

## REGULAR MEETING-MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL-MARCH 14, 2005

Deputy Mayor Gregory Haddad called the regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order. Mayor Paterson was attending the National League of Cities Meeting in Washington. The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Blair, Clouette, Haddad, Hawkins, Koehn, Paulhus, Redding, Schaefer

Absent: Paterson

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Blair moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded to approve the minutes of Feb. 28, 2005 as presented.

So passed. Ms. Koehn, Ms. Redding and Mr. Schaefer abstained.

III. MOMENT OF SILENCE

Deputy Mayor requested a moment of silence to remember all those persons serving in uniform abroad.

IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

No persons wished to address the Council.

V. PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded to adjourn as the Town Council and convene as the Mansfield Resource Recovery Authority.

So passed unanimously.

The Director of Public Works, Mr. Lon Hultgren, addressed the Council on this issue. The proposed fee change will allow a twice-a-week collection of eight cubic yard dumpsters if requested from multi-family units in town.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

2. MRRA, Amendment to Solid Waste Regulations, Section A196-12 (G) (Item #6 02/28/05 Agenda)

Mr. Hawkins moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded, effective March 14, 2005, to adopt the amendment to Section A196-12 (G) of the Solid Waste Regulations, to allow for twice a week collection of eight-cubic yard dumpsters.

So passed unanimously.

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Clouette seconded to adjourn as the MRRA  
So passed unanimously

3. Zoning Board of Appeals Concerns, Legal Issues (Item #7, 02/28/05 Agenda) (No attachment)

Mr. Stephen Marks-Hamilton, Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals spoke to the Council on this issue. However, staff has stated that the town attorney did issue an opinion that the Planning and Zoning Commission has the authority to interpret the regulations and that the Town Attorney does not have a conflict of interest with respect to providing legal representation to the ZBA.

No action taken by Council.

4. University Spring Weekend and Campus/Community Relations

Bruce Clouette reported that the committee on Community Quality of Life has met and is still working on the draft report to present to the Council. After the Council accepts the report there will be public hearings on it, and one will be on campus.

Ms. Koehn moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to add 10a and 10b to the agenda.

So passed unanimously.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

5. Fair Housing Policy and Proclamation

Mr. Schaefer moved and Ms. Blair seconded that effective March 14, 2005, that the Mansfield Town Council hereby endorses the attached fair housing policy to ensure equal opportunity for all persons to rent, purchase and obtain financing for adequate housing of their choice on a nondiscriminatory basis; and, be it further resolved, that the town manager or his/her designated representative is responsible for responding to any person who alleges to be the victim of an illegal discriminatory housing practice in the Town of Mansfield and

To authorize the mayor to issue the attached proclamation designating the month of April as "Fair Housing Month" in Mansfield.

So passed unanimously.

The council, by consensus would like the Policy statement in the 6<sup>th</sup> paragraph to read:

The Fair Housing Officer, Kevin Grunwald, or his designated representative is responsible for the enforcement and implementation of the Fair Housing Regulations/Plans and the enforcement of the policy. The Fair Housing Officer may

be reached at (860) 429-3314 and include his email address and the town's website.

6. Appointment of Auditor to Conduct Financial Audit for fiscal year 2004/05

Mr. Hawkins moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded that effective March 14, 2005, to forward this item to the Finance Committee for its review and recommendation.

So passed unanimously.

7. WPCA, Proposed UConn Water/Sewer Budget 2004/05

Ms. Koehn moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to adjourn as the Town council and convene as the WPCA. So passed unanimously.

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded that effective March 14, 2005, to adopt the proposed UConn Water/Sewer Budget for 2004/05 as presented by the Department of Finance.

So passed unanimously.

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

So passed unanimously.

8. Tax Abatement for the Society of Jesus of New England

Ms. Blair moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded that effective March 14, 2005, to abate or reimburse property taxes amounting to \$4,363.81 to the Society of Jesus of New England for taxes paid to the town of Mansfield in July 2004 and January 2005.

So passed unanimously.

9. Regional School District No. 19, Superintendent's Proposed FY 2005/06 (attachment to be distributed)

The Superintendent's Proposed budget was given to the Council.

10. Town of Mansfield Annual Report for fiscal year 2003/04

The Town Council was very impressed with the Annual Report primarily prepared by Sara Ann Chaine, management assistant in the Town Manager's Office.

10a. Second Amendment to Fire Protection Agreement

Mr. Hawkins moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded that effective March 14, 2005, to authorize the town manager, Martin H. Berliner, to execute the attached Second Amendment to "Fire Protection Agreement" with the Eagleville Fire Department, Inc. and the Mansfield Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.

So passed. Ms. Blair recluded herself as she is on the committee.

#### 10b. Grant Application-DWI

Mr. Hawkins moved and Ms. Blair seconded that effective March 14, 2005, to authorize town staff to submit a grant application in the amount of \$10,000 to be used for DWI and related motor vehicle enforcement, to the Connecticut Department of Transportation, and to execute any related grant documents.

Sgt. Sean P. Cox was present to answer any questions of the Council.

So passed unanimously.

### VIII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- The Town Council asked the Town Manager to the results of the All Day Kindergarten survey done by the Board of Education.

### IX. QUARTERLY REPORTS

### X. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

### XI. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

### XII. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

The new legislative bill on the Probate Court doesn't seem to have a negative impact upon our Court.

There is a budget hearing at 6:30 p.m. on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

There is a public hearing on the Small Cities Grant Program that may be continued to the next meeting.

### XIII. FUTURE AGENDAS

Council member Koehn requested that Clean Energy be placed on the next agenda, that a discussion on the Resolution on Leed building standards and the Reynolds school renovations and an update on local businesses and the relocation package with the downtown partnership on the next agenda.

### XIV. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

11. E. Paterson re: Downtown Mansfield Revitalization and Enhancement Project
12. Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission Application Referral-25 Lot Subdivision on Mansfield City Road
13. Mansfield Planning and Zoning Office-UConn Students Living on campus at Storrs

14. National League of Cities re: K. Grunwald Selection to Participate in Cities Supporting Parents of Young Children Leadership Academy.
15. Connecticut Conference of Municipalities-Testimony to the Transportation Committee.
16. The Hartford Business Journal, February 28, 2005-"Reinventing Mansfield"
17. "The Broadcaster, February 18, 2005-Help Pours in After Fire and Juniper Hill Village"
18. Northeast Family Federal Credit Union-"Show you care...Adopt a Bear"
19. Governing, February 2005-"Grading the States, A Management Report Card:"
20. University of Connecticut Advance, February 28, 2005-"New Restaurant to Open in Student Union"

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Not needed.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:38 p.m. Ms. Blair moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded to adjourn the meeting.

So passed unanimously.

Gregory Haddad, Deputy Mayor  
Joan E. Gerdson, Town Clerk