

# MINUTES FOR A SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING OF THE WINDHAM TOWN COUNCIL



**Windham Town Hall Meeting Room**

**Wednesday, March 12, 2014 - 7:00 P.M.**

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**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Eldridge called the Town of Windham Special Budget Meeting of the Windham Town Council to order at 7:00 P.M.

Town Council members present: Mayor Ernest S. Eldridge, Charles Krich, Tony Fantoli, Tom DeVivo, Lorraine McDevitt, James Flores and Christel Donahue.

N. Joseph Underwood, Mark Doyle, Michael Lessard and Charlotte Patros were excused.

Town Manager Neal Beets was also in attendance.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Eldridge led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Citizens and Delegations: Public Comment**

By a consensus of the Council no sign in sheet was required.

Bernie D'Auteuil, 168 Walnut Street, Willimantic, asked the Council to be professional and respectful of each other.

Joe Marsalisi, Willimantic, believes there is an error on page 119 regarding the breakdown of salaries. He also noted the Administrator position is included in the dispatch center budget and the notes section on page 119 states it is not included.

Lloyd Niles, North Windham, advised the Council that they will be interviewing for the Administrator position for the dispatch center tomorrow night and they hope to have someone on board by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**4. Council Comment**

Tom DeVivo stated the Willimantic Service District approved their budgets at last night's meeting. He also spoke about the need for Charter Revision.

James Flores stated we must address the issue before it escalates and he does not regret his comments regarding the need for Windham to pay for our police.

Lorraine McDevitt stated she agrees with Flores however she believes Charter Revision is where the change must happen for it will be done correctly.

Tony Fantoli shared his thoughts regarding billing the Windham's for police and noted some Councilmen are out of line on this issue.

**5. Adoption of Minutes**

- a. **Discuss and possibly move to approve the minutes for the March 4, 2014, regular meeting of the Town Council focusing on the budget.**

McDevitt MOVED, DeVivo seconded, to approve the minutes for the March 4, 2014, regular meeting of the Town Council focusing on the budget. All were in favor except Fantoli who abstained. MOTION PASSED.

**6. Discuss and possibly take action on the Operating and Capital budgets for the Town General Government for FY 14-15.**

Town Manager Beets briefly recapped the March 4, 2014 Town Council budget meeting.

Krich MOVED, DeVivo seconded, to reduce line item 50106-266 by \$5,000 from \$12,000 to \$7,000. All were in favor. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

DeVivo MOVED, Flores seconded, to follow the Town Manager's recommendation and increase the CIP Municipal & Community Wide Needs under LOCIP by \$20,000 to renovate the animal control shelter. All were in favor. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

DeVivo MOVED, Krich seconded, to increase line item 50609-326 by \$1,400 from \$1,100 to \$2,500. All were in favor. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

DeVivo MOVED, McDevitt seconded, to approve Outside Agencies in account 50403 in the amount of \$182,911. All were in favor except Krich who opposed. MOTION PASSED.

DeVivo MOVED, McDevitt seconded, to re-appropriate the Fund Balance by \$500,000. All were in favor. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

DeVivo MOVED, Krich seconded, to increase line item 50609-207 by \$15,000 from \$170,943 to \$185,943. All were in favor. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

DeVivo MOVED, McDevitt seconded, to increase line item 50102-221 by \$1,000 from \$300 to \$1,300. All were in favor. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Krich MOVED, McDevitt seconded, to reduce line item 50112-203 by \$20,000 from \$40,000 to \$20,000. All were in favor. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Krich MOVED, McDevitt seconded, to increase line item 50112-290 by \$2,000 from \$9,000 to \$11,000. All were in favor. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Krich MOVED, McDevitt seconded, to increase line item 50604-280 by \$82,690 from \$2,000 to \$84,690 and to reduce account 50604 Total Personnel Expenditures by \$82,690. All were in favor. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

DeVivo MOVED, McDevitt seconded, to approve the budget in the amount of \$15,875,477 and to send it to the Board of Finance. All were in favor. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**7. Future Agenda Items:**

None

**8. Citizens and Delegations: Public Comment**

Bernie D'Auteuil, 168 Walnut Street, Willimantic, referred to a footnote in the budget regarding the dispatch budget.

Lloyd Niles, stated, on behalf of the Switchboard he is happy the Council put the money back in and he assured them things are going to start to turn around.

**9. Adjournment**

DeVivo MOVED, McDevitt seconded, to adjourn the Windham Town Council Special Budget Meeting at 8:35 P.M. All were in favor. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Submitted By:**

Barbara J. McKinney

Clerk of the Town Council