

REGULAR MEETING – MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
September 26, 2011

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Audrey P. Beck Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Keane, Kochenburger, Lindsey, Moran, Paterson, Paulhus, Ryan, Schaefer, Shapiro

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Shapiro seconded to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2011 Special meeting as presented. The motion passed with all in favor except Mayor Paterson who abstained. Mr. Ryan moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2011 meeting as presented. The motion passed with all in favor except Mayor Paterson who abstained.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Mike Sikoski, Wildwood Road, stated that he was not aware of the sign up sheet at the last meeting, therefore, even though he had been in attendance for a long time he did not get to sign up to speak until later in the meeting. Mr. Sikoski also asked why the information regarding the capacity of the Council Chambers was not posted. He asked the Council to send the draft Ethics Ordinance back to the Ethics Board.

Sheila Clark, resident of Mountain Road and Chair of the Library Advisory Board, agreed with the conclusions of the Town Manager regarding the proposed shared library services and complimented him on his memo which she stated encapsulated the research, public comment and professional input which was presented during the discussion.

Betty Wassmundt, Old Turnpike Road, expressed support for Mr. Sikoski's comments regarding the Ethics Ordinance. Ms. Wassmundt asked why the Town wasn't prepared to run a shelter during the hurricane and stated her objection to Council members referring to the use of past Pequot funds.

David Freudmann, Eastwood Road, asked the Council to show responsible leadership and find a way not to borrow money.

Ric Hossack, Middle Turnpike, concurred with Mr. Freudmann, calling the actions of the Town Meeting fiscally irresponsible. Mr. Hossack asked that a Charter revision be undertaken and asked if a mailer was sent to citizens regarding the Town Meeting. He expressed his objections to an UConn exemption to the Ethics Ordinance.

IV. REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER

Town Manager Matt Hart presented his report. Mr. Hart commented that the Town's Emergency Plan identifies the Red Cross as part of the plan for a shelter. In the case of the Tropical Storm Irene it became apparent the Red Cross did not have enough volunteers to staff a Town facility and so the Town did so. The Town Manager clarified that a direct mail piece regarding the Town Meeting was not sent, but listed all the venues which were used to advertise this evening's Town Meeting.

V. REPORTS AND COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Ms. Moran explained the proposed section of the Ethics Ordinance which outlines a narrow exclusion for UConn employees, who are in decision making positions, to vote on issues regarding UConn as long as the decision does not affect them personally. It is not a general exclusion. Ms. Moran also noted that the draft Ethics Ordinance has been reviewed by the Ethics Board and that the Personnel Committee will decide if any

additional changes are substantial enough to send the new draft back to the Ethics Board for additional comments.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Shared Library Services

Town Manager Matt Hart reviewed the results of examining the possibility of shared library services between the Town and the Board of Education. His recommendation is not to proceed with the shared Library Director position but to ask the new Library Director, when hired, to work with staff and the Library Advisory Board to determine if there are other viable opportunities for sharing.

Council members thanked Mr. Hart for continuing to explore opportunities for savings and, by consensus, agreed with his recommendation.

2. An Ordinance Regarding the Administration of the Town Human Resources Program
Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded, effective September 26, 2011, to accept the proposed Ordinance Regarding the Administration of the Town's Human Resources Program, which ordinance shall be effective 21 days after publication in a newspaper having circulation within the Town of Mansfield.

Motion passed unanimously.

3. WPCA, Sewer Extension to College Mart Plaza

Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to recess as the Town Council and convene as the Water Pollution Control Authority. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to approve the following resolution:
RESOLVED, that acting per Section 5-2 of the Code of Ordinances as the Water Pollution Control Authority, the Town Council approves the application by U.S. Properties, Inc., manager, and College Mart, owners, of the shopping Center at 82-86 Storrs Road, to extend the sewer line on Storrs Road at the expense of the owners to serve two new tenants there, and, based on a determination that it would be fair and equitable to do so, the Town Council authorizes the Town Manager to negotiate and enter into a special "Developer's Permit Agreement" with said owners to implement the extension and authorize the Water Pollution Control Authority to make future benefit assessments against the property, as permitted by Sections 159-14B and 159-14C of said Code.

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Shapiro seconded to reconvene as the Mansfield Town Council. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

4. Resolution Reapproving Appropriation for Capital Improvement Projects

Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Ryan seconded to approve the following resolution:
RESOLVED, in accordance with Sections 406 and 407 of the Town Charter, the Town Council hereby reapproves the resolution entitled "RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$210,000 FOR COSTS WITH RESPECT TO ACQUISITION OF AN AMBULANCE, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION" as originally adopted by the Town Council at meeting held August 22, 2011 and approved by the voters of the Town at Town Meeting held September 26, 2011.

Motion passed with Kochenburger, Moran, Paterson, Paulhus, Ryan, Schaefer and Shapiro in favor and Keane and Lindsey opposed.

Mr. Shapiro moved and Mr. Ryan seconded to approve the following resolution:
RESOLVED, in accordance with Sections 406 and 407 of the Town Charter, the Town Council hereby reapproves the resolution entitled "RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING

\$150,000 FOR COSTS WITH RESPECT TO ACQUISITION OF A FRONT-LINE DUMP/PLOW TRUCK, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION” as originally adopted by the Town Council at meeting held August 22, 2011 and approved by the voters of the Town at Town Meeting held September 26, 2011.

Motion passed with Kochenburger, Moran, Paterson, Paulhus, Ryan, Schaefer and Shapiro in favor and Keane and Lindsey opposed.

Mr. Paulhus moved and Ms. Moran seconded to approve the following resolution: RESOLVED, in accordance with Sections 406 and 407 of the Town Charter, the Town Council hereby reapproves the resolution entitled “RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$45,000 FOR COSTS WITH RESPECT TO ACQUISITION OF A SMALL DUMP TRUCK AND SANDERS, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION” as originally adopted by the Town Council at meeting held August 22, 2011 and approved by the voters of the Town at Town Meeting held September 26, 2011.

Motion passed with Kochenburger, Moran, Paterson, Paulhus, Ryan, Schaefer, and Shapiro in favor and Keane and Lindsey opposed.

5. Memorandum of Agreement Regarding Restoration of Passenger Rail Service and Enhancement/Improvement of Freight Rail Service on New England Central Rail Line
Mr. Moran moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded, effective September 26, 2011, to authorize the Town Manager, Matthew W. Hart, to execute a Memorandum of Agreement Regarding Restoration of Passenger Rail Service and Enhancement/Improvement of Freight Rail Service on the New England Central Rail Line.

Motion passed unanimously.

6. Child and Adult Care Food Program Application

Ms. Keane moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to approve the following resolution: Resolved, effective September 26, 2011, to authorize the Town Manager, Matthew W. Hart, to submit the attached application to the Connecticut Department of Education’s Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), to help fund the food service operation at the Mansfield Discovery Depot, and to execute any related grant documents.

Motion passed unanimously.

7. Agreement between the Town of Mansfield and Regional School District No.19 for Parking Lot and Grounds Maintenance Services

Ms. Lindsey moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to approve the following resolution: Resolved, effective September 26, 2011, to authorize the Town Manager, Matthew W. Hart, to execute the Agreement Between the Town of Mansfield and Regional School District No. 19 for Parking Lot and Ground Maintenance Services for a term beginning on July 1, 2011 and expiring on June 30, 2013.

Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. DEPARTMENTAL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Lindsey reported the Parking Steering Committee has been working hard to develop a cooperative parking agreement with all concerned parties. Finalized plans including information as to who will be collecting the fines will be completed in the near future.

IX. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Mr. Shapiro, Chair of the Committee on Committees, offered the following recommendations to the Council:

Lorraine Kenowski as a citizen member of the Human Services Advisory Committee; The motion passed unanimously.

Liz Vitullo as a member of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee;

The motion passed unanimously.

Tonya Ohlund as a member of the Mansfield Advocates for Children;
The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Shapiro relayed the recommendation of the Committee to disband the Public Safety Committee as Bergin has been depopulated. The motion to disband passed unanimously.

The Committee on Committees also discussed the Town's committees' adherence to Freedom of Information Laws and based on those discussions Mr. Shapiro offered the following recommendation of the Committee:

The Town of Mansfield offer Freedom of Information training which would be mandatory for those who staff committees, recommended for those who chair committees and open to all members of the Town's boards and commissions.

Ms. Lindsey requested the wording be changed to "...and encouraged for all members..." Accepted as a friendly amendment the motion passed.

Town Manager Matt Hart commented the staff will be happy to arrange additional training and will also investigate if there are any online training possibilities.

The Town Manager will include all FOI complaints and final decisions in Council packets.

X. PETITIONS, REQUEST AND COMMUNICATIONS

8. J. Collins re: Thank You
9. P. Hempel re: Storm Recovery Efforts
10. T. Luciano re: Shared Library Services
11. J. Spears re: Resident State Trooper
12. PZC re: Proposed South Eagleville Road Sidewalk
13. PZC Application: Storrs Center Special Design District
14. United States Postal Service re: Area Mail Processing Study
15. CCM re: Membership
16. NLC re: Membership
17. VNA East re: Change to Flu/Pneumonia Clinic Schedule
8. A. Smith re: Boy Scout bottle redemption and can drive site at Mansfield recycling/waste center
9. L. Hultgren re: 2011 Force Account Work Schedule
10. Connecticut State Library re: Historic Documents Preservation Grant
11. State of Connecticut Department of Transportation re: State Matching Grant Program Application
12. CCM: New Energy Efficiency Legislation Affecting Municipalities
13. Connecticut Water re: University of Connecticut Water System
14. COST re: 2011 Legislative Session

XI. FUTURE AGENDAS

No new items added.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Kochenburger seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.
Motion passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk

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