

**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL
February 6, 2007**

Senior Center 2nd Floor Conference Room, 26 Park Place, Vernon, Connecticut

Mayor Ellen L. Marmer, M.D. called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

The Clerk called the Roll as follows:

Present: Council Members Bill F. Campbell, Mark S. Etre, Bill Fox, Jason L. McCoy, Brian R. Motola, Mary A. Oliver, Pauline A. Schaefer, 7.

Absent: Council Members Daniel E. Anderson, Daniel A. Champagne, Marie A. Herbst, Connie Simon; 4.

Also Present: Mayor Ellen L. Marmer, M.D., Town Administrator Christopher Clark, and Town Clerk Bernice K. Dixon.

Mayor Marmer called a Moment of Silence for Bob Scofield.

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

James Webb Wilson, 300 South Street, Apt C1, announced his candidacy as a petitioning candidate for the November election.

No other citizens wished to speak and Citizen's Forum was closed at 7:34 p.m.

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Ellen L. Marmer, M.D. called the first Public Hearing to order at 7:35 p.m. to receive comments and recommendations relative to an Ordinance amending ordinance #181 entitled "An ordinance concerning fines and parking violations", and 13-39 of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Vernon.

The legal notice was advertised in the Journal Inquirer on January 30, 2007 and posted on the Town Hall bulletin board on January 22, 2007.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No residents wished to speak and the Public Hearing was closed at 7:37 p.m.

The regular meeting reconvened at 7:37 p.m.

MAYOR RECOMMENDED ACTION ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Fox, moved that THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY MOVES THE ADOPTION OF THE ORDINANCE CONCERNING FINES AND PARKING VIOLATIONS.

Council Member Etre, seconded by Council member Fox, moved TO AMEND THE ORDINANCE TO INCLUDE CHAPTER 1 GENERAL PROVISIONS SECTION 1-9 GENERAL PENALTY OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES. The amendment was moved unanimously 7 to 0 on a voice vote.

The motion, as amended, was moved unanimously 7 to 0 on a voice vote.

(A copy of the ordinance is appended to these minutes and marked as "Appendix A.")

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Ellen L. Marmer, M.D. called the second Public Hearing to order at 7:45 p.m. to receive comments and recommendations relative to an "An Ordinance amending sections 2-5(a) and 13-39 of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Vernon"

The legal notice was advertised in the Journal Inquirer on January 30, 2007 and posted on the Town Hall bulletin board on January 22, 2007.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No residents wished to speak and the Public Hearing was closed at 7:47 p.m.

The regular meeting reconvened at 7:47 p.m.

MAYOR RECOMMENDED ACTION ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member McCoy, moved that THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY MOVES THE ADOPTION OF THE ORDINANCE ENTITLED "HEARING PROCEDURES FOR CITATIONS."

Discussion took place.

The motion was carried unanimously 7 to 0 on a voice vote.

(A copy of the ordinance is appended to these minutes and marked as "Appendix B.")

(A copy of the legal notice is appended to these minutes and marked as "Appendix C.")

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Marmer presented a Certificate of Appreciation to ex Councilmember Christy N. Vale, thanking her for many years of dedicated public service to the Town of Vernon.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Fox, moved that THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 16, 2007 AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED. The motion was carried unanimously 6 to 0 on a voice vote. Council Member McCoy abstained.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Request for Tax Refunds – Current and Prior Fiscal Year(s).
2. Request the Town Council to approve the reappointment of Carl Schaefer as a member of the Water Pollution Control Authority.

3. Request the Town Council to approve the appointment of Richard J. Quinn as a member of the Historic Properties Commission.
4. Request the Town Council to approve the appointment of Bill Campbell as a regular member of the Human Services Advisory Commission.
5. Request the Town Council to approve the appointment of Thomas Ouellette as a regular member of the Conservation Commission.
6. Request the Town Council to approve the appointment of H. Russell Kunz as an alternate member of the Conservation Commission.
7. Town Council Resolution authorizing Christopher Clark to enter into an agreement with the Connecticut State Department of Transportation for the Vernon Avenue Bridge.
8. Town Council Resolution authorizing Christopher Clark to enter into an agreement with the Connecticut State Department of Transportation for the Spring Street Bridge.
9. Request Town Council to approve 2007 schedule of meeting dates for Town budget.
10. Request the Town Council to approve the appointment of Bill Campbell as a member of the Personnel Subcommittee.

NEW BUSINESS (CONSENT ITEMS):

Council Member Etre pulled C.N.B. 2. for discussion.

Council Member Motola pulled C.N.B. 7 & 8 for discussion.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Oliver, moved TO APPROVE C.N.B. 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9 & 10 AS FOLLOWS:

C.N.B. 1. Request for Tax Refunds – Current and Prior Year(s).

THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES NINE (9) TAX REFUNDS FOR THE CURRENT YEAR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$527.43, AND FIVE (5) TAX REFUNDS FOR THE PRIOR YEAR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,953.51 AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM THE COLLECTOR OF REVENUE DATED JANUARY 31, 2007 TO THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR.

(A copy of the memorandum is appended to these minutes and marked as "Appendix D.")

C.N.B. 3. Request the Town Council to approve the Mayor's appointment of Richard J. Quinn (D), 110 Main Street, to serve as a regular member of the Historic Properties Commission to fill a current vacancy due to the resignation of Rain Chairizia.

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE APPOINTMENT OF RICHARD J. QUINN TO SERVE AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION, SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON FEBRUARY 28, 2012.

C.N.B. 4. Request the Town Council to approve the Mayor's appointment of Bill Campbell (R), 214 Tracy Drive, to serve as a member of the Human Services Advisory Commission due to the resignation of Christy Vale.

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE APPOINTMENT OF BILL CAMPBELL TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION, SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON NOVEMBER 11, 2007.

C.N.B. 5. Request the Town Council to approve the Mayor's appointment of Thomas Ouellette (D), 57 Hany Lane, to serve as a regular member of the Conservation Commission due to the resignation of Gordon Paterson.

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE APPOINTMENT OF THOMAS OUELLETTE TO SERVE AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION, SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2008.

C.N.B. 6. Request the Town Council to approve the Mayor's appointment of H. Russell Kunz (R), 26 Valley View Lane, to serve as an alternate member of the Conservation Commission due to the regular appointment of Thomas Ouellette.

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE APPOINTMENT OF H. RUSSELL KUNZ TO SERVE AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION, SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2007.

C.N.B. 9. Request the Town Council to approve the 2007 schedule of meeting dates for Town budget.

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY ESTABLISHES THE SCHEDULE FOR THE 2007-2008 BUDGET MEETING DATES AS FOLLOWS:

Thursday	March 22nd	7 P.M. Public Hearing
Wednesday	March 28 th	7 P.M.
Thursday	March 29 th	7 P.M.
Thursday	April 5 th	7 P.M.
Monday	April 9 th	7 P.M.
Tuesday	April 10 th	7 P.M.
Tuesday	April 24 th	7 P.M. Town Mtg

C.N.B. 10. Request the Town Council to approve the Mayor's appointment of Bill Campbell (R), 214 Tracy Drive, to serve as a member of the Personnel Subcommittee due to the resignation of Christy Vale.

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE APPOINTMENT OF BILL CAMPBELL TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE PERSONNEL SUBCOMMITTEE SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON NOVEMBER 11, 2007.

The motion was carried unanimously 7 to 0 on a voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS: (TAKEN FROM CONSENT AGENDA):

C.N.B. 2. Request the Town Council to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Carl Schaefer (U), 1A Fox Hill Drive, to serve as a member of the Water Pollution Control Authority. Said term to expire on January 31, 2010.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Etre, seconded by Council Member Motola, moved that THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE REAPPOINTMENT OF CARL SCHAEFER TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY, SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON JANUARY 31, 2010. The motion was carried unanimously 7 to 0 on a voice vote.

C.N.B. 7. Request the Town Council to adopt the motion to authorize Christopher Clark to enter into an agreement with the State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation for the construction of the Vernon Avenue Bridge.

Discussion took place.

Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Motola, moved THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY RESOLVES TO AUTHORIZE CHRISTOPHER CLARK, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, TO ENTER

INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE VERNON AVENUE BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES. The motion was carried unanimously 7 to 0 on a voice vote.

C.N.B. 8. Request the Town Council to adopt the motion to authorize Christopher Clark to enter into an agreement with the State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation for the construction of the Spring Street Bridge.

Discussion took place.

Council Member McCoy, seconded by Council Member Oliver, moved THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY RESOLVES TO AUTHORIZE CHRISTOPHER CLARK, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE SPRING STREET BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES. The motion was carried unanimously 7 to 0 on a voice vote.

IDENTIFICATION AND ADOPTION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:

A.A.I. 1. Tire Machine, Police Vehicles.

By unanimous consent, A.A.I. 1. was added to the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

N.B. 1. Request for Town Council to approve the Budget Amendment for fiscal year 2006-2007 as outlined in the Budget Amendment #10.

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member McCoy, moved that THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE AMENDMENT REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007 AS OUTLINED IN BUDGET AMENDMENT FORMS #10 AS PROVIDED BY THE FINANCE OFFICER. The motion was carried unanimously 7 to 0 on a voice vote.

(A copy of the memorandum is appended to these minutes and marked as "Appendix E.")

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

None.

DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:

A.A.I. 1. Tire Machine, Police Vehicles.

Informational.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. Minutes from Board of Education regular meeting of January 8, 2007.
2. Monthly report for December 2006 from Alan M. Slobodien, Director, Vernon Youth Services Bureau, monthly report from Bernice Dixon, Town Clerk, for September, October, November, December and quarterly newsletter from Paula Claydon, Director, Department of Social Services.
3. Letter of resignation from Kathleen Porter from the North Central District Health Department.
4. Letter of resignation from Christy N. Vale from the Vernon Town Council.
5. Letter of resignation from Gordon W. Paterson from the Conservation Commission.
6. Memo from Christopher Clark, Town Administrator to the Mayor and Town Council regarding Update of Projects through January 2007.
7. Copy of letter from Connecticut Water dated January 29, 2007 relative to rate increase.

ADJOURN:

Council Member Fox, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved TO ADJOURN.

The motion was carried unanimously 7 to 0 on a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

RECEIVED: February 13, 2007
APPROVED: February 20, 2007
Vernon Town Council

Karin Z. Pike
Asst Town Clerk/Recording Secretary

