

**MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL & WPCA  
REGULAR MEETING  
CITY HALL AUDITORIUM  
ONLINE (ZOOM)  
January 19, 2021**

A **REGULAR MEETING** of the City Council and Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) was held in the City Hall auditorium on Monday, January 19, 2021. In response to the Governor’s Executive Orders regarding COVID-19, members of the public were able to attend the meeting remotely using the ZOOM online meeting platform. Board members and City staff also had the option to join the meeting remotely. The meeting was attended in-person by Mayor Elinor Carbone, Corporation Counsel Victor Muschell and City Treasurer Daniel Farley. Fire Chief Peter Towey, Acting WPCA Administrator Ed Tousey and City Councilors Frank Rubino, Sharon Waagner, David Oliver, Drake Waldron and Anne Ruwet joined by ZOOM. Councilor Paul Cavagnero was absent.

Mayor Carbone called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

**Minutes**

On a motion by Councilor Waagner, seconded by Councilor Rubino, the Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held December 21, 2020.

On a motion by Councilor Waagner, seconded by Councilor Rubino, the Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the special meeting held January 13, 2020.

**Appointments**

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Waagner, the Council voted unanimously to accept the Mayor’s appointment of Joe Pathe as a regular member of the Veteran’s Advisory Committee for a four-year term expiring on October 1, 2024.

On a motion by Councilor Ruwet, seconded by Councilor Waagner, the Council voted unanimously to repeal the reappointments of Sam Slaiby, Donna Maraia, Jane Vannini and Michael Sartori that were approved on October 19, 2020, having reached the maximum term limit allowed under §22-16 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Torrington, and approve the Mayor’s appointments of Tylar Young, Marie Soliani, and Lynn Farley as regular members of the Board of Ethics for three-year terms expiring on September 1, 2023.

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Waagner, the Council voted unanimously to approve the Mayor’s reappointments of Angaza Mwando, Delois Lindsey, Kathryn Meetz and Antoinette Denise Singleton as regular members of the Cultural Affairs Committee for four-year terms expiring on January 1, 2025.

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Council voted unanimously to approve the Mayor’s appointments of Aaron Elliot, Jessica Knudsen and Judy Kobylarz-Dillard as regular members of the Cultural Affairs Committee to fill the remainder of four-year terms expiring on January 1, 2023.

On a motion by Councilor Waagner, seconded by Councilor Oliver, the Council voted unanimously to reappoint George Noujaim as a regular member of the Board of Assessment Appeals for a three-year term expiring on December 6, 2023.

**Business by the Small Cities Subcommittee**

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Rubino, the Council voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Small Cities subcommittee and approve the following change orders, as amended to include the correct address for Project # T018-106 and the addition of a change order in the amount of \$1,300 for Project # T018-032-Roof:

<b><u>Project #</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
T018-020	287 Torcon Drive	\$2,220 (ex post facto)
T018-024	185 Revere Street	\$4,829 (ex post facto)
T018-025 Tree	244 Spring Street	\$200 (ex post facto)
T018-026	476 Litchfield Street	\$4,435 (ex post facto)
T018-031	67 Oak Avenue	\$850 (ex post facto)
T018-038	33 Norfolk Road	\$2,400
T018-106	38 <del>Bank</del> Brook Street	\$200 (ex post facto)
T018-032-Roof	181 Fairlawn Drive	\$1,300 (ex post facto)

**WPCA Invoices**

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Oliver, the Council, herein acting as the Water Pollution Control Authority, voted unanimously to approve the following payments from Fund #490 Sanitary Sewer Capital Improvement:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Invoice</b>	<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Description</b>
1/4/2021	#2190419	Weston & Sampson	\$7,950.00	Project #2190419
1/14/2021	#1210517	Weston & Sampson	\$3,975.00	Project #2190419
1/14/2021	#0000211274	Wright-Pierce	\$876.70	Project #20373

**Drakeville VFD Tanker Tire Replacements**

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Waagner, the Council voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Board of Public Safety and approve the reallocation of funds in the amount of \$4,174.26 from Contingency for the replacement of eight tires on the City's tanker fire apparatus that is maintained and operated by the Drakeville Volunteer Fire Department, in accordance with National Fire Protection Association safety standards for emergency response vehicles. Chief Towey provided background information about the apparatus and the safety standards which require the tires to be replaced.

**TTC Credit & Service Agreement Modification**

On a motion by Councilor Ruwet, seconded by Councilor Waldron, the Council voted unanimously to adopt Resolution #143-208, authorizing a modification of Paragraph 3 of the Tax Collector Service Agreement to allow the Tax Collector to fulfill its obligation of final settlement of the second installment of the total taxes and sewer use fees due on the rate books for the 10/1/2019 Grand List on or before the first Monday in July, 2021 instead of the first Monday in May, 2021 and further authorizing a credit to TTC in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 as compensation for its loss of interest attributable to the Deferment Program required by the Governor's Executive Order 9R which amount shall be used to reduce the balance due by TTC to the City when it pays over the second installment of the total taxes and sewer fees on the October 1, 2019 Grand List.

**Building Department's Reports**

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Waagner, the Council voted unanimously to accept the Building Department's reports for October, November and December, 2020.

**Release of Liens**

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, 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 19, 2021.

**Tax Collector Refunds**

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Council voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Tax Collector and authorize the tax refunds indicated on the list dated January 19, 2021.

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Council, herein acting as the WPCA, voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Tax Collector and authorize the sewer usage refunds indicated on the list dated January 19, 2021.

**Business by Dept. Heads**

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Council voted unanimously to consider business by Department Heads. Chief Towey thanked the Council for their support in approving the reallocation of funds for the fire tanker tire replacements.

**Business by Mayor & Members**

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Council voted unanimously to consider business by the Mayor and members of the City Council. Councilor Waagner expressed her appreciation that Blue Haus Group met with Steve Temkin and Rachel Kelly and walked around the Torrington Downtown Partners' properties. She also urged the Mayor and Economic Development Director to include the Northwest Arts Council, Mr. Temkin and the RiseUP group in future discussions of a public arts policy and expressed her gratitude that the school district was working with Effie Mwando to develop black history curriculum.

**Adjournment**

On a motion by Councilor Waldron, seconded by Councilor Ruwet, the Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

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

ATTEST:



CAROL L. ANDERSON, MMC  
CITY CLERK