

**REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 5, 2015**

The Wethersfield Town Council held a meeting on Monday, January 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield.

Present: Councilors Hemmann, Hurley, Kotkin, Martino, Manousos, Rell, Deputy Mayor Barry, and Chairperson Montinieri. Absent: Councilor Roberts

Also present: Kathy Bagley, Director Parks and Recreation and Social and Youth Services, Sally Katz, Director Physical Services, Jeff Bridges, Town Manager, and Dolores Sassano, Town Clerk.

Deputy Mayor Barry led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Mayor Montinieri asked if there was anyone who wished to speak on the **public hearing item: Ordinance Revising the Code of the Town of Wethersfield, Chapter 10, Article IX, Youth Advisory Board and the members thereto.**

With no one wishing to speak on the item Mayor Montinieri declared the item closed.

GENERAL COMMENTS

None.

COUNCIL REPORTS

None.

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None.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Bridges reported that at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow the new radio system will go live; that is the cutoff time to go from the Motorola System to the Harris Radio System. He stated that all the public safety agencies are aware of it and all departments using the system are aware of it. We will still have work to do. Tweaks, some finishing of the dispatch center still need to be worked on but the system will be up and running. Live for all of our users as of tomorrow.

Mr. Bridges reported that at the last meeting there was a question on the gigabit project. A group of 49 towns put together a request for qualifications of a vendor to give them a proposal on what

it would take for them to bring in one gigabit service to the area. It's a request for qualifications so there is nothing being purchased or agreed to, it's just to see who has interest and the build out from there. Actually, if it were to take place, it would be somewhere in the five and ten-year range. We would participate as a user. We just didn't include Wethersfield in the request for qualifications of a vendor.

Mr. Bridges reported that DEEP [Department of Energy and Environmental Protection] has proposed some storm water regulations that at least 169 towns think are onerous. There was a hearing with DEEP in December; they have agreed certain requirements of those new regulations may need to be amended. They are just not fiscally realistic for most towns. There will be some new regulations that come out for storm water and it will go through the spring with a series of meetings with DEEP, CCM, COST and other interested parties.

TOWN CLERK COMMUNICATIONS

None.

COUNCIL ACTION

Councilor Hemmann moved **"TO APPOINT MICHELLE LAVOIE, 10 ADAMS LANE TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS AND RELATIONS COMMISSION EFFECTIVE 1-5-2015 TO 6-30-2016 AND TO THE SHADE TREE COMMITTEE, GAVIN LAMB, 21 EDGEWOOD STREET EFFECTIVE 1-5-2015 TO 6-30-2016"**, seconded by Councilor Hurley.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 8-0-0.

Deputy Mayor Barry moved **"TO ACCEPT THE APPOINTMENT OF DANIEL CAMILLIERE, 148 OX YOKE DRIVE AS MDC REPRESENTATIVE EFFECTIVE 1-5-2015 TO 12-31-2020"**, seconded by Councilor Martino.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 8-0-0.

Councilor Martino moved **"TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE IX, SECTION 10-26 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD"**, seconded by Councilor Kotkin.

Mr. Bridges explained the basic premise is the current membership is 18 which can be unwieldy and difficult to get attendance for quorums and representatives. The Board is requesting 13 members. Mr. Bridges invited Kathy Bagley to the podium for any questions.

Councilor Kotkin stated it doesn't look like there's anybody who will need to leave the committee as a result of this action tonight. The five spots are all vacant. Ms. Bagley responded yes, that is correct.

Councilor Hurley commented that when he was on the Board we didn't meet a lot because of a lack of a quorum; and this will help a lot.

Mayor Montinieri commented they needed to make this change and that is was in discussion for a while.

Councilor Hemmann asked if management would continue looking at other committees and commissions to see about their structure, the number of people and their ability to meet quorums. Mayor Montinieri responded that it is a great question and it should inspire a little review with Jeff and staff at some point. Mr. Bridges stated that they've worked on it for the past four years. There is a draft realignment that can be revisited.

Councilor Rell asked if Rachel Sunny is the Staff Liaison for the Board of Education. Ms. Bagley responded that she is Social and Youth Services. Councilor Rell asked if we had anybody from the Board of Education who would be on this committee at all. Ms. Bagley questioned if he wanted to know if he was referring to a Board of Education member or somebody from the school district. Councilor Rell responded from the school district. Ms. Bagley responded that we have Emily Daigle from the school district. Councilor Rell responded that answers the question.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 8-0-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

BIDS

Councilor Martino moved **“TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM PAINES FOR REFUSE AND RECYLING COLLECTION FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2015 TO JUNE 30, 2020 AND AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER TO SIGN THE CONTRACT UPON FINAL REVIEW BY THE TOWN ATTORNEY”**, seconded by Councilor Kotkin.

Mr. Bridges explained our current contract for refuse and recycling collection expires at the end of June 2015. To that end, Staff prepared an RFP and contract to solicit new bids for that service. We received three bids CWPM, LLC, Paine's Inc. and All Waste, Inc. and based upon the bid response, Paine's appears to be the lowest responsible bidder in that effort. We would recommend accepting the five-year contract from Paine's upon final review of the town attorney.

As an aside there was a provision in the contract or in the RFP that natural gas vehicles would be an option. Mr. Paine is willing to provide natural gas vehicles as a phase-in with some allocation if one break's down he can backfill with a diesel. So, we'll negotiate those final terms in the contract.

Councilor Kotkin asked if the amount that we would pay each year is it flat or does it escalate. Mr. Bridges responded that there is a CPI inflationary figure in the RFP. So it's a fixed increase per vendor based upon their base price. Councilor Kotkin commented so that base price is the first year meaning starting July 1st of 2015 and then it would go up a little bit based on CPI. Mr. Bridges responded and there's a fuel adjustment too to which Councilor Kotkin commented would go both ways. Mr. Bridges responded it could. Mayor Montinieri commented one would hope.

Councilor Manousos asked in Section III and IV where it refers to the 95-gallon barrels, does that reflect actual replacement of those barrels if we went with the other vendors? Mayor Montinieri responded that he thinks it requires providing them because they would be a new vendor. The current ones that are in place is by Paine's so I believe that this bid is structured such if one of the other non-incumbents were to come in they would have to charge the cost to the town for them or the town could elect to buy them obviously but under the proposal that Paine's provided, the barrels that exist today, will continue to exist if we stay with the incumbent. That definitely was an add-on, and was a factor obviously separate from the number but it would require us either purchasing or pay that additional charge to the contract. Councilor Manousos so that's an addition to the cost. Even when you back that out, they are still the lowest bidder so I would support this.

Mayor Montinieri commented that he was involved with Mike Paine for several years not only when he was in business but also the previous time when the recycling process started. Mike stepped up and I just wanted to point out not only for the work he did on this bid which is obviously impressive for the budget but he stepped up and provided this equipment and all the bins as part of his extension at the time. He has always had a great reputation for us in town on the work that he has done and is also considered in the industry as one of the good guys. I wanted to just thank Mike for the work that he did on this contract.

Councilor Manousos asked the bid cost the current year. Mr. Bridges stated there are some variables depending upon pull rates out of the transfer station and some other stuff but it is significantly lower than what we are paying now.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 8-0-0.

Councilor Martino moved **"TO APPROVE THE UNLEADED FUEL BID TO DIME OIL COMPANY"**, seconded by Councilor Kotkin.

Mr. Bridges explained that CRCOG bids unleaded fuel each December and we lock into the next year. We did get an excellent bid that's significantly lower than what we are paying now so we

recommend taking the bid from Dime based upon CRCOG.

Councilor Kotkin asked if this was unleaded. Ms. Katz responded yes. Councilor Kotkin asked if there is a separate bid for diesel. Ms. Katz responded yes and that comes in about six months from now. The unleaded fuel comes about on the calendar year versus the fiscal year. Councilor Kotkin asked if we use more diesel or unleaded during the year. Ms. Katz responded because of the police cars using the unleaded gas and the trucks obviously using the diesel a lot of times it runs pretty parallel to one another but there are times when it can fluctuate one more than the other. Last year we used a lot of diesel due to a very highly snowy winter season. Councilor Kotkin commented that this bid is great but there is probably more good news coming assuming oil prices stay where they are when we do the diesel bidding. Ms. Katz responded absolutely. Oil was down again today, dipped below \$50.00 per barrel which is great news for the consumer and so we are hoping to capitalize on that when the time comes. Councilor Kotkin commented that he knows we don't have a lot but we do have some facilities that do heat with oil in town that we are heating. Ms. Katz responded that we do have a few that heat on the number 2, home heating oil and we are constantly working with CRCOG and looking at the number and trying to really be able to maximize our savings whenever possible. Councilor Kotkin asked when does that come up. Ms. Katz responded May mid-June is when we really start looking at those. Councilor Kotkin thanked Ms. Katz.

Councilor Manousos commented we do this annually so that term is the nature of it. Ms. Katz responded it's the nature of the calendar and our budget year. The unleaded goes on the calendar year so it does come up every six months. Councilor Manousos verified that no one offers extended pricing over an extended time other than the year - year-and-a half. Mr. Bridges stated to go into the next budget year, we have the pricing for the first six months and then based upon some estimate, estimate the second half.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 8-0-0.

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, APPOINTMENTS FOR INTRODUCTION

None.

MINUTES

Councilor Kotkin moved **“TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 15, 2014 WITH CHANGES”**, seconded by Martino.

On page 6, change the spelling of Bazzinet to Bazinet.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 8-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:20 p.m., Councilor Kotkin moved "**TO ADJOURN THE MEETING**" seconded by Councilor Martino. All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 8-0-0.

Dolores G. Sassano
Town Clerk

Approved by Vote of Council
January 20, 2015