

October 18, 2011

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

October 18, 2011 – 7:00 PM

Mayor Jason L. McCoy called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM

A) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

B) ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members Daniel Anderson, Bill Campbell, Daniel Champagne, Mark Etre, James Krupienski, Brian R. Motola, Harry D. Thomas,

Absent: Judy Hany, and Sean O'Shea

Entered During Meeting: Marie Herbst, Pauline Schaefer, and Michael A. Winkler (7:05 PM)

Also Present: Mayor Jason L. McCoy, Town Administrator John Ward, Recording Secretary Jill Kentfield

C) CITIZEN'S FORUM

There were no speakers at Citizen's forum

Citizen's forum closed at 7:06 PM

D) PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

E) PRESENTATIONS BY THE ADMINISTRATION

Presentation by Mayor Jason L. McCoy to the Town Council on various topics.

Mayor McCoy spoke about accomplishments that took place during his tenure as mayor and thanked Town Council Members for allowing him to serve as their Mayor.

F.) ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Council Member Herbst requested to pull consent agenda item # 2 for discussion. Motion carried unanimously to approve the consent agenda items 1 and 3 as presented.

C 1. Request for Tax Refunds for Prior and Current Years. (A copy of a memorandum from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue, to John D. Ward, Town Administrator dated October 5, 2011 is included in the Council packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES ONE (1) OVERPAYMENT FOR THE PRIOR YEAR TOTALING \$641.52 AND FOURTEEN (14) FOR THE CURRENT YEAR TOTALING \$2540.48 OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO JOHN D. WARD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED OCTOBER 5, 2011.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Etre made the above motion to approve the request for tax refunds for prior and current years. Motion carried unanimously.

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C 3. Request the Town Council approve Mayor Jason L. McCoy's reappointment of Frederick Nowsch, (D) 11 Sunrise Drive, Vernon, Connecticut as a regular member of the Board of Ethics. (A copy of Mr. Nowsch's resume is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE # 173, TOWN CODE SEC. 2-91 – 2-98; THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES MAYOR JASON L. MCCOY'S REAPPOINTMENT OF FREDERICK NOWSCH, (D), 11 SUNRISE DRIVE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ETHICS, SAID NEW TERM TO COMMENCE ON 12-01-2011 AND END ON 11-30-2016.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Etre made the above motion to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Frederick Nowisch as a regular member of the Board of Ethics for a term of 12/1/2011 through 11/30/2016. Motion carried unanimously.

G.) IDENTIFICATION AND ADOPTION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Winkler made a motion to add an additional agenda item to discuss the Plan of Conservation and Development presented by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Discussion took place. Motion Failed, Council Members Anderson, Campbell, Champagne, Etre, Krupienski, Motola and Thomas opposed.

Council Member Krupienski, seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to add an additional agenda item to cancel the November 8, 2011 Town Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

H.) PENDING BUSINESS

Discussion took place regarding the bid waiver for the repair/rebuild of the chimney at the Vernon Center Middle School which was postponed from the October 4, 2011 regular Town Council meeting. The Recording Secretary read the motion currently on the floor for the record:

At the October 4, 2011 regular Town Council meeting, Council Member Krupienski, seconded by Council Member Champagne made the following motion:

RESOLVED, THE TOWN COUNCIL CONSISTENT WITH THE TOWN CHARTER, CHAPTER 12, SECTION 9, HEREBY WAIVES THE BID PROCEDURE FOR THE EMERGENCY REPAIR OF THE CHIMNEY AT VERNON CENTER MIDDLE SCHOOL. AS PART OF SAID WAIVER, THREE QUOTES WILL BE OBTAINED AND THE WORK WILL BE AWARDED TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE SERVICE PROVIDER.

Council Member Krupienski, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion for a friendly amendment to change the motion to waive the bid for stage 1 of the repair only. Motion as amended carried unanimously.

Motion as amended:

RESOLVED, THE TOWN COUNCIL CONSISTENT WITH THE TOWN CHARTER, CHAPTER 12, SECTION 9, HEREBY WAIVES THE BID PROCEDURE FOR STAGE 1 OF THE EMERGENCY REPAIR OF THE CHIMNEY AT VERNON CENTER MIDDLE SCHOOL. AS PART OF SAID WAIVER, THREE QUOTES WILL BE OBTAINED AND THE WORK WILL BE AWARDED TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE SERVICE PROVIDER.

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I.) NEW BUSINESS

None

J.) INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None

K.) ACTION ON ORDINANCE(S) PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED

None

L.) DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS, PULLED CONSENT ITEMS FROM F) AND PULLED ITEMS FROM O) INFORMATIONAL ITEMS, ETC

C 2. **Request the Town Council amend the April 26, 2011 resolution for the Board of Education's RHS Ag-Ed Science and Technology Equipment Grant.** (A copy of a memorandum from Superintendent Dr. Mary P. Conway dated October 12, 2011, with attachments, is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED, THAT THE VERNON BOARD OF EDUCATION FACILITIES COMMITTEE (MEMBERS: DEAN HOULE, GEORGE APEL, LAURA BUSH, PAUL STANSEL) IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED AS THE BUILDING COMMITTEE WITH REGARD TO THE ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL (VO-AG) – PROJECT NO. TMP-146-PJRB (EQUIPMENT) PROJECT AT ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Etre made the above motion to establish the building committee with regard to the Rockville High School (VO-AG) equipment project at Rockville High School. Discussion took place. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED, THAT THE VERNON TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES AT LEAST THE PREPARATION OF SCHEMATIC DRAWINGS AND OUTLINE SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL (VO-AG) – PROJECT NO. TMP-146-PJRB (EQUIPMENT) PROJECT AT ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Etre made the above motion to authorize the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications for the Rockville High School (VO-AG) equipment project at Rockville High School. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED, THAT THE LOCAL SHARE OF FUNDING FOR THE ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL (VO-AG) – PROJECT NO. TMP-146-PJRB (EQUIPMENT) PROJECT AT ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7705.00 WILL BE ALLOCATED BY THE VERNON BOARD OF EDUCATION THROUGH ITS TOWN APPROVED APPROPRIATIONS.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Etre made the above motion to allocate the local share of funding for the Board of Education's RHS Ag-Ed Science and Technology Equipment Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Additional Agenda Items:

Council Member Krupienski, seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to cancel the November 8, 2011 Town Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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M.) ADOPTION OF MINUTES

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 4, 2011 AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Thomas made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the October 4, 2011 Regular Town Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

N.) EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

MOTION

THE TOWN COUNCIL PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GIVEN IN CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES §1-200 (6) (D) HEREBY MOVES TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL/PENDING LITIGATION, CONCERNING 200 WEST MAIN STREET.

Motion carried unanimously.

O.) INFORMATIONAL ITEMS, PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS, ETC. NOT REQUIRING ACTION

1. Vernon Senior Center Newsletter for October 2011.
2. Town Clerk Monthly Report for September 2011, as submitted by Bernice Dixon Town Clerk.
3. EMS Monthly Report for September, 2011 as submitted by Jean Gauthier, EMS Coordinator.
4. Vernon Youth Services Bureau Monthly Report for September, 2011 as submitted by Alan M. Slobodien, Director.

Adjourn (8:12 PM)

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

Received: October 20, 2011

Approved: November 15, 2011

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Kentfield
Recording Secretary

Karen C. Daigle, CCTC
Assistant Town Clerk