

April 3, 2018

Approved Minutes

Vernon Town Council- Regular Meeting

Town Hall- 14 Park Place- 3rd Floor

Vernon, Connecticut

April 3, 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 Pauline Schaefer, Thomas DiDio, Brian Motola, Julie Clay, Michael Wendus, Steve Wakefield, Laura Bush, Bill Campbell, Jim Tedford, Ann Letendre and Ralph Zahner.

Absent: Council Member Steve Peterson

Entered During Meeting: None

Also Present: Recording Secretary Cassandra Minor

C) CITIZENS FORUM:

None.

D) EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None.

E) PUBLIC HEARING:

None.

F) PRESENTATIONS BY THE ADMINISTRATION:

None.

G) ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA:

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to move the Consent Agenda. Motion to approve C-1 carried unanimously.

- C 1. Request the Town Council approve Tax Refunds for Current and Prior Years. (See copy of a memorandum from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue, to Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator dated March 21, 2018 included in the Council packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES ONE (1) TAX REFUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$411.81 AND EIGHT (8) CURRENT YEAR REFUNDS TOTTALLING \$21,209.13 AS REFERENCED IN THE LETTER FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO MICHAEL J. PURCARO, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED MARCH 21, 2018.

H) DISCUSSION OF PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

None.

I) PENDING BUSINESS

None.

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J) **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Request the Town Council approve the bid waiver for the purchase of two trucks for the Department of Public Works.** (See memorandum from Finance Officer Jeff O'Neill dated March 28, 2018 to the Town Administrator Michael J. Purcaro and memorandum from Robert Kleinhans, Director of DPW dated March 29, 2018 to Mayor Daniel A. Champagne, Town Administrator Michael J. Purcaro and Jeffrey O'Neill, Finance Officer relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL, HEREBY RESOLVES IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER TWELVE (XII), SECTION NINE (9), OF THE TOWN CHARTER, THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE TOWN TO WAIVE THE SEALED BID REQUIREMENTS FOR THE COST INVOLVING THE ACQUISITION OF TWO (2) 2019 – 7400 SFA 4x2 (SA525) DUMP TRUCKS FROM NUTMEG INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS, INC., 130 BRAINARD ROAD, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$325,476.00; AND FURTHER, AUTHORIZES THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, 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 cost involving the acquisition of two (2) 2019-7400 SFA 4x2 (SA525) dump trucks from Nutmeg International Trucks, Inc., 130 Brainard Road, Hartford, Connecticut, in the amount of \$325,476.00; and further authorizes the Town Administrator, to execute on behalf of the Town of Vernon any instrument (s) to that effect. Discussion ensued. Director of Public Works, Robert Kleinhans spoke and answered questions. Motion carried with 9 in favor and 2 opposed, Council Members Schaefer and Zahner.

2. **Request the Town Council approve the bid waiver for the purchase of a van for Animal Control.** (See memorandum from Finance Officer Jeff O'Neill dated March 29, 2018 to Michael J. Purcaro, Town Administrator and memorandum from Robert J. Kleinhans, Director of DPW dated March 29, 2018 to Mayor Daniel A. Champagne, Town Administrator Michael J. Purcaro and Finance Officer Jeff O'Neill relative to same.)

PROPOSED MOTION

RESOLVED, THE TOWN COUNCIL, CONSISTENT WITH THE TOWN CHARTER, CHAPTER 12, SECTION 9, HEREBY WAIVES THE BID PROCEDURE FOR COSTS INVOLVING THE ACQUISITION OF A REPLACEMENT VEHICLE FOR THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,447.71 AND FURTHER, AUTHORIZES THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, 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 bid procedure for costs involving the acquisition of a replacement vehicle for the Animal Control Officer in the amount of \$29,447.71 and further, authorizes the Town Administrator, to execute on behalf of the Town of Vernon any instrument (s) to that effect. Discussion ensued. Director of Public Works, Robert Kleinhans spoke and answered questions. Motion carried with 9 in favor and 2 opposed, Council Members Schaefer and Zahner.

K) **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

None.

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

None.

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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 ON MARCH 20, 2018 AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

Council Member Wakefield, seconded by Council Member Bush made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the Regular Town Council Meeting on March 20, 2018. Motion carried with 10 in favor and 1 abstention, Council Member DiDio.

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

1. Invitation to the ***New Senior Center Open House and Tours***, April 9, 2018 10:00 AM, 135 Bolton Road, Connecticut.
2. Letter of Award from DEMHS for the Emergency Management Performance Grant #017E146A in the amount of \$29,098.00 to Mayor Daniel A. Champagne dated March 19, 2018.
3. Press Release: Mayor Daniel A. Champagne's announcement relative to Vernon's Hop River Trail Ranks in States "Top Three Most Used Trails", dated March 26, 2018.

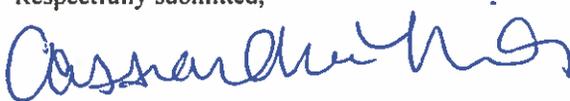
Q) **ADJOURNMENT (7:40pm):**

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

Received: April 10, 2018

Approved: April 20, 2018

Respectfully submitted,



Cassandra Minor
Recording Secretary.