

REGULAR MEETING-MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL-JUNE 13, 2005

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 7:35 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building.

I. ROLL CALL

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Hawkins moved and Mr. Clouette seconded to approve the minutes of May 23, 2005 as corrected with one minor grammatical error.

So passed unanimously.

III. MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Paterson requested a moment of silence.

IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

There were no comments.

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. Issues Regarding the UConn Landfill

The Town Manager reported that there has been a permit issued by the DEP to UConn for their landfill closing. It has taken more time than anticipated to have all the necessary permits to begin construction. Hopefully the project can begin in the fall.

2. Financial Statements Dated March 31, 2005

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Clouette seconded that effective June 13, 2005, to accept the town's financial statements dated March 31, 2005.

So passed unanimously.

3. Application for FY 2005/06 Library Services Adaptive Technology Grant

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded to adopt the following resolution: RESOLVED, effective June 13, 2005, the Martin H. Berliner, the duly appointed Town Manager, is empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of this organization a certain contract with the Connecticut State Library, State of Connecticut, for an LSTA grant.

So passed unanimously.

4. Sustainability

No action necessary.

5. Campus/Community Relations

The Mayor spoke to this issue. The Campus/Community Partnership committee completed a brochure presenting its mission statement. This brochure will be given to all new students.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

6. Resolution Establishing Composition of Division of Fire and Emergency Services

Mr. Hawkins moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to adopt the following resolution: RESOLVED, effective July 1, 2005 and pursuant to section 4 of the Ordinance Establishing a Division of Fire and Emergency Services, that the Mansfield Division of Fire and Emergency Services shall be comprised of volunteer and career (paid) personnel.

So passed unanimously.

7. Establishment of Fire Chief Position

Mr. Hawkins moved and Ms. Blair seconded to move that effective July 1, 2005, to establish the position of fire chief, and to classify the position at grade 26 of the town administrators pay plan.

So passed unanimously.

8. Proclamation in Honor of Pamela V. Wells

Mr. Clouette moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to move that effective June 16, 2005, to authorize Mayor Paterson to issue the attached Proclamation in Honor of Pamela V. Wells.

So passed unanimously. See attached.

9. Proclamation Designating the Month of July as Recreation and Parks Month in the Town of Mansfield.

Mr. Schaefer moved and Ms. Blair seconded that effective June 13, 2005, to authorize Mayor Paterson to issue the attached Proclamation Designating the Month of July as Recreation and Parks Month in the Town of Mansfield.

So passed unanimously.

10. Transfer of Property at 33 Chaffeeville Road

Mr. Haddad moved and Ms. Blair seconded to refer this issue to the Planning

and Zoning Commission.

So passed unanimously.

11. Personal Service Agreement-Day Care Support at Mansfield Discovery Depot

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded to adopt the following resolution: RESOLVED, effective July 1, 2005, to authorize the Town Manager, Martin H. Berliner, to execute a personal service agreement between the Town of Mansfield and the University of Connecticut to provide day care services at the Mansfield Discovery Depot for the children of University employees and students.

So passed unanimously.

12. New Wells at Elementary Schools

Mr. Hawkins moved Mr. Paulhus seconded to adopt the following resolution: RESOLVED, effective June 13, 2005, to amend the Capital Projects Fund Budget as recommended by the Director of Finance.

So passed unanimously.

13. CT Siting Council Petition 720: Proposed UConn/CL&P Electric Utility Facilities, North Eagleville Road

For information only, no action necessary.

14. Negotiations with MBOE Administrators

Discussion on state law which requires the MBOE to meet with the town council in its role as the fiscal authority within 30 days prior to the commencement of negotiations. Consequently, staff will arrange a joint session between the town council and the board to discuss this item in more detail.

15. MRRA, Amended to Community Sewer System Agreement

The Council will have this item placed on another agenda, when the agreement is completed.

Mayor Paterson requested that item 15a be placed on the agenda. Mansfield Downtown Partnership vacancy and filling of vacancy.

So moved by Mr. Haddad and seconded by Mr. Paulhus.

So passed unanimously.

15a. Downtown Partnership vacancy

Due to time of meetings of the Partnership, Council member Ms. Redding resigned her position as representing the Council.

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Haddad seconded to appoint Mr. Bruce Clouette to

the Downtown Partnership.

So passed unanimously.

VII. QUARTERLY REPORTS

No comments.

VIII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

No comments.

IX. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Committee on Committees recommended the following persons to be appointed motion by Mr. Bruce Clouette:

Evangeline Abbott, 71 Hillcrest Dr, Mansfield, Ct. 06268 to the Open Space Committee term ends 12/31/07

Michael F. Collins-223 Gurleyville Road, Mansfield, Ct. 06268
To the Youth Services Advisory Board term ends 9/3/05

So passed unanimously.

Personnel Committee

Mr. Greg Haddad announced that it was time for the evaluation of the Town Manager. Evaluation forms were handed out and due back on July 11, 2005.

X. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council members Paulhus, Clouette, and the Mayor attended the dedication of the Farrell Barn on campus.

The Mayor and Mr. Paulhus attended the Future Farmers of America of EOSmith High School meeting. Very positive students were excited about the program.

Ms. Redding talked about the Downtown Partnership Annual Meeting. There was a by-law change, and the people present discussed the issue of sustainability and the relocation plan.

Ms. Blair announced that the Explorer's Post would be holding a Father's Day breakfast at the Eagleville firehouse on June 19, 2005 from 9:00 a.m. on.

XI. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

There will be a Town/University meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 14, 2005 in the Council Chambers of the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building.

On June 14, 2005 there will be a joint meeting of the Town Council and the Planning and Zoning Commission at 7:30 p.m.in the Council Chambers.

The Movieplex will be opening soon in the East brook Mall. The ribbon cutting ceremony will be on the 22nd at 5:00 p.m.

The Town has received 4 or 5 proposals from firms interested in an Assisted Living Project in the Town.

The Mayor and the Town Manager spoke on the funding for the Downtown Partnership Streetscape and Garage. This project was not included under the bonding for the state, however it is being submitted under the Urban Act.

XII. FUTURE AGENDAS

XIII. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

16. L. Hultgren re: DPW Crew Work Schedule

17. R. Miller re: Four Corners Area Drinking Water Well Monitoring Update

18. D. O'Brien re: Legal Opinion on Town Charter Section C406(C)

19. J. Smith re: Sales After Revaluation

The Council discussed the procedures of assessment appeal. They expressed concern over the procedure and handling of the appeal process. Ms. Koehn requested that the ranch sales be watched as she feels that they are different than the other sale sets. She felt that the model might not truly reflect the value and assessment price.

20. C.vanZelm re: Grant Received from CT Commission on Culture and Tourism

21. Connecticut Department of Public Health-Estimated Populations in Connecticut as of July 1, 2003

22. E. Paterson and R. Favretti re: University of CT. Water Supply Plan

23. National League of Cities re: Cities Supporting Parents of Young Children Technical Assistance Project

24. US Census Bureau-American Community Survey

25. Connecticut Coalition for Justice in Education Funding-Connecticut Education Adequacy Cost Study

26. Connecticut Conference of Municipalities-State Budget Update

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

XV. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:30 p.m. Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Clouette seconded to adjourn the meeting.

So passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Joan E. Gerdson, Town Clerk

