

A **REGULAR MEETING** of the City Council & WPC Authority and the Board of Education was held in the City Hall Auditorium on Tuesday, January 2, 2018. Present were Mayor Elinor Carbone, Corporation Counsel Jaime LaMere and City Councilors Paul Cavagnero, Gregg Cogswell, Anne Ruwet, Fred Simon, Marie Soliani and Frank Rubino. Parks Superintendent Brett Simmons was also present.

Mayor Carbone called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m. starting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes**

On a motion by Councilor Cavagnero, seconded by Councilor Cogswell, the Council voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting held jointly with the Board of Education on December 18, 2017.

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Simon, the Council voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting held December 18, 2017.

**Open to Public**

On a motion by Councilor Ruwet, seconded by Councilor Soliani, the Council voted unanimously to open the meeting to the public. There was no one present who wished to speak.

**Mayoral Appts.**

On a motion by Councilor Soliani, seconded by Councilor Cogswell, the Council voted unanimously to accept the Mayor's appointment of Diane Carroll to the Planning & Zoning Commission as an alternate member to fill the remainder of a term expiring December 1, 2021, following the resignation of Jon A. Sheaffer, Jr. Councilor Soliani commended this choice. Mayor Carbone agreed, saying that Ms. Carroll is highly recommended.

On a motion by Councilor Rubino, seconded by Councilor Simon, the Council voted unanimously to accept the Mayor's re-appointment of Mark Bushka to the Board of Finance for a 6-year term to expire December 15, 2023.

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Simon, the Council voted unanimously to accept the Mayor's appointment of Michael J. Fritch to the Parks & Recreation Commission for a 5-year term expiring December 1, 2022.

On a motion by Councilor Rubino, seconded by Councilor Soliani, the Council voted unanimously to accept the Mayor's re-appointment of Donna Maraia to the Board of Ethics for a 3-year term to expire September 1, 2020. Councilor Cogswell abstained.

**Armory Boilers/Water Heater Conversion**

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Rubino, the Council voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation and authorize the Mayor to accept the proposal from Tradesmen of New England in the amount of \$33,894.00 for the conversion of two oil-fired boilers and one water heater to natural gas at the Armory. Mr. Simmons explained that the boilers are not being removed, the burners are being converted, so there will be no asbestos removal. He said the conversion is planned for after the winter season, with initial piping starting first, followed by the installation of a new meter and gas line connection by Yankee Gas at their expense. Mr. Simmons added that the second phase of the project, at additional cost, will include the removal of an underground storage tank that is nearing its life expectancy.

**Ordinance Committee Business**

Councilor Cogswell said the committee had no recommendations to bring forward at this time.

**Business by Dept. Heads**

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Rubino, the Council voted unanimously to consider business by Dept. Heads. No business was presented.

**Business by Mayor & Members**

On a motion by Councilor Rubino, seconded by Councilor Cogswell, the Council voted unanimously to consider business by the Mayor and Members of Council.

Councilor Cavagnero asked to confirm that the City Council & WPC Authority consider the revision of City Ordinance Chapter 170, Sewers, at their January 16<sup>th</sup> meeting, specifically the allocation of funds for a third party analysis and valuation of the Sewer System. Mayor Carbone agreed and noted that she has additional information from the last analysis done.

Councilor Rubino recommended all read the Sewer Ordinance 170-6, which explains sewer use charges.

Mayor Carbone announced that an application and the engineer design plans have been delivered to the City from Woodridge Lake. She said, in accordance with CGS §7-246(a), the WPCA shall make a decision on the application for approval to hook up to a sewer system within 65 days of the date of receipt. Mayor Carbone said that January 2, 2018 is considered the date of receipt and March 7, 2018 is the deadline to render a decision. She said that an informational meeting is planned for January 31, 2018 to include DEEP, the Dept. of Public Health, the Torrington Water Company, and Woodridge Lake representatives. Mayor Carbone said the statutorily required Public Hearing could be scheduled for February 20, 2018.

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Mayor Carbone said a comprehensive 2002 WPC Facility Valuation will be made available to Council members before the January 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. She said all city assets should be evaluated for insurance and capital improvement purposes. She reminded Council members that the decision on Woodridge Lake's application to connect to our sewer system is separate from any valuation costs and will be subject to the acceptable terms of an Inter-Municipal Agreement dictated by, reviewed by, and approved by City Council.

Atty. LaMere explained that 65-day extensions can be requested.

Mayor Carbone pointed out that tonight's appointment of Michael Fritch is to replace Dan Lovallo, who provided 16 years of service to the City of Torrington on the Parks and Recreation Commission. She said it is worth noting that his dedication and commitment is rare and so greatly appreciated.

**Open to Public for Agenda Items Only**

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Cavagnero, the Council voted unanimously to open the meeting to the public to discuss agenda items only. There was no one present who wished to speak.

**Adjournment**

On a motion by Councilor Ruwet, seconded by Councilor Simon, the Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:10 p.m.

ATTEST:



CAROL L. ANDERSON, MMC  
CITY CLERK