

REGULAR MEETING-MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL-JANUARY 12, 2004

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 7:32 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Bellm, Blair, Clouette, Haddad, Hawkins, Paterson, Paulhus, Schaefer
Absent: Thorkelson

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to approve the minutes of December 8, 2003 as presented.

So passed unanimously.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Ann Jordan Crouse, Chairman of the Housing Authority for the Town of Mansfield addressed the Council on the appointment to fill the vacancy of Esther McCabe, who's term ended Oct. 2003. Esther McCabe is willing to serve on the Housing Authority and she is the candidate that the Authority recommends to the Town Council. She also addressed the issue of the request from the Town Clerk to send minutes from the Housing Authority to the Town Hall. The opinion of the Authority was that anyone could come over to the Housing Authority office and fill out a form and receive the minutes. After discussion the Mayor requested that all future minutes would be sent to the Town Clerk.

Kate Forcier, Executive Director of the Housing Authority, has kept in touch with Esther McCabe, who has been in rehab; and she has said she would continue to be on the Authority.

Mr. Gregory Haddad, Deputy Mayor and Chairman of the Committee on Committees, said that the Committee is still discussing the appointment for the Housing Authority. According to State Statutes, until a new member is appointed, the Commissioner, whose term has ended, continues until the new appointment is made.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. Issues Regarding the UConn Landfill including the UConn Consent Order, Public Participation Relative to the Consent Order and Well Testing

No action necessary.

2. Recreational Trails Program Grant-Electronic Trail Guide

Mr. Schaefer moved and Ms. Blair seconded to adopt the following resolution:

Be it resolved, effective January 12, 2004, that it is in the best interest of the Town of

Mansfield to enter into contracts with the Department of Environment Protection to fund the development of electronic trail guides for Mansfield Town parks. In furtherance of this resolution, the Town Manager is duly authorized to enter into and sign said contracts on behalf of the Town of Mansfield. The Town Manager is further authorized to provide such additional information and execute such other documents as may be required by the state or federal government in connection with said contracts and to execute any amendments, rescissions and revisions thereto.

So passed unanimously.

V. NEW BUSINESS

3. WPCA, Proposed Fiscal Year 2003/04 UConn Water/Sewer Budget

Mr. Hawkins moved and Mr. Clouette seconded to adjourn as the Town Council and convene as the Water Pollution Control Authority.

So passed unanimously.

Mr. Hawkins moved and Ms. Blair seconded that effective January 12, 2004, to adopt the proposed fiscal year 2003/04 UConn Water/Sewer Budget, as presented by the Director of Finance.

So passed unanimously.

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to adjourn as the WPCA and reconvene as the Town Council.

So passed unanimously.

4. Proclamation Designating February 6, 2004 as "Wear Red for Women Day"

Mr. Schaefer moved to table. No second. Motion failed.

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Clouette seconded to adopt the following resolution:

Be it Resolved, the Mayor and the Town Council, in Recognition of the importance of the ongoing fight against heart disease and stroke, do hereby proclaim February 6, 2004 to be "Wear Red for Women Day" in the Town of Mansfield and urge all citizens to wear red to demonstrate their support for this cause.

So passed. Mr. Schaefer voted against.

5. D.W.I. Enforcement Grant Application

Mr. Clouette moved and Ms. Blair seconded that, effective January 12, 2004, to authorize town staff to submit a grant application to the Connecticut Department of Transportation, Division of Highway Safety for \$10,000 to be dedicated to police overtime for D.W.I. and related motor vehicle enforcement, and to process any related grant paperwork.

So passed unanimously.

6. An Ordinance Regarding Delinquent Motor Vehicle Property Taxes

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded that, effective January 12, 2004, to schedule a public hearing for 7:30 p.m. at the Town Council's regular meeting on January 26, 2004, to solicit public comment concerning the proposed "Ordinance Regarding Delinquent Motor Vehicle Property Taxes."

So passed unanimously.

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Bellm seconded to adopt the following resolution:

Resolved, effective January 12, 2004, to implement the provisions of Public Act 03-6 and Connecticut General Statutes 12-146, as amended, to provide that the Collector of Revenue may require that payment of any delinquent property tax applicable to a motor vehicle shall be paid only in cash or by certified check or money order; and that a fee in the maximum amount authorized by Connecticut General Statutes 12-146, as it maybe amended from time to time shall be charged each person who is delinquent in the payment of any property tax or installment on any motor vehicle and for whom the town has notified the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles of such delinquency pursuant to Connecticut General Statues 14-33, for each such reported delinquency, in addition to the delinquent tax payment and all interest thereon.

So passed unanimously.

7. An Ordinance Regulating Adult-oriented Establishments

Mr. Hawkins moved and Mr. Bellm seconded that effective January 12, 2004, to refer the proposed "Ordinance Regulating Adult-oriented Establishments" to the Planning and Zoning commission for review and to schedule a public hearing for 7:45 p.m. at the Town Council's regular meeting on January 26, 2004 to solicit public comment regarding the proposed ordinance.

So passed unanimously.

8. Budget Transfers for Fiscal Year 2003/04

Mr. Hawkins moved and Ms. Blair seconded to approve the fiscal year 2003/04 budget transfers and adjustments, as presented by the Director of Finance in his memorandum dated January 5, 2004.

So passed unanimously.

9. Conservation and Development Policies Plan for Connecticut 2004-2009

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Clouette seconded to authorize the Mayor, with staff assistance, to co-endorse with the PZC Chairman a letter to the State Office

of Policy and Management with comments and recommendations for revisions to the draft 2004 State Policies Plan for Conservation and Development. However, if possible the Council would like to read a draft of that letter at the next Town Council meeting before sending it to OPM.

Mr. Greg Padick, Town Planner, presented his review of the update of Draft State Conservation and Development Policies Plan 2004-2009. His memo of 1/7/04 stated his comments which reflect his review. He will be attending the 1/20/04 public hearing in Hampton and will be discussing State recommendations with WINCOG staff members and other planners in our region and with University of Connecticut officials.

Motion so passed unanimously.

Mr. Bruce Bellm left at 9:00 p.m.

VI. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

VII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Mr. Haddad moved the acceptance of several committees and commission.

Seconded by Mr. Hawkins

So passed unanimously.

VIII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Paterson attended the Eagleville Fire Departments Annual Dinner Meeting with Town Manager Martin H. Berliner and Ms. Blair. The dinner was excellent and Mike Gergler was elected President and Chip Gordon was elected Chief for two-year terms.

IX. TOWN MANAGERS REPORT

The Town Manager met with the Mansfield Business and Professional group at the Mansfield Community Center and will continue to meet with them. Diane Doyl from SBM will be chair of the group.

The Library will be receiving 417 CD's from the State pursuant to the settlement of a multi-state antitrust lawsuit brought by the Attorney General and 42 other state attorneys general.

Mansfield's: Community Conversation: Part II has been announced. If any Council members wish to attend please let the Manager's office know.

2100 memberships have now been sold for the use of the Mansfield Community Center.

There will be a special meeting of the Town Council on February 7 from 9-12.

Mr. Haddad moved that an additional item be placed on the agenda to express sympathy to Mr. Thorkelson on the death of his father.

Seconded by Ms. Blair. So passed unanimously.

The Mayor will send a note of condolence.

X. FUTURE AGENDAS

Town Council would like to discuss, perhaps in a year, the ordinances on underage drinking and user fees.

What is being planned for Spring weekend at the University?

Parking for the Community Center

Discussion with relevant Fire Department members on the new volunteer and town employee plan.

Town Manager reminded Council of the CEPA Notice of Scoping on the Burton Family Football Complex and Intramural, Recreational and Intercollegiate Athletic Facility on the UConn Storrs Campus to be held on Jan. 27 6:30 at the Bishops Center.

Al Hawkins discussed the Jenks, Oklahoma, Central Pre-Kindergarten-Grade 4 at Grace Living Center. This partnership provides children with the opportunity to interact with the elderly. This is the first intergenerational program of this kind being housed within a nursing home.

XI. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

10. United Services re: Annual Report

11. The Reminder-"New Community Center Now Open and Full of Activity"

12. UConn Hazardous Waste Facility Comparative Site Study Advisory Committee- November 13, 2003 Minutes

13. WINCOG Statement presented to the Planning and Development Committee re: The Report of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Property Tax Burdens and Smart Growth

14. CEPA Notice of Scoping-UConn Storrs Campus-Burton Family Football Complex and Intramural, Recreational and Intercollegiate Athletic Facility

15. R. Blumenthal re: Distribution of Compact Disks to Public Libraries

16. M. Taylor re: Holiday Lighting

17. Welcome to Jenks Central Pre-Kindergarten-Grade 4

18. Plan of Conservation and Development Update

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Not needed.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:40 p.m. Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Clouette seconded to adjourn the meeting.

So passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Joan E. Gerdson, Town Clerk