

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL & WPC AUTHORITY
AUGUST 17, 2015**

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A **REGULAR MEETING** was held by the City Council & WPC Authority in the City Hall Auditorium on Monday, August 17, 2015.

Those in attendance included Mayor Elinor Carbone, Corporation Counsel Raymond Rigat, City Councilors Drake Waldron, Paul Cavagnero, Gregg Cogswell, and Christopher Anderson. City Councilors Anne Ruwet and Paul Samele were absent. Fleet Manager Emil Castro, Elderly Services Director Joel Sekorski and Assistant Tax Collector Joanne Matarese were also present.

Mayor Carbone opened the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

MINUTES

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Waldron, the Council voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting held jointly with the Board of Finance on August 3, 2015. Councilor Waldron abstained.

On a motion by Councilor Anderson, seconded by Councilor Cogswell, the Council voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 3, 2015. Councilor Waldron abstained.

OPEN TO PUBLIC

On a motion by Councilor Anderson, seconded by Councilor Cogswell, the Council voted unanimously to open the meeting to the public.

Jennifer Wiley of Maplewood Ave. expressed concern over the economic decline of the city.

Ed Corey of Sharon Ave. stated his opposition to salary increases for elected officials partway through their term, saying he understands it is legal, but believes it unethical.

PRESENTATION: Low Impact Design Parking Lot

Sean Hayden, Executive Director of Northwest Conservation District said his private non-profit environmental organization's goal is to help towns in Litchfield County with their environmental management goals and efforts. Low impact development protects water quality, is cheaper to build and maintain than traditional forms of development and is better looking, he said. Mr. Hayden said the parking lot on the corner of Main Street and Route 4 shows how the city can develop right next to a river, have it be completely functional and bring some character to a blighted corner. He noted that half of Connecticut's streams are impaired by storm water runoff which degrades their water quality. Mayor Carbone added that the parking lot's attractiveness proved to have an added economic benefit to local business.

REFURBISH STREET DEPT. HOLE PATCHER #27

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Cogswell, the Council voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Vehicle Replacement Advisory Board and authorize the refurbishment of Unit #27 for an amount not to exceed \$24,260, by Tru-Hitch, Inc. of Barkhamsted, CT, which includes a \$3,000 cushion for potential unforeseen expenses. This is pending Board of Finance approval on August 18, 2015.

REFURBISH 2 DUMP TRUCKS –STREET DEPT.

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Anderson, the Council voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Vehicle Replacement Advisory Board and authorize the refurbishment of Unit #24, and one other at the Fleet Manager's discretion, for an amount not to exceed \$27,000, by Tru-Hitch, Inc. of Barkhamsted, CT, which includes a \$3,000 cushion per unit for potential unforeseen expenses. This is pending Board of Finance approval on August 18, 2015.

TABLED: ELECTED OFFICIALS SALARY INCREASE

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Waldron, the Council voted unanimously to table consideration of a salary increase for the positions of Mayor, effective 12/7/2015; City Clerk, effective 1/4/2016; and Treasurer, effective 12/7/2015. Mayor Carbone explained the State Constitution only allows elected officials' raises before their next election. She said there is still time before November 3rd to bring forward recommendations and she would like more time to research this. Mr. Quartiero explained that this has historically been brought before Council earlier at their request, and raises can be approved after two years' service without waiting for the end of a four-year term.

THS TURF COMMITTEE

On a motion by Councilor Anderson, seconded by Councilor Cogswell, the Council voted unanimously to accept the Turf Committee's recommendation and authorize the payment of \$5557.90 to Gale Assocs. for Invoice #1410279 for architectural services at the THS Track & Field Renovations 9/18/14 to 11/1/14.

ELDERLY NUTRITION MEAL PROVIDER

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Cogswell, the Council voted unanimously to accept the Elderly Services Director's recommendation to award the Elderly Nutrition Meal Provider contract extension for the period of October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016 to Lindley Food Services of New Haven, CT, Congregate meal at \$5.40 each & Home Delivered 2-Pack meal at \$6.84 each. The estimate total value based on past service levels is a Congregate Meals price of \$177,498 and Home Delivered Meals price of \$684,205. Councilor Waldron said he hates to lose a local vendor but can see there are significant savings. Mr. Sekorski explained the program itself has had funding declines for several years, causing the need to reconsider the way they do business for the next RFP.

ADD TO AGENDA

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Anderson, the Council voted unanimously to add an item to the agenda regarding Tax Collection refunds.

TAX REFUNDS

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Cogswell, the Council voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Tax Collector and authorize the refunds indicated on the list dated August 14, 2015. (Addendum 1) Mayor Carbone explained that this method is used by all other municipalities in Connecticut and she is pleased to see it presented in a clear and concise way. She explained that these funds are available because they are in the possession of the current Tax Collector, collected in July and August 2015 for the 2014 Grant List.

SMALL CITIES

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Anderson, the Council voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Small Cities Committee and approve Projects #143-368, #143-358 and #143-371. Councilor Waldron explained that one project is for a true hardship situation and the others have plenty of equity.

BUSINESS BY DEPT. HEADS

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Anderson, the Council voted unanimously to consider business presented by Department Heads. No business was presented.

BUSINESS: MAYOR & MEMBERS

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Anderson, the Council voted unanimously to consider business presented by the Mayor and members of the City Council.

Mayor Carbone updated the Council on the status of the RFPs she is working on including the IT contract audit and the the feasibility study. She said she is working on the formation of a subcommittee to determine the scope of services for a Board of Education audit. Mayor Carbone announced the upcoming "FuseFest" and "Northwest Idol" concerts.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilor Anderson, seconded by Councilor Cogswell, the Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:19 p.m.

ATTEST: JOSEPH L. QUARTIERO, CMC
CITY CLERK

Carol L. Anderson, MCTC, CMC
Asst. City Clerk

Addendum 1

REFUNDS DUE AS OF 8/14/2015

G/L YEAR	BILL NO.	REFUND PAYABLE TO	AMOUNT REFUNDED	CK. #	DATE
1	2014	03-62655	Blake, Joseph M III	\$ 52.61	
2	2014	03-63194	Boyle, Michael T.	\$ 111.76	
3	2014	03-63271	Bravo, Karla V or Penaranda, Walter A.	\$ 180.26	
4	2014	03-63370	Briatico, Lauri Ann	\$ 39.34	
5	2014	03-63371	Briatico, Lauri Ann	\$ 104.86	
6	2014	03-64541	Carr, Michael	\$ 7.32	
7	2014	03-65495	Colapietro, Steven A.	\$ 555.48	
8	2014	03-65550	Collins, Thomas	\$ 46.07	
9	2013	01-11188	Crovo, R. Thomas	\$ 1,579.15	
10	2014	02-45405	Crystal Forest/Hill, Leo	\$ 765.13	
11	2014	03-91281	Daimler Trust	\$ 466.90	
12	2014	03-67991	Dreger, Edward	\$ 15.88	
13	2014	03-67986	Dreger, Edward	\$ 9.79	
14	2014	03-67990	Dreger, Edward	\$ 13.00	
15	2014	02-46427	Gagnon, Susan/Hair Dr.	\$ 610.45	
16	2014	03-70730	Germon, Michael	\$ 106.69	
17	2014	03-70742	Gerrard, Randall G Jr. or Pamela	\$ 54.84	
18	2014	03-71564	Grosso, Carolyn O.	\$ 434.75	
19	2014	03-71590	Gryniuk, Jeffrey L.	\$ 245.05	
20	2014	03-71998	Hanson, Michael	\$ 49.64	
21	2014	03-72320	Heintz, William F	\$ 21.18	
22	2014	03-73403	Hyundai Lease Titling TR	\$ 45.75	
23	2014	03-73679	Jacobs, Daniel J.	\$ 124.90	

Addendum 1

24	2014	03-75948	LaRosa, Leonard	\$	261.69	
25	2014	03-76952	Lovely, Peter	\$	104.31	
26	2014	03-79466	Morin, Thomas	\$	111.26	
27	2014	03-80401	Nissan Infiniti LT	\$	543.51	
28	2014	03-91282	Nissan Infiniti LT	\$	418.77	
29	2014	03-81533	Paniati, Alyssa	\$	123.84	
30	2014	03-81712	Pasquariello, Stella A.	\$	350.40	
31	2014	03-82129	Perez, William	\$	91.23	
32	2014	03-82374	Peterson, Douglas L	\$	16.52	
33	2014	03-75394	Rusiecki, George J	\$	89.25	
34	2014	01-11269	Stroud, Janet	\$	1,857.22	
35	2014	03-87574	Szabo, Laurie	\$	87.57	
36	2014	03-87613	Szymanski, Susan H.	\$	727.88	
37	2014	01-3867	Town Gas LLC	\$	21,838.84	
38	2014	02-47448	Turner, Ryan (Turner Café)	\$	758.36	