

December 18, 2018

Approved Minutes

Vernon Town Council- Regular Meeting

Town Hall- 14 Park Place- 3rd Floor

Vernon, Connecticut

December 18, 2018- 7:30PM

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Mayor Daniel A. Champagne called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

A) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B) ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members Steve Wakefield, Thomas DiDio, Brian Motola, Julie Clay, Laura Bush, Bill Campbell, Ann Letendre, Jim Tedford, Pauline Schaefer, Steve Peterson and Ralph Zahner

Absent: Mike Wendus

Entered During Meeting: None

Also Present: Town Administrator Michael J. Purcaro, Recording Secretary Cassandra Minor

C) CITIZENS FORUM

Betsy Soto, Executive Director of the Vernon Housing Authority, Peter Olson, Chairman of the Vernon Housing Authority, Mike O'Neil, Vice-Chairman and Karen Roy-Guglielmi of the Vernon Housing Authority presented a payment in-lieu of taxes in the amount of \$84,931.00 and thanked the Town of Vernon, the Town Council and Mayor Daniel A. Champagne for their support and services provided to the Vernon Housing Authority.

D) EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None.

E) PUBLIC HEARING:

None.

F) PRESENTATIONS BY THE ADMINISTRATION

Rockville High School Students Amani Clemons and Emily Guerrero presented on behalf of the Vernon ROCKS Coalition relative to the "REAL TALK" Vernon Substance Prevention Campaign. Also present, Michelle Hill, Director of the Vernon Youth Services Bureau and Coalition members: Kaitlin Carfa, Prevention Grant Coordinator, Cassandra Swarycz, Youth Advocate and Holly Hansen, AmeriCorps Vista. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's Presentation:

1. As always, Winterfest was a huge success. We have a strong team of departments who work together to make the event run smoothly, Parks and Recreation, Administration, Police, Fire, Board of Education and Public Works produce a fun, free event for all attendees. We estimate that over 500 people attended the event this year. Thank you to everyone who planned, donated to and attended the event.

2. Reminder: *Water Pollution Control Facility Upgrade Referendum is January 15, 2019 from 6:00 AM – 8:30 PM at Center 375, 375 Hartford Turnpike. Everyone will be voting at this location as in all other referenda. Absentee ballots will be available in the Town Clerk's Office. Questions about absentee ballots should be directed to the Town Clerk at 860-870-3662.*

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3. Our next **Town Council meeting** will be held on January 15, 2019, here in the Chambers. Results relative to the referendum will be shared during the meeting as they become available.

4. I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of myself and the Town Council to thank the residents of Vernon for their support in 2018 and wish everyone a **Happy Healthy Holiday Season!**

J) **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Request the Town Council approve the Vernon Republican Town Committee nomination of Patricia E. Buxton to fill the vacant seat on the Vernon Board of Education created by the resignation of John Kopec. (See letter dated December 12, 2018 from Robert Hurd, Chairman of the Vernon Republican Town Committee to Mayor Daniel A. Champagne confirming the party's endorsement of Ms. Buxton.)

PROPOSED MOTION

RESOLVED, THE VERNON TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY ENDORSES THE NOMINATION OF PATRICIA E. BUXTON, (R), 60 OLD TOWN ROAD, UNIT 159, VERNON, CONNECTICUT TO REPLACE JOHN C. KOPEC ON THE VERNON BOARD OF EDUCATION, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE DECEMBER 19, 2018 AND ENDING NOVEMBER 11, 2019.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to nominate Patricia E. Buxton to replace John C. Kopec of the Vernon Board of Education. Discussion ensued. Patricia E. Buxton spoke and answered questions. Motion carried unanimously.

Town Clerk Karen C. Daigle swore in Patricia Buxton to the Vernon Board of Education

Recess: 7:46PM; Reconvened: 7:51PM

G) **ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA:**

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to move the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

- C 1. Request the Town Council approve Tax Refunds for Prior and Current Years.** (See copy of a memorandum from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue, to Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator dated December 6, 2018 included in the Council packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES TWO (2) PRIOR YEAR(S) TAX REFUNDS TOTALLING \$24,660.73 AND TEN (10) CURRENT YEAR TAX REFUNDS TOTALLING \$3,865.48 AS REFERENCED IN THE LETTER FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO MICHAEL J. PURCARO, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED DECEMBER 6, 2018.

- C 2. Request the Town Council approve budget amendments ##7 and #8 for fiscal year 2018-2019 as provided by Finance Officer Jeff O'Neill on the budget amendment forms attached.** (See the budget amendment forms with explanation attached to this agenda.)

PROPOSED MOTION

RESOLVED, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUESTS #7 AND #8 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 AS OUTLINED IN THE BUDGET AMENDMENT FORM PROVIDED BY FINANCE OFFICER JEFF O'NEILL.

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- C 3. Request the Town Council authorize Explanatory Text for the Water Pollution Control Facility Upgrade Referendum. (See memorandum dated December 14, 2018 to Mayor Daniel A. Champagne from Robert Grasis, Director of the Water Pollution Control.)**

PROPOSED MOTION

RESOLVED, THE TOWN COUNCIL, CONSISTENT WITH CGS SEC. 9-369B HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE PREPARATION, PRINTING AND DISSEMINATION OF CONCISE EXPLANATORY TEXT OR OTHER PRINTED MATERIAL REGARDING THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY UPGRADE SET FOR A REFERENDUM ON JANUARY 15, 2019 FOR SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS.

- C 4. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of Yu (Iris) Mullan, (R), 51 Blue Ridge Drive, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Planning and Zoning Commission, said term to commence on January 1, 2019 and expires December 31, 2021. (A copy of Ms. Mullan's resume is included in the Town Council packet for review.)**
(Ms. Mullan is an alternate presently.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO CHARTER CHAPTER VIII, SEC. 1,6 & 11 DATED JANUARY 1, 1985; C.G.S. §8-4A&B, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S APPOINTMENT OF YU (IRIS) MULLAN, (R), 51 BLUE RIDGE DRIVE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION FOR A TERM TO COMMENCE ON JANUARY 1, 2019 AND EXPIRES DECEMBER 31, 2021.

- C 5. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of Jesse Schoolnik, (D), 53 Elizabeth Lane, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Planning and Zoning Commission, said term to commence on January 1, 2019 and expires December 31, 2021. (A copy of Mr. Schoolnik's resume is included in the Town Council packet for review.)** (Mr. Schoolnik is an alternate presently.)

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO CHARTER CHAPTER VIII, SEC. 1,6 & 11 DATED JANUARY 1, 1985; C.G.S. §8-4A&B, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S APPOINTMENT OF JESSE SCHOOLNIK, (D), 53 ELIZABETH LANE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION FOR A TERM TO COMMENCE ON JANUARY 1, 2019 AND EXPIRES DECEMBER 31, 2021.

- C 6. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's appointment of Kenneth J. Boynton, (U), 100-25 Dobson Road, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Water Pollution Control Authority, said appointment to commence January 1, 2019 and expires December 31, 2021. (A copy of Mr. Boynton's resume is included for Council review.)**

PROPOSED MOTION

PURSUANT TO CHARTER CHAPTER VIII, SEC. 3; AND CHARTER CHAPTER XII, SEC. 4, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE'S APPOINTMENT OF KENNETH J >

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BOYNTON, (U), 100-25 DOBSON ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT, AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY, SAID APPOINTMENT TO COMMENCE ON JANUARY 1, 2019 AND EXPIRES DECEMBER 31, 2021

H) **DISCUSSION OF PULLED CONSENT ITEMS**

None.

I) **PENDING BUSINESS**

None.

J) **NEW BUSINESS**

2. Request the Town Council authorize Mayor Daniel A. Champagne to enter into a formal agreement allowing the Town of Vernon to become a “sponsor” organization for the Summer Food Service Program with the State of Connecticut, State Department of Education. (See documents presented by Michelle Hill, YSB Director for your review.)

PROPOSED MOTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZES MAYOR DANIEL A. CHAMPAGNE TO ENTER INTO A FORMAL AGREEMENT ALLOWING THE TOWN OF VERNON TO BECOME A “SPONSOR” ORGANIZATION FOR THE SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to authorize Daniel A. Champagne to enter into a formal agreement allowing the Town of Vernon to become a “Sponsor” Organization for the Summer Food Service Program with the State Department of Education. Discussion ensued. Michelle Hill, Director of Youth Services spoke and answered question. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Request the Town Council approve the bid waiver request from Department of Public Works for the purchase of two (2) 2020 Single Axle International Dump Trucks and one (1) 2020 Tandem Axle International Dump Truck. (See memorandum dated December 13, 2018 from Jeffrey A. O’Neill, Finance Officer to Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL, HEREBY RESOLVES IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER TWELVE (XII), SECTION NINE (9), OF THE VERNON TOWN CHARTER, THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE TOWN TO WAIVE THE SEALED BID REQUIREMENTS FOR THE COSTS INVOLVING THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2), 2020 SINGLE AXLE INTERNATIONAL DUMP TRUCKS AND ONE (1) 2020 TANDEM AXLE INTERNATIONAL DUMP TRUCK FROM NUTMEG INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS INC., 130 BRAINARD ROAD, HARTFORD, CT 06114 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$508,120 PER NUTMEG INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS INC. PROPOSAL DATED NOVEMBER 29, 2018 AND FURTHER AUTHORIZES TOWN ADMINISTRATOR MICHAEL J. PURCARO TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF VERNON ANY INSTRUMENT (S) TO THAT EFFECT.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to waive the sealed bid requirements for the costs involving the purchase of two (2) 2020 single axle international dump trucks and one (1) 2020 Tandem Axle International Dump Truck from Nutmeg International Trucks, Inc., 130 Brainard Road, Hartford, CT 06114 in an amount not to exceed \$508,120 per Nutmeg International Trucks, Inc. proposal dated November 29, 2018 and further authorizes Town Administrator Michael J. Purcaro to execute on behalf of the Town of Vernon any instrument (s) to that effect. Discussion ensued. Robert Kleinhans, Director of Public Works and

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Dwight Ryniewicz, Fleet Supervisor spoke and answered questions. Motion carried with 9 in favor, 1 abstention Council Member Schaefer and 1 opposed, Council Member Zahner.

K) **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

None.

L) **ACTION ON ORDINANCE(S) PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED:**

None.

M) **IDENTIFICATION/ADOPTION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

N) **DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND INFORMATION ITEMS**

None.

O) **ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 4, 2018 AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Peterson made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes of December 4, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

P) **INFORMATION ITEMS, PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS, ETC, NOT REQUIRING ACTION.**

1. Monthly Report – Police Department – November, 2018, as submitted by John Kelley, Captain

Q) **ADJOURNMENT (8:06pm):**

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Received: December 24, 2018

Approved: January 15, 2019

Respectfully submitted,



Cassandra Minor
Recording Secretary.