

A **REGULAR MEETING** of the City Council & WPC Authority was held in the City Hall Auditorium on Monday, November 20, 2017. Present were Mayor Elinor Carbone, Corporation Counsel Jaime LaMere, City Councilors Anne Ruwet, Gregg Cogswell, Daniel Farley and Paul Cavagnero. City Councilors Luisa Noujaim and Drake Waldron were absent. Water Pollution Control Administrator Ray Drew was also present.

Mayor Carbone called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. starting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Farley, the Council voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting held October 16, 2017.

On a motion by Councilor Ruwet, seconded by Councilor Farley, the Council voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting held jointly with the Board of Finance October 25, 2017. Councilor Cavagnero abstained.

On a motion by Councilor Cavagnero, seconded by Councilor Cogswell, the Council voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the Special & Telephonic Meeting held November 9, 2017. Councilor Ruwet abstained.

Open to Public

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

Mayoral Appts.

Board of Ethics

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Cavagnero, the Council voted unanimously to accept the Mayor's re-appointments of Sam Slaiby, Michael Sartori, Candace Barth and Jane Vannini to the Board of Ethics for three-year terms to expire September 1, 2020.

Ordinance Committee

On a motion by Councilor Cavagnero, seconded by Councilor Farley, the Council voted unanimously to consider business from the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Cogswell reported that the committee met, but has no business to bring forward for discussion by the full Council at this time.

E. Sewer Basin Rehab. Project

Acting as the Water Pollution Control Authority, on a motion by Councilor Farley, seconded by Councilor Cogswell, the Council voted unanimously to accept the WPCA Administrator recommendation to accept Blake Equipment Proposal #23280 as a Sole Source Procurement for the replacement of Pump and Control Panel at Evergreen Pump Station.

Release Liens

On a motion by Councilor Ruwet, seconded by Councilor Cavagnero, the Council voted unanimously to accept Corporation Counsel's recommendation and authorize the Mayor, pursuant to CGS §12-179, to release the liens described in Atty. LaMere's Memo dated November 13, 2017.

Tax Collector Tax Refunds

On a motion by Councilor Ruwet, seconded by Councilor Farley, the Council voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Tax Collector and authorize the 13 tax refunds indicated on the list dated November 13, 2017, 6 tax refunds indicated on the list dated November 16, 2017 and the single tax refund on the list dated November 20, 2017.

Tax Collector Sewer Usage Fee Refunds

Herein acting as the Water Pollution Control Authority, on a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Farley, the Council voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Tax Collector and authorize the sewer usage fee refunds indicated on the list dated November 13, 2017.

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Small Cities Invoices

On a motion by Councilor Farley, seconded by Councilor Cavagnero, the Council voted unanimously to approve the following payments from Small Cities Fund #272:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Invoice #</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>
Harwinton Paving	15-SC-59	9/27/2017	\$2250.00	#143-443
L. Wagner & Assocs.	15-SC-60	9/30/2017	\$7987.50	Prof. Svc. 4/1/16—9/30/17 2015 SC Housing Rehab

Building Dept. Report

On a motion by Councilor Ruwet, seconded by Councilor Cogswell, the Council voted unanimously to accept the Building Dept. Report for September and October 2017.

Business by Dept. Heads

On a motion by Councilor Cavagnero, seconded by Councilor Cogswell, the Council voted unanimously to open the floor to business by Department Heads.

Mr. Drew reported on the status of the Water Pollution Control Facility Upgrade.

Business: Mayor & Members

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Farley, the Council voted unanimously to open the floor to business by the Mayor and City Council members.

Councilor Cavagnero asked for more information on Woodridge Lake's anticipated application. Mayor Carbone said no application has been received, and reminded the Council that they will control the approval process.

Councilor Cogswell recognized former Deputy Fire Chief Pepler's accomplishments.

Councilor Ruwet advocated for shared services between the Board of Education and the City.

Councilor Farley said it has been an honor and privilege to work with everyone on the Council and he looks forward to working with the Finance Department.

Mayor Carbone asked for volunteers to serve on the Board of Ethics and announced the upcoming Light Up Main Street event. She noted that due to the Governor's Executive Order, the City is continuing with both a hiring freeze and a spending freeze to alleviate items such as the coverage of up to \$250,000 in Renter's Rebates, the withholding of grant funds up to \$150,000 and the possible loss of motor vehicle tax revenue reimbursement. Mayor Carbone reminded all to shop locally for the holidays, to attend the Municipal Inauguration and to attend the North End Community Assn. Tree Lighting. In closing, Mayor Carbone paid tribute to former Deputy Chief Pepler's passion and commitment to both Fire Service and the City of Torrington.

Mayor Carbone recognized **Councilor Farley's** service to the City on the City Council and Board of Finance, **Councilor Waldron's** institutional knowledge and commitment to his hometown, and **Councilor Noujaim's** special perspective that was respected and appreciated by all.

Open to Public: Agenda Items Only

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, 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 Farley, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:03 p.m.

ATTEST: JOSEPH L. QUARTIERO, CMC
CITY CLERK