

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Moran called the regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 7:45 p.m.* in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building.

**late start due to technical issues*

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Bruder, Moran

Virtual: Ausburger, Berthelot, Coleman, Cotton, Fratoni, Schurin, Shaiken

3. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Elizabeth Sparks and John Bova, Cedar Swamp Road, urged the Council to stop the development of additional student housing and retail space in town and focus instead on affordable housing. They also noted that the design of new architecture is not environmentally friendly and is indistinguishable from other new structures throughout the state

The Council took a brief recess to relocate in-person participants to Conference Room B due to ongoing technical issues.

4. REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER

Town Manager Ryan Aylesworth presented and discussed his written report. The report is available online at www.MansfieldCT.gov and is on file with the Town Clerk. In response to a question from Mr. Coleman, Mr. Aylesworth confirmed that the school building project must meet all the same standards as any other project in order to receive a Certificate of Occupancy.

In response to a question from Mr. Coleman, Allen Corson, Director of Facilities, explained how an HVAC shaft broke at the middle school.

5. REPORTS AND COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

None.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Registrar of Voters Compensation for 2023-2024

Mr. Coleman requested the minutes be pulled from the consent agenda.

Mr. Bruder **moved** and Mr. Shaiken seconded to approve the consent agenda. Motion **passed** with all in favor.

Motion passed by consent:

- Effective January 1, 2023 to endorse an increase by 2.75% to the hourly rate of pay for the Registrars of Voters and Deputy Registrars of Voters for the 2023 – 2024 term. This

would set the Registrars' compensation at \$24.27 per hour and the Deputy Registrars' compensation at \$18.21 per hour.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Coleman asked that the minutes be amended to replace the statement "Mr. Coleman expressed his opinion that the RFP process should include the disclosure of any pending litigation" in item 7B with:

After citing a lawsuit involving the city of Bristol versus TSKP Studio for a failed geothermal installation at the Green Hills School in Bristol, Mr. Coleman expressed his opinion that the RFP process should include the disclosure of any pending litigation.

Mr. Shaiken **moved** and Mr. Bruder seconded to accept the proposed amendment. Motion **passed** unanimously.

Mr. Shaiken **moved** and Mr. Bruder seconded to accept the January 9, 2023 minutes as amended. Motion **passed** unanimously.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Town Council FY 2023/2024 Goals and Objectives (Item #8A, 12-12-22 Agenda)

Mr. Aylesworth introduced and presented the Council's draft goals based on the input received during the Council's recent goal-setting session. Ms. Berthelot expressed a desire for a proactive approach to preventing housing disrepair and requested "efficient and cost effective" be removed from the Human Services section as it is expected that all departments operate in that manner, not only Human Services. Ms. Berthelot and Mr. Ausburger inquired about the priority level of open space purchases. Mr. Coleman would like to see UConn more supportive of affordable housing for students who need it. An updated version of the draft goals will be presented to the Council at a future meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Human Rights Commission Update

To be discussed at a future meeting.

9. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Mr. Bruder reported that the Committee on Committees discussed several committee charges and will be working on revisions. The goal is to have all charges updated, formatted similarly and readily available to the public.

Mr. Schurin reported that the Personnel Committee approved the Registrars of Voters' increase, heard about proposed organizational updates, discussed a 360 evaluation for the Town Manager this year, held a preliminary discussion about how the four-day work week is going and discussed the Personnel Committee charge.

10. DEPARTMENTAL AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

11. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. PZC Referral - Initiated Amendments Article 10, Section W Related to Affordable Housing (PZC file #907-54) and Article 3, Section A, Establishment of a Temporary and Limited

Moratorium on Design Multiple Residence (DMR) Zone and the Pleasant Valley Residential Agriculture (PVRA) Zone (PZC File # 907-55)

12. FUTURE AGENDAS

None.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ausburger **moved** and Mr. Bruder seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m. The motion **passed** unanimously.

Antonia Moran, Mayor

Sara-Ann Chaine, Town Clerk