

A **REGULAR MEETING** of the City Council & WPC Authority was held at the City Hall Auditorium on Tuesday, January 22, 2019.

Present were Mayor Elinor Carbone and City Councilors Marie Soliani, Frank Rubino, Fred Simon, Gregg Cogswell, Anne Ruwet, and Paul Cavagnero.

Also present were Corporation Counsel Atty. Victor Muschell and Director of Public Works Jerry Rollett.

Mayor Carbone called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Minutes

On a motion by Councilor Simon, seconded by Councilor Cogswell, the Council voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting held January 7, 2019.

Open to the Public

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

Ray Bottass expressed his concerns regarding Woodridge Lake Sewer District and potential litigation between the City and Harwinton. He also wished Mr. Rollett good luck in retirement.

Mayoral Appointments

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Rubino, the Council voted unanimously to reappoint Jessica Magda and Jessica Wright to the Torrington Area Health District Board of Directors for a three-year term to expire January 9, 2022.

Vintage Light Repairs

On a motion by Councilor Ruwet, seconded by Councilor Cogswell, the Council voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Public Works Director, and authorize Melnick Metal Works, Inc. of Bristol, CT to complete the repair of two vintage light fixtures in the amount of \$5,800 to be paid from the facilities contingency line item, as described in Jerry Rollett’s memo dated January 9, 2019.

The Council expressed their concerns regarding the cost of the repair. Mr. Rollett explained that the light fixtures are exceptionally old and large. He described the work that is needed to repair them, and added that the Torrington Historical Society would not allow the City to replace the lights with new fixtures.

Small Cities

On a motion by Councilor Soliani, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Council voted unanimously to approve the following payment from Fund #250 - Program Income:

DATE	CONTRACTOR	INVOICE #	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
12/14/2018	Lisa Low & Assoc., LLC	803	\$250	Admin. Costs

Release of Liens

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Simon, 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 January 22, 2019.

Tax Collector Refunds

On a motion by Councilor Rubino, seconded by Councilor Soliani, the Council voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Tax Collector and authorize the forty tax refunds indicated on the list dated January 22, 2019.

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Council acting herein as the Water Pollution Control Authority, voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Tax Collector and authorize the seven sewer usage refunds indicated on the list dated January 22, 2019.

Building

On a motion by Councilor Ruwet, seconded by Councilor Soliani, the Council voted unanimously to accept the Building Department’s report for December, 2018.

Business by Dept. Heads

On a motion by Councilor Ruwet, seconded by Councilor Rubino, the Council voted unanimously to consider business by Department Heads. No business was reported.

Comments for the Good of the Order

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Simon, the Council voted unanimously to consider comments for the good of the order by the Mayor and Council Members. The Council thanked and congratulated Mr. Rollett on his retirement. Mayor Carbone updated the Council on recent and pending property acquisitions by the Cty.

Open to the Public for Agenda Items Only

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Simon, the Council voted unanimously to open the meeting to the public to discuss agenda items only.

Ray Bottass expressed his concerns regarding pedestrian safety at a crosswalk next to Cumberland Farms.

Adjournment

On a motion by Councilor Simon, seconded by Councilor Cogswell, the Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

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

ATTEST:



CAROL L. ANDERSON, MMC
CITY CLERK