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

October 4, 2011 – 7:00 PM

Deputy Mayor Motola called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM

A) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

B) ROLL CALL:
Present: Council Members Bill Campbell, Daniel Champagne, Marie Herbst, James Krupienski, Brian R. Motola, Pauline Schaefer, Harry D. Thomas, Michael A. Winkler
Absent: Council Members Daniel Anderson, Mark Etre, Judy Hany, Sean O'Shea,
Entered During Meeting:
Also Present: Town Administrator John Ward, Recording Secretary Jill Kentfield

C) CITIZEN'S FORUM

There were no speakers at citizens forum.

Citizen's forum closed at 7:11 PM

D) PUBLIC HEARINGS
None

E) PRESENTATIONs by the administration

1. Presentation of Proclamations from Mayor Jason L. McCoy to all the Summer Program Students for 2011. Alan Slobodien, Director of the Youth Service Bureau to be present.

   Deputy Mayor Motola presented proclamations to the students that participated in the Youth Summer Job Program. The job program was designed to give students experience in the workforce.

2. Presentation of Fire Prevention Week Proclamation to Fire Marshal Ray Walker.

   Deputy Mayor Motola presented the fire prevention week proclamation to Ray Walker who spoke about the upcoming public safety day on Sunday October 9.

3. Introduction by Mayor Jason L. McCoy and Emergency Management Director Michael Purcaro to the Council of newly appointment Emergency Management Coordinator to the North Central Health District Mr. William M. Turley, Jr.

   Emergency Management Director Michael Purcaro introduced Mr. Turley and provided information regarding Mr. Turley's education and experience.

4. Presentation by Mayor Jason L. McCoy to the Town Council on various topics.
   - The annual Rockville festival was held on 9/25/2011 – Mayor McCoy awarded winners of car show.
   - A dedication of the memorial bench for Chief Kelly at the public safety building took place on 9/25/2011.

- A presentation by Dr Henry Lee reviewing his major accomplishments and cases sponsored by the Vernon Police Explorers takes place at the Rockville high school on 10/8/2011.
- The 19th annual festival of the bands takes place on 10/8/0211 at RHS
- Public safety day at Henry Park takes place on 10/9/2011
- On 10/12/2011 the Economic Development Coordinator will hold a development event at 9:00 am in Council Chambers to allow brokers, businesses, site selectors, and developers to network, obtain information about available investment opportunities and learn about state and federal incentives.
- On 10/13/2011 Economic Development Coordinator Shaun Gately and Mayor McCoy will attend the grand opening and ribbon cutting of Thrifty Treasures, which is located on Rte 30, directly across from Beni's restaurant.
- Personal property declarations will be sent out this week and thanks to legislation that passed, businesses will have the opportunity to file and sign declaration electronically.
- Since the waiver of burning permit fees, 24 permits have been issued, 22 permits over the usual.
- Parks and Recreation Department fall programs have begun, the Teen center opened on 9/23 and Halloween boo bash tickets have gone on sale.
- Senior center shopping bus trips will begin occurring every 2 weeks.
- Police Dept mobile radios are being installed this week.
- Officer Gallop chosen as officer of the year.

F) ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Krupienski, seconded by Council Member Champagne made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Council Member Herbst pulled item #'s 5 and 6, and Council Member Krupienski pulled item #'s 1 and 3 for discussion. Motion carried unanimously to approve consent agenda items 2 and 4 as presented.

C 2. **Request the Town Council approve budget amendments #67-70 for fiscal year 2010-2011 as provided by Finance Officer James Luddecke.** (A copy of budget amendment forms are attached for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUEST #67-70 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011 AS OUTLINED IN THE BUDGET AMENDMENT FORMS PROVIDED BY FINANCE OFFICER JAMES LUDDECKE.

Council Member Krupienski, seconded by Council Member Champagne made the above motion to approve budget amendments #67-70 for fiscal year 2010-2011. Motion carried unanimously.

C 4. **Request the Town Council authorize Mayor Jason L. McCoy to execute any and all necessary forms to make application for and receive the School Readiness Quality Enhancements funds for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 in the amount of $4000.00.** (A copy of a memorandum from Alan M. Slobodien, Director of the YSB to the Town Council dated October 4, 2011 is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT MAYOR JASON L. MCCOY BE AUTHORIZED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY FORMS TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR AND RECEIVE SCHOOL READINESS QUALITY ENHANCEMENT FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012 IN THE AMOUNT OF $4000.00.

Council Member Krupienski, seconded by Council Member Champagne made the above motion to authorize Mayor Jason L. McCoy to execute any and all necessary forms to make application for and receive the School Readiness Quality Enhancements funds. Motion carried unanimously.

G.) IDENTIFICATION AND ADOPTION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Council Member Krupienski made a motion to add an additional agenda item in reference to Planning and Conservation Development Plan and upcoming hearing on October 13. Motion carried, Council Members Thomas and Champagne abstained.

H.) PENDING BUSINESS
None

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 1 **Request for Tax Refunds for the Current Year.** (A copy of a memorandum from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue, to John D. Ward, Town Administrator dated September 26, 2011 is included in the Council packet.)

MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES TWENTY-FOUR (24) REFUNDS FOR THE CURRENT YEAR TOTALLING $3,165.84 OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO JOHN D. WARD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED SEPTEMBER 26, 2011.

Council Member Krupienski, seconded by Council Member Campbell made the above motion to approve the request for tax refunds for the current year. Motion carried unanimously.

C 3. **Request the Town Council authorize Mayor Jason L. McCoy to sign the Memorandum of Agreement regarding the use of Federal Grant Funding and Custodial Ownership of Regional Assets from the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security.** (A copy of a memorandum dated September 29, 2011 from John D. Ward, Town Administrator to Mayor Jason L. McCoy and the Vernon Town Council is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN OF VERNON MAY ENTER INTO WITH AND DELIVER TO THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS WHICH IT DEEMS TO BE NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT JASON L. MCCOY AS THE MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF VERNON IS AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF VERNON AND TO DO AND PERFORM ALL ACTS AND THINGS WHICH HE DEEMS TO BE NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE TO CARRY OUT.

Council Member Krupienski , seconded by Council Member Champagne made the above resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign the memorandum of agreement regarding the use of federal grant funding and custodial ownership of regional assets from the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security. Discussion took place. Motion carried unanimously.

C 5. **Request the Town Council approve the submission and funding of the 2011 AFG FEMA grant applications by the Vernon Fire Department for Apparatus/Equipment, and authorizes Mayor Jason L. McCoy or his designee to execute any and all documents necessary for the same.** (A copy of a memorandum from John D. Ward, Town Administrator to Vernon Town Council dated September 29, 2011, and a copy of the narrative submitted by the Fire Department, is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE APPLICATION FOR THE 2011 AFG FEMA FIRE GRANT FOR APPARATUS IN THE AMOUNT OF $471,675.00 AND UPON ACCEPTANCE, THE TOWN COUNCIL WILL APPROPRIATE UP TO $47,167.50 TO FUND THE TOWN'S SHARE. THE TOWN COUNCIL FURTHER AUTHORIZES MAYOR JASON L. MCCOY OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY FOR THE SAME.

Council Member Krupienski, seconded by Council Member Champagne made the above motion to approve the submission and funding of the 2011 AFG FEMA grant applications by the Vernon Fire Department for Apparatus/Equipment, and authorizes the Mayor or his designee to execute any and all documents necessary for the same. Discussion took place. Motion carried unanimously.

C 6. **Request the Town Council approve a bid waiver for the repair/rebuild of the chimney at the Vernon Center Middle School to be paid for from the Board of Education's Capital and Non-recurring Fund.** (A copy of a memorandum dated September 30, 2011 from John D. Ward, Town Administrator to Mayor Jason L. McCoy and the Town Council is included for Council review.)

PROPOSED 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 Champagne made the above motion to approve a bid waiver for the repair/rebuild of the chimney at VCMS to be paid for from the Board of Education's capital and non-recurring fund. Discussion took place. Council Member Herbst recommends postpone this motion until the Board of Education brings the item before the Town Council.

Council Member Krupienski, seconded by Council Member Herbst made a motion to table the item until October 18 meeting. Council Member Herbst requested a friendly amendment to postpone the item instead of table it, Council Member Krupienski accepted friendly amendment. Motion carried, Council Member Campbell opposed.

Discussion took place in reference to Planning and Conservation Development Plan and upcoming hearing on October 13. The Planning and Conservation Development is looking for comments from the Council Members. Council Member Krupienski urged council members to review the plan that was provided to them at a past meeting and provide comments to staff. Council Member Schaefer made a suggestion that the public hearing on the Planning and Conservation Development Plan covered on the public access channel.

M.) ADOPTION OF MINUTES

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF **AUGUST 16, 2011** AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

Council Member Krupienski seconded by Council Member Thomas made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the August 16, 2011 regular Town Council meeting. Motion carried Council Members Herbst, and Champagne abstained.

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE **SPECIAL** MEETING OF **AUGUST 29, 2011** AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

Council Member Krupienski, seconded by Council Member Thomas made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the August 29, 2011 special Town Council meeting. Motion carried, Council Member Champagne abstained.

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE **SPECIAL** MEETING OF **SEPTEMBER 7, 2011** AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

Council Member Krupienski, seconded by Council Member Schaefer made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the September 7, 2011 special Town Council meeting. Motion carried Council Members Thomas, and Champagne abstained.

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF **SEPTEMBER 20, 2011** AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

Council Member Krupienski, seconded by Council Member Thomas made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the September 20, 2011 regular Town Council meeting. Motion carried, Council Members Thomas, and Champagne abstained.

N.) EXECUTIVE SESSION
None

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

1. Police Department Monthly Report – August, 2011 as submitted by Stephen M. Clark, Captain.

2. Report of Additional Appropriation from General Fund Balance for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 as provided by Finance Office and Treasurer James Luddecke.

Adjourn (8:16 PM)

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

Received:

Approved:

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Kentfield
Recording Secretary