

Approved Minutes
April 6, 2011

MINUTES
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING
TOWN HALL - 14 PARK PLACE - 3rd Floor
VERNON, CONNECTICUT

April 6, 2011– 7:00 PM

Mayor Jason L. McCoy called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members Daniel Anderson, Bill Campbell, Daniel Champagne, Judy Hany, Marie Herbst, James Krupienski, Brian R. Motola, Harry D. Thomas

Absent: Mark Etre, Sean O'Shea, Pauline Schaefer, Michael A. Winkler

Entered During Meeting:

Also Present: Mayor Jason L. McCoy, Town Administrator John Ward, Assistant Town Administrator Peter Graczykowski, Recording Secretary Karen Daigle

CITIZEN'S FORUM

No one spoke at Citizen's forum.

Citizen's forum closed at 7:09 PM

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Jason L. McCoy and James Luddecke, Finance Officer and Treasurer to update the Town Council with any changes taking place from the March 26, 2011 meeting.

BUDGET REVIEW

THE FOLLOWING MOTION REMAINS ON THE FLOOR FROM THE APRIL 2, 2011 MEETING RELATIVE TO THE CLOSING ALL BUDGET ACCOUNTS:

A MOTION WAS MOVED BY DEPUTY MAYOR BRIAN MOTOLA AND SECONDED TO CLOSE ALL ACCOUNTS, AND REMAINS PENDING. DEPUTY MAYOR MOTOLA ALSO AMENDED THE MOTION TO CONSIDER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS WHEN THE QUORUM WAS LOST.

THE FOLLOWING BUDGETS WERE OPENED ON MARCH 26, 2011 AND REMAINED OPEN ON APRIL 2, 2011 AT THE RECESS. THE MOTION BY DEPUTY MAYOR MOTOLA STATED PREVIOUSLY IS PENDING TO CLOSE THEM.

1. COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
2. ARTS COMMISSION
3. HISTORICAL SOCIETY
4. VERNON CEMETERY COMMISSION
5. ANIMAL CONTROL
6. DOG LICENSE ACCOUNT
7. PROBATE COURT
8. EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION
9. LAW

10. FINANCE ADMINISTRATION
11. INDEPENDENT AUDIT
12. TREASURY
13. PURCHASING
14. SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE
15. PENSION
16. GROUP INSURANCE
17. UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION
18. MUNICIPAL INSURANCE
19. CONTINGENCY
20. DEBT SERVICE – INTEREST PAYMENTS
21. DEBT SERVICE – PRINCIPAL PAYMENTS * (See Proposed Budget Revisions distributed at the April 2, 2011 meeting)

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Campbell withdrew his motion to amend the motion to close, as to capital improvements.

Main motion from last meeting, made by Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Campbell, to close all open accounts, passed with 2 abstentions.

Debt Service – Principal Payments

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Champagne made a motion to open tab 11, page 74, account 10883292, object code 59170, and reduce that line item by \$137,200. The new total for Debt Service – Principal Payments would be \$4,154,442. Motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Champagne made a motion to close tab 11, page 74, account 10883292, in the amount of \$4,154,442. Motion passed unanimously.

Capital Improvements - Town

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Champagne made a motion to open tab 11, page 72, account 10780290, object code 57590 and add \$137,200 to that line item. The new total for Capital Improvements – Town would be \$192,200. Motion passed with 1 abstention.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Thomas made a motion to close tab 11, page 72, account 10780290, in the amount of \$192,200. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE TOWN OF VERNON FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011 – 2012

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to approve the Town of Vernon **General Government** appropriations in the amount of **\$ 25,572,379**; the **Capital Improvements and Debt Service** appropriations in the amount of **\$ 6,259,012**; and the **Education** budget in the amount of **\$47,462,358** for a General Fund total of **\$79,293,749**. Discussion took place.

Council Member Krupienski made a point of order regarding closing of the budget and inability to open individual tabs for amendment. Motion passed with 2 opposed.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET REVENUE ESTIMATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011 – 2012

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Campbell made a motion to approve the Total Estimated Revenue in the amount of **\$79,293,749** to coincide with the total recommended appropriations of **\$79,293,749** and to authorize the Finance Officer to adjust line items in the estimated revenues as may be deemed necessary. Motion passed with 2 opposed.

**APPROVAL OF TOWN OF VERNON BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011 – 2012 FOR
PRESENTATION AT THE PUBLIC HEARING / TOWN MEETING**

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Thomas made a motion to present the Town Council approved Budget for Fiscal Year 2011 – 2012 in the amount of **\$79,293,749** to the electors and qualified taxpayers at the Public Hearing / Annual Town Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 26, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. in the auditorium of Rockville High School at 70 Loveland Hill Road, Vernon, Connecticut. The Town Clerk is authorized and directed to publish a summary of said proposed budget and enterprise activity estimates showing anticipated revenues by major sources and proposed appropriations by functions and/or departments and the amounts to be raised by taxation, at least five days before the Public Hearing. Motion passed with 2 opposed.

(7:26 PM) Council Member Herbst left the meeting.

RECESS (7:26 PM)

RECONVENE (7:32 PM)

Finance Officer, James Luddecke, announced that after council actions, there is a reduction of taxes required of \$58,606. The mill rate would decrease to 29.90 mills, or a decrease of .12 mills or .40%.

Adjourn (7:33 PM)

Council Member Anderson, seconded by Council Member Thomas made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried with 1 opposed.

Received: April 11, 2011

Approved: June 7, 2011

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen C. Daigle
Recording Secretary

Bernice K. Dixon
Town Clerk
Clerk of the Council