

A **REGULAR MEETING** of the City Council & WPC Authority was held at the City Hall Auditorium on Monday, June 17, 2019. Present were Mayor Elinor Carbone, Corporation Counsel Atty. Victor Muschell, and City Councilors Frank Rubino, Marie Soliani, and Fred Simon. City Councilor Gregg Cogswell participated by telephone. City Councilors Anne Ruwet and Paul Cavagnero were absent.

Fire Chief Peter Towey, Elderly Services Director Joel Sekorski, and CT Director of Emergency Telecommunications Clayton Northgraves were also present.

Mayor Carbone called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

On a motion by Councilor Soliani, seconded by Councilor Rubino, the Council voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the Public Hearings held June 3, 2019. Councilor Simon abstained.

On a motion by Councilor Soliani, seconded by Councilor Rubino, the Council voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting held June 3, 2019. Councilor Simon abstained.

Open to the Public

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

Glenn Royals expressed his disappointment with the quality of road repairs in Torrington's north end and stated his opposition to the sewer extension request from the Harwinton WPCA.

Michael Banziruk expressed his concerns regarding the approval of the 2019/2020 sewer user fee on June 3, 2019.

Barbara Gall expressed her opposition against connecting the City's sewer system to surrounding towns.

Ray Bottass expressed concerns regarding the lack of public restroom facilities at a recent car show on Main Street.

CT Land Mobile Radio Network

Chief Towey and Mr. Northgraves gave a presentation regarding the Connecticut Land Mobile Radio Network which is operated by the Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Statewide Emergency Telecommunications (DESPP), and explained the opportunities for municipalities, such as Torrington, to utilize the network.

On a motion by Councilor Rubino, seconded by Councilor Simon, the Council voted unanimously to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding allowing for the City of Torrington to utilize the Connecticut Land Mobile Radio Network in the future.

Senior Center Storage Building

On a motion by Councilor Soliani, seconded by Councilor Simon, the Council voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Services for the Elderly Commission and authorize the Mayor to award the contract for the senior center storage shed project, including the stone base cupola and weather vane, to Kloter Farms of Ellington, CT for a total of \$27,291.

General Plumbing Contract Extension

On a motion by Councilor Rubino, seconded by Councilor Soliani, the Council voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Purchasing Agent and authorize the Mayor to extend the current bid contract for General Plumbing and Related Repairs (Bid #PST-014-53018) to West State Mechanical, Inc. of Torrington, CT for Fiscal Year 2019/2020.

WPCA Invoices

On a motion by Councilor Simon, seconded by Councilor Soliani, the Council voted unanimously to approve the following payments from Fund #490 - Sanitary Sewer Capital Improvement:

DATE	CONTRACTOR	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
5/24/19	P&G Pepper	\$8,500.00	Replace manhole, Battell St.
5/24/19	P&G Pepper	\$3,608.64	Sewer repair, Newfield Rd.

Release of Liens

On a motion by Councilor Rubino, seconded by Councilor Soliani, the Council voted unanimously to accept Corporation Counsel's recommendation and authorize the Mayor, pursuant to C.G.S. §12-179, to release the liens described in Atty. Muschell's memo dated June 17, 2019.

Tax Collector Refunds

On a motion by Councilor Simon, seconded by Councilor Soliani, the Council voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Tax Collector and authorize the nine tax refunds indicated on the list dated June 17, 2019.

Business by Dept. Heads

On a motion by Councilor Soliani, seconded by Councilor Rubino, the Council voted unanimously to consider business by Department Heads.

Mr. Sekorski expressed his eager anticipation of the state budget and reported that he advocated for increased funding to the Meals on Wheels program.

Comments for the Good of the Order

On a motion by Councilor Rubino, seconded by Councilor Simon, the Council voted unanimously to discuss comments for the good of the order by the Mayor and Council members. Councilor Simon requested that the blockade between City Hall Avenue and St. John Place in the rear of the Warner Theatre parking lot be completely or partially removed. Mayor Carbone rejected the idea due to safety concerns, but stated that she would arrange a discussion with Chief Baldwin and Officer Pisarski. Councilor Cogswell updated the Council on the proposed vaping ordinance. He expressed his desire to let the new state law on the sale of vaping devices go into effect and stated that he intends to revisit the possibility of further restrictions through an ordinance at a later date. Mayor Carbone also updated the Council on the Franklin Street projects and bids.

Open to Public for Agenda Items Only

On a motion by Councilor Rubino, seconded by Councilor Simon, the Council voted unanimously to open the meeting to the public to discuss agenda items only. No one from the public wished to speak.

Adjournment

On a motion by Councilor Simon, seconded by Councilor Soliani, the Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Jonathan R. Draper, Asst. City Clerk

ATTEST:



CAROL L. ANDERSON, MMC
CITY CLERK