop at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers on an ongoing "Lands of Unique Value" analysis for Mansfield.

Town Manager handed out the flyer regarding the scheduled events of the upcoming Tercentennial programs for June 2002.

Open Space Committee will be bringing a program on Preserving Land to Mansfield later this year.

The Mansfield Downtown Partnership will be meeting on June 4, 2002 at 4:00p.m. at the Partnership office.

The Community Center building project is progressing, the footings and walls of the gym area have been poured. The steel beams arrive on June 10.

Town Manager handed out a flyer about the June 6, 2002 plan of conservation and development orientation meeting. It will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

X. FUTURE AGENDAS

XI. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

15. ConnDOT News Release
16. M. Berliner re: Appointment to Library Board
17. Census Data: 2000
18. A.J.Rocque, Jr. re: Willington Household Hazardous Waste(HHW) Facility
19. State Board of Education Report
20. P.A. 02-74, An Act Concerning The Municipal Plan of Conservation and Development
21. Mansfield Hollow Lake Water Study
22. M. Berliner re: Population Data, Mansfield, Ct
23. G.R. Ivan, PhD. Re: Schweppe Well
24. Lands of Unique Value Workshop
25. P.A. 02-121, An Act Concerning Revisions to the CEPA
26. J. Pandolfo re: Partnership By-Laws

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Not needed

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:28 p.m. Mr. Bellm moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to adjourn the meeting.

So passed unanimously.

Elizabeth C. Paterson, Mayor
Joan E. Gerdson, Town Clerk