

REGULAR MEETING-MASFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
APRIL 10, 2006

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

I. ROLL CALL

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Clouette moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2006 Special Meeting and the March 27, 2006 Regular Meeting.
Mr. Schaefer noted that the term expiration date for Blanche Serban should be 03/01/07 and that in the enumeration of the items in the Manager's Report the reference to "him" should read "the Town Manager".

Motion to pass as corrected passed with Mr. Schaefer abstaining.

III. MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Paterson requested a moment of silence in recognition of our troops serving abroad.

IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

V. PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Hawkins moved to move Item 2 to Item 1. Seconded by Mr. Clouette the motion passed.

1. Town of Mansfield Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2006/07

Mayor Paterson called the Public Hearing on the 2006/2007 Budget to order. The hearing was closed at 7:42 p.m.

Mr. Haddad moved to recess as the Town Council and to convene as the Mansfield Resource and Recovery Authority. Seconded by Mr. Paulhus the motion passed.

2. MRRA, Rate Increase, Multi-family Collection

Mayor Paterson called the Public Hearing on the proposed rate increase for multi-family collections to order at 7:45 p.m.

Lon Hultgren, Director of Public Works, described the proposed adjustments to the multi-family collections. The mini-service and the individual can service for

multi-family collections were inadvertently not adjusted after the conversion from weight-based to volume-based charges in 2003.

Richard DeBoer, 62 Blacksmith Road, informed Council members that people other than his tenants are using his dumpsters. He also stated that he preferred when the town was charging on a weight basis.

Mr. Hultgren commented that the town changed back to a volume-based collection system after the scales became decertified and they could no longer use them.

Mayor Paterson closed the Public Hearing at 8:15 p.m.

Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Clouette seconded, to approve the rate increase effective July 1, 2006 for multifamily collection, as recommended by the Director of Public Works in his memorandum dated March 21, 2006.

Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Clouette seconded to adjourn as the Mansfield Resource and Recovery Authority and to reconvene as the Mansfield Town Council.

Motion so passed.

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VI. OLD BUSINESS

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3. Issues Regarding the UConn Landfill

Quarterly Progress Report

4. MRRA, Rate Increase, Multi-family Collection

Addressed above

5. Fenton River

Minutes of the February 28, 2006 meeting between the University, the State and the Town regarding the water supply and sewerage systems were included in the packet.

6. Campus/Community Relations

Mayor Paterson reported on a meeting that she and the Assistant Town Manager attended regarding the establishment of an off campus housing office at the University. If approved the office would be supported by student fees and would offer a variety of services and information. Mr. Hart stated that one of the proposed components would be an orientation for students on how to be a good neighbor.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Matt Hart, Acting Town Manager, presented for consideration the concept of video taping the Town Council meetings. Mr. Paulhus moved and Ms. Koehn seconded adding the item as Agenda Item 9A.

Motion so passed.

7. Historic Documents Preservation Grant

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Haddad seconded, resolved, effective April 10, 2006, that Matthew W. Hart, Acting Town Manager, is empowered to execute and to deliver in the name of and on behalf of this municipality, an application and a contract with the State Library for a Historic Preservation Grant.

Motion so passed.

8. Historic Preservation Grant Program

Mr. Haddad moved and Ms. Koehn seconded, resolved, effective April 11, 2006, that Matthew W. Hart, Acting Town Manager, is empowered to execute and to deliver in the name of and on behalf of this municipality, an application and any other grant related paperwork with the Quinebaug-Shetucket Heritage Corridor, Inc. for a Historic Preservation Grant.

Motion so passed, with Mr. Schaefer abstaining.

9. Local Bridge Design Funding Agreement

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Clouette seconded, resolved, by the Town Council of the Town of Mansfield that Matthew W. Hart, Acting Town Manager, is hereby authorized to execute the Agreement Between the State of Connecticut and the Town of Mansfield for the Development of Contract Plans, Specifications and Estimates in Conjunction with the Replacement of the Laurel Lane Bridge (Bridge No. 05366) over the Mt. Hope Utilizing Federal Funds.

Motion so passed.

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Clouette seconded, resolved by the Town Council of the Town of Mansfield that Matthew W. Hart, Acting Town Manager, is hereby authorized to execute the Agreement Between the State of Connecticut and the Town of Mansfield for the Development of Contract Plans, Specifications and Estimates in Conjunction with the Replacement of the Stone Mill Road #1 Bridge (Bridge No. 04731 over the Fenton River Utilizing Federal Funds.

Motion so passed.

9A. Video taping of Town Council Meetings

Mr. Hart stated that we now have the capability to video tape and then broadcast

the tape at a later date. A discussion of the pros and cons ensued. Some of the questions Council member had included: the number of cable subscribers in Mansfield, the type and quality of video and sound available, the use of Region 19 equipment and the experience of the Region 19 Board. Mr. Hart said that staff would look at these issues and report back to the Council.

VIII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

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IX. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

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X. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Mr. Schaefer reported on a conference of the National *Conference of State Legislators* that he attended last week in Washington. State Representative Denise Merrill chairs the Higher Education and State Legislators Committee and asked Mr. Schaefer to make a statement. While there he took the opportunity to thank Ms. Merrill for all her help with the Downtown Project.

Ms Koehn and the Mayor attended a conference arranged by Senator Lieberman on climate control. The Mayor was a panel member and thanked the staff for the information they provided her. Ms. Koehn and Ms. Paterson agreed that the evidence and the information shared by the speakers are sobering. The question seems to be not when the changes will happen but rather how catastrophic they will be. Ms. Koehn relayed that at the end of the conference Senator Lieberman said that the motto of the day should be, "America should be more like Mansfield."

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XI. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Hart reported that the Clean Energy Team will meet on the 11th and CPTV will be there to film the award presentation to the Middle School participants.

The Town/University Committee will meet on the 11th and the proposed Housing Code will be discussed.

The Charter Revision Committee will begin work in April with the Mayor facilitating the initial meeting.

A Spay and Neuter Ordinance will be prepared and presented for Council consideration,

The School Building Committee will meet on the 12th.

Preparations continue to be made for Spring weekend and Mr. Hart invited any Council members who are interested in attending to contact him or Sara-Ann Chaine for travel arrangements.

Mr. Hart reminded members that the public hearing on the proposed housing code would be on the 24th.

- XII. FUTURE AGENDAS

- XIII. PETITIONS, REQUEST AND COMMUNICATIONS

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10. Civic Engagement: A Guide for Communities, "League of Women Voters, State of Connecticut, Kevin Grunwald, Town of Mansfield, Connecticut"
 11. L.Hultgren re: 2006 Force Account Work Schedule
 12. Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission re: Proposed Revisions to Zoning and Subdivision Regulations
 13. Nation's Cities Weekly, "University Communities Change Government Structure"
 14. G. Padick re: Protection of Future Water Supplies
 15. SmartPower re: Clean Energy Update
 16. University of CT, Storrs Capital Project Planning Advisory Committee

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Mr. Paulhus moved and Ms. Blair seconded to go into Executive Session.
Motion so passed.

Present: Blair, Clouette, Haddad, Hawkins, Koehn, Paterson, Paulhus, Schaefer
Also Present: Matt Hart, Acting Town Manager
Personnel Issues

Mr. Paulhus moved and Ms. Blair seconded to go out of Executive Session
Motion so passed.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hawkins moved and Ms. Blair seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Motion so passed.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor
Mary Stanton, Town Clerk