

A **REGULAR MEETING** of the City Council & WPC Authority was held in the City Hall Auditorium on Monday, October 16, 2017. Present were Mayor Elinor Carbone, City Councilors Anne Ruwet, Gregg Cogswell, Daniel Farley and Drake Waldron. City Councilors Luisa Noujaim and Paul Cavagnero were absent. Comptroller Alice Proulx 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 Waldron, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Council voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting held October 2, 2017.

#### **Open to Public**

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

#### **Mayoral Appts.**

##### Mayor's Committee on Youth

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Farley, the Council voted unanimously to accept the Mayor's appointment of Brooke Fairbanks as Torrington Area Youth Service Bureau liaison to the Mayor's Committee on Youth.

#### **Budget Amendments/Transfers**

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Cogswell, the Council voted unanimously to approve the Comptroller's request to complete the budget amendments/transfers listed on the Transfer Request dated September 13, 2017.

#### **E. Sewer Basin Rehab. Project**

Acting as the Water Pollution Control Authority, on a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Council voted unanimously to approve the following payments from Fund #490 Sanitary Sewer Capital Improvement for Capital Project D-2Ab East Sewer Basin Rehabilitation Project.

DATE	CONTRACTOR	INVOICE#	AMOUNT\$	DESCRIPTION
9/29/17	Insituform Technologies	Pay Req #4	\$269,095.05	East Basin Sewer Rehab.
9/27/17	Weston & Sampson	473346	\$16,960.00	East Basin Sewer Rehab.

#### **Tax Collector Tax Refunds**

On an amended motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded as amended by Councilor Cogswell, the Council voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Tax Collector and authorize \$175.33 in tax refunds indicated on the list dated October 16, 2017.

#### **Tax Collector Sewer Usage Fee Refunds**

Herein acting as the Water Pollution Control Authority, 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 sewer usage fee refunds indicated on the list dated October 16, 2017.

#### **Business by Dept. Heads**

On a motion by Councilor Ruwet, seconded by Councilor Cogswell, the Council voted unanimously to open the floor to business by Department Heads. No business was presented.

#### **Business: Mayor & Members**

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

Councilor Ruwet urged continued advocacy for a State budget and commended the City Planner's Art initiative.

Councilor Farley announced an Open House at the Elks'.

Councilor Waldron noted that this is the last meeting before Election Day and wished everyone luck. He asked for an update on motor vehicle taxes. Councilor Ruwet thanked him for his many years of service to the City.

Mayor Carbone expressed her gratitude for the donations that made the Trunk or Treat event possible. She announced business openings and upcoming events. She said the lack of a State budget and Motor Vehicle Mill Rate and the decreases in municipal funding are causing the City irreparable harm, with our bond rating at risk of a negative impact. Mayor Carbone described her meeting with Secretary Barnes, where she demonstrated what a \$20,000,000 revenue cut would look like to this distressed municipality and possible alliance district. She said this instability and insecurity is a disservice to our taxpayers.

**Open to Public: Agenda Items Only**

On a motion by Councilor Cogswell, seconded by Councilor Farley, 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 Waldron, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:55 p.m.

ATTEST: JOSEPH L. QUARTIERO, CMC  
CITY CLERK

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