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VERNON TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
TOWN HALL - 14 PARK PLACE - 3rd Floor
VERNON, CONNECTICUT

March 1, 2016 - 7:30 PM

Deputy Mayor Steve Wakefield called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

A) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

B) ROLL CALL:
Present: Council Members Michael Winkler, Brian Motola, Julie Clay, Kim Appleyard, Steve Wakefield, Laura Bush, Bill Campbell, Jim Tedford, Steve Peterson, Ann Letendre and Virginia Gingras
Absent: Council Member Pauline Schaefer
Entered During Meeting:
Also Present: Town Administrator John Ward, Recording Secretary Karen Daigle

C.) CITIZEN'S FORUM

No one spoke at Citizen's Forum.

D.) EXECUTIVE SESSION

Entered Executive Session at 7:32 PM

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Peterson made the following motion to go into executive session:

THE TOWN COUNCIL, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GIVEN IN CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES §1-200 (6) (B) HEREBY MOVES TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION, REGARDING TOV WPCA IN RE: TOLLAND WPCA. THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND: JOHN D. WARD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, RAY WEAVER, WPCA CHAIRMAN AND ROBERT GRASIS, DIRECTOR, WPCA

Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session ended at 8:36 PM

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Bush made the following motion:

The Town of Vernon, Town Council hereby resolves to enter into the proposed stipulated agreement in the matter of Tolland WPCA upon the terms and conditions discussed in executive session. Once all parties accept and formally enter into said agreement, the document shall be made part of the public record.

Discussion took place. Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Campbell made the following amendment, to be added after the last sentence of the motion: "The Town Council shall be notified monthly on the status of the agreement until it's resolved." Discussion took place. Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Campbell withdrew the amendment. Discussion took place. Original motion carried unanimously.

E.) PUBLIC HEARING
None

F.) PRESENTATIONS
None

G.) ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Peterson made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented # C1 - C3. Council Member Bush pulled consent agenda item #C3. Council Member Motola seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to approve consent agenda items #C1 and C2. Motion carried unanimously.

C **1. Request for the approval Tax Refunds for Prior and Current Year(s).** (A copy of a memorandum from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue, to John D. Ward, Town Administrator dated February 18, 2016 is included in the Council packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES (1) ONE PRIOR TAX REFUNDS TOTALLING $1208.22 AND (11) ELEVEN CURRENT YEAR TAX REFUNDS FOR A TOTAL OF $4679.20, AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO JOHN D. WARD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED FEBRUARY 18, 2016.

C **2. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of Glenn Tarro, (R), 3 Bridle Path Lane, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Vernon Housing Authority, said term to commence on March 2, 2016 and expires on February 28, 2021.** (A copy of Mr. Tarro's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 8, SECTION 5 OF THE VERNON TOWN CHARTER THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S APPOINTMENT OF GLENN TARRO, (R), 3 BRIDLE PATH LANE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE VERNON HOUSING AUTHORITY, SAID TERM TO BEGIN MARCH 2, 2016 AND FEBRUARY 28, 2021.

H.) DISCUSSION OF PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

C **3. Request the Town Council approve budget amendments #16 , #17, #18, #19, and #20, for fiscal year 2015-2016 as provided by Finance Officer James Luddecke on the budget amendment forms attached to this agenda.** (See budget amendment forms with explanation attached to this agenda.)

PROPOSED MOTION

RESOLVED, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUESTS #16, #17, #18, #19, AND #20, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 AS OUTLINED IN THE BUDGET AMENDMENT FORMS PROVIDED BY JAMES M. LUDDECKE, FINANCE OFFICER.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Appleyard made a motion to open C-3. Motion carried unanimously. Council Member Bush seconded by Council Member Peterson made an amendment to Item #16, snow removal, overtime wages, to reduce said line item from $48,000 to $15,000. Finance Officer James Luddecke answered questions. Discussion took place. Amendment to motion carried with 10 in favor and 1 abstention by Council Member Tedford. Discussion took place on remainder of the budget amendment requests. Registrars of Voters, John Anderson and Chris Prue answered questions on Item #18. Motion to approve budget amendments #17, #18, #19 and #20 for fiscal year 2015-2016 carried unanimously.

I.) PENDING BUSINESS
None

J.) NEW BUSINESS

1. **Request the Town Council designate $6800.00 in the Capital Improvement account, to support the purchase of a new vehicle for HVCC.** (See memorandum dated February 25, 2016 from James M. Luddecke, Finance Officer and Treasurer to John D. Ward, Town Administrator relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE DESIGNATION OF $6800.00 FROM AVAILABLE RESOURCES IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET TO SUPPORT THE ACQUISITION OF A WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE MOTOR VEHICLE BY HOCKANUM VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL FOR SERVICES TO SENIORS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES. THE TOTAL COST OF THE VEHICLES IS $64,420.00, AND THE ALLOCATION TO THE TOWN OF VERNON IS ESTIMATED AT $6764.80.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Peterson, made a motion to designate $6,800.00 from available resources in the capital improvement budget to support the acquisition of a wheelchair accessible motor vehicle by Hockanum Valley Community Council. Finance Officer James Luddecke answered questions. Discussion took place. Motion carried unanimously.

K.) INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES
None

L.) ACTION ON ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED
None

M.) IDENTIFICATION/ADOPTION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS.
None

N.) DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS
None

O.) ADOPTION OF MINUTES

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF **FEBRUARY 16, 2016** AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Peterson, made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the February 16, 2016 regular Town Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

P.) INFORMATIONAL ITEMS, PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS, ETC. NOT REQUIRING ACTION
None

Adjourn (9:02 PM)

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Peterson, made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Received:

Approved:

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen C. Daigle
Recording Secretary