

REGULAR MEETING-MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL  
July 9, 2007

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Audrey P. Beck Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Blair, Clouette, Duffy, Haddad, Hawkins, Koehn, Paterson, Paulhus, Schaefer.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Paulhus moved and Ms. Blair seconded to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2007 meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Paulhus moved and Ms. Blair seconded to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2007 special meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

III. MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Paterson requested a moment of silence in honor of and respect for our troops around the world.

IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Betty Wassmundt, 54 Old Turnpike Road, questioned the accuracy of the data compiled in the Senior Survey to be used in the Long-Range Planning. She feels the analysis of the survey was not prepared adequately.

Ms. Wassmundt strongly disagrees with the opinion of Wilfred Bigl for the need of expanding or rebuilding a new Senior Center.

Ms. Wassmundt had questions regarding the Housing Code and the lines that were drawn for the certification zone. She would also like the definition of "associated premises".

With no further questions, Mayor Paterson closed the opportunity for the public to address the Council.

V. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Proposed Amendment to Landlord Registration Ordinance

Mayor Paterson called the public hearing to order and the Assistant Town Clerk read the legal notice.

Michael Nintean, Director of Housing, commented that after conferring with the Town Attorney that an amendment to the Landlord Registration Ordinance would clarify the intent of the registration fee and eliminate any loophole within Chapter 152, Section 6.

Betty Wassmundt, 54 Old Turnpike Road, believes there is some ambiguity regarding the January 1, 2007 registration date. Clarification is also needed on the term residential rental-housing unit.

With no further questions Mayor Paterson closed the Public Hearing.

A motion to make Item 6 to Item 1A was made by Mr. Hawkins seconded by Ms. Koehn, the motion passed unanimously.

#### 1.A. Presentation by UConn Office of Alcohol and Other Drug Services.

Thomas Szigethy, Director of Alcohol and Other Drug Education Service gave a power point presentation on the updated programs being provided at the University. The Department deals with the prevention, intervention, education and social change around substance abuse issues. The target of the program is to get students to look at alcohol in the same negative way they look at cigarettes. This year they have been the recipients of a Department of Education Federal Grant to reduce high risk drinking amongst college students. Changes are now being noticed in the culture of students attending non-alcohol events during Spring Weekend.

## VI. OLD BUSINESS

### 1. Proposed Amendment to Landlord Registration Ordinance

Mr. Hawkins moved and Ms. Koehn seconded to amend Chapter 152, Section 6(C) of the Mansfield Code of Ordinances (Landlord Registration Ordinance), as recommended by staff in the agenda item summary dated July 9, 2007, which amendment shall be effective 21 days after publication in a newspaper having circulation within the Town of Mansfield.

#### Chapter 152 Section 6(C)

Each nonresident owner or agent shall pay a fee of \$25.00 for each initial registration and a fee of \$10.00 for each notice of residential address change. Any owner or agent who fails to pay any such fee at the time of registration or notice may be fined \$90.00.

Motion passed unanimously.

A motion to move Item 8 to Item 3 was made by Ms. Paterson seconded by Mr. Clouette the motion passed unanimously.

### 2. Stadium Road Detention Basin

Robert Miller, Director of Health, Richard Miller, Director of the Office of

Environmental Policy and Jason Coite, Environmental Compliance Analyst were present to conclude their findings on the surface water quality for the detention basin. Mr. Miller's opinion is that the surface water quality is neither an immediate nor long-term risk to public health. The DEP has reviewed the analysis of the watershed survey as well as the sampling results and concluded that it did not pose an environmental threat and it was recommended that testing be discontinued

Ms. Koehn would like to see an annual monitoring system initiated, including the maintaining of a maintenance log.

### 3. Community/Campus Relations

A written report on Spring Weekend has not been finalized. Staff will complete the report for presentation in the near future.

### 4. Community Water and Wastewater Issues

No action required.

### 5. Town Ownership of Gurleyville Riverside Cemetery

Mr. Clouette moved and Mr. Haddad seconded to approve the following motion:

Move, effective July 9, 2007, to authorize staff to take all actions necessary to execute acquisition by the Town of ownership of Riverside Cemetery in Gurleyville.

Motion passed unanimously.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

### 1. Proposed Driveway Work on Dog Lane

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded to approve the following motion:

Move, effective July 9, 2007, pursuant to Mansfield's Scenic Road Ordinance, to authorize the removal of trees necessary for the proposed driveway alterations at 112 Dog Lane as described in submissions from Neil Moynihan revised to June 22, 2007. The removal of trees for this new driveway is not expected to alter the scenic character of Dog Lane and therefore, no mitigation measures, other than applicant proposed stonewall restoration work, are deemed necessary.

Motion passed unanimously.

### 2. Personal Service Agreement – Daycare Services at Mansfield Discovery Depot

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, effective July 9, 2007, to authorize the Town Manager, Matthew W. Hart, 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 and to execute and approve on behalf of the Town, other instruments, a part of or incident to such agreement until otherwise ordered by the Town Council.

Motion passed unanimously

### 3. Adjustments to Capital and Nonrecurring Fund Budget

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

RESOLVED, effective July 9, 2007, to approve the adjustments to the FY 2006/07 Capital and Non-recurring Fund Budget, as recommended by staff in its agenda item summary dated July 9, 2007.

Motion passed unanimously

### 4. FY 2007/08 Operating Budget, Intergovernmental Revenue

Matthew Hart reported that the town would be receiving additional state revenue this year. Because grant reductions have been encountered in the past it was suggested that the Council wait until the first PILOT payment is received before appropriating this revenue.

A report on the value of the prison will be received prior to August 1. If there is a significant difference in the value it could change the filing from last year.

Matt Hart commended Jeff Smith and Cherie Trahan for the work they did with the revenue estimates for the proposed budget.

### 5. Town Council Policy

Jaime Russell, Director of Information Technology has been asked to join a committee to come up with a recommendation regarding the council's audio-visual needs as well as the online retention of council policy.

## VIII. QUARTERLY REPORTS

## IX. DEPARTMENTAL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

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## X. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

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## XI. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Paulhus commented on his disappointment with the article in the Chronicle on the Charter Commission. A special meeting with the Charter Revision Commission will be held prior to the next Council Meeting on July 23.

XII. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

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XIII. FUTURE AGENDAS

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XIV. PETITIONS, REQUEST AND COMMUNICATIONSXV. EXECUTIVE SESSIONXVI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Paulhus moved and Ms. Blair seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Christine Hawthorne, Asst. Town Clerk