



Town Council Regular Session

May 1, 2024 at 7:00 PM
Town Council Chambers

MINUTES

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice-chair Ward convened the meeting at 7:00 PM and Councilor White led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

Present: Council Chair Katanna Conley (via zoom), Council Vice-chair Brian Ward, Councilor Joe LaMattina, Councilor Justin Glazebrook, Councilor Sonke Dornblut, Councilor Scott Blackstone, Councilor Colin White.

Staff Present: Town Manager Stephen Fournier, Police Chief Greg Jordan and Recording Secretary Wendy Chase.

3. Public Forum

Vice-chair Ward opened the public forum at 7:01 PM.

Vice-chair Ward closed the public forum at 7:01 PM without public comment.

4. Town Council to Consider Acceptance of Minutes

a. April 17, 2024

Motion: Councilor LaMattina made a motion to approve the April 17, 2024, meeting minutes.

Second: Councilor White

Vote: Passed 6-0-1 (Chair Conley abstained because she was not present at the April 17, 2024, meeting).

5. Report of the Town Manager

Town Manager Fournier explained that the town received the new equalization ratio, and it went up 7.4% from last year.

The Town is going through a revaluation this year and at this time the Town Manager will be reviewing all the tax exemptions and credit income and asset limits and decide whether they need to be adjusted. He explained that this process happens every five years to coincide with the town-wide revaluation.

6. Committee Reports

Councilor Dornblut had a meeting with town staff to go over ideas on how to launch into the transportation committee's charge. It will be in conjunction with the Master Plan.

Vice-chair Ward reported on the April 19th Budget Committee Meeting:

Chris Wolfe was appointed as Chair of the Budget Committee and Brian Rowley was appointed as Vice-chair. The Committee would like to set up tours to the different town department buildings.

Chair Conley reported on the Licensing Board Meeting:

The Licensing Board met prior to this meeting and approved 3 event applications. A block party, a marathon and the Memorial Day parade.

7. Old Business

8. Resolutions/Ordinances in the 2nd Reading

a. Resolution 2023/2024-36 Purchase of Police Cruiser

Motion: **Councilor Glazebrook** made a motion to approve Resolution #2023/2024-36 - Purchase of a Police Cruiser.

Second: **Councilor Dornblut**

Discussion: Chief Jordan explained that they have had a hybrid vehicle on order for two years and the dealership cannot estimate how long it will be before a hybrid vehicle will become available to the department. He said the chances of getting a hybrid now are slim.

Councilor Glazebrook asked if we would lose our position in line if one becomes available after we purchase this cruiser. Both Town Manager Fournier and Chief Jordan agreed that they would find a way to purchase the hybrid if it became available, either tapping into the 2025 budget or using capital reserve funds.

Vote: **Unanimously Approved (7-0-0)**

9. Resolutions/Ordinances in the 1st Reading

a. Resolution #2023/2024 - 37 SRF Loan App, Authorization
Vice-chair Ward read Resolution #2023/2024-37 into the record.

10. New Business/Correspondence

a. Correspondence to the Town Council
There was no correspondence to the Council.

b. Closing Comments by Town Councilors
Councilor Blackstone commented that there will be a "comedy night" to support the Police and Fire Departments on Saturday night at the MillSpace.

Chair Conley thanked Vice-chair Ward for chairing the last council meeting and this council meeting.

c. Next Meeting

i. May 15, 2024

11. Adjournment

Vice-chair Ward adjourned the meeting at 7:18PM without objection.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy V. Chase
Recording Secretary