

**Town of Montville Town Council  
Special Meeting Minutes for Monday, March 21, 2011  
6:00 p.m. – Town Council Chambers – Town Hall**

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Jacobson called the special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence in honor and support of our troops.

3. Roll Call

Present were Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Hillman, McFee, Murphy and Jacobson. Also present was Mayor Jaskiewicz, Finance Director, Terry Hart, Labor Attorney Eileen Duggan and Attorney Michael Carey.

4. Correspondence

a. A correspondence from Mr. Leonard Bunnell indicating he does not wish to seek re-appointment to the Economic Development Commission.

b. A correspondence from Ms. Italia Patterson indicating she does not wish to seek re-appointment to the Housing Authority.

5. Remarks from the public relating to matters on the agenda with a three minute limit.

Mr. Gary Pike, 38 Bergman Drive, spoke in favor of moving forward with fighting the sex offender facility from moving into the town. He understands there are costs attached to fighting the sex offender facility but believes the town should be fair and consider both sides, it will cost money up front but will save the town money in lost revenues from taxes when the value of the six percent of homes in the area of the facility depreciate ten percent from being in close proximity to the sex offender facility. He has invested over two hundred hours of his time fighting this cause and does not want the town to give up the fight. He encouraged the press to print both sides of the story, not just how much it is costing the town to fight to keep it out, but what impact it will have on the community if it is allowed to come to Montville.

Councilor Jacobson inquired three times if there was anyone who would like to come forward to address the Council.

6. Executive Session

- a. To consider and act on a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of interviewing the following person for Boards and Commission; Mr. Jim Toner for appointment to the Economic Development Commission. Discussions to include members of the Town Council and Mayor Jaskiewicz.

Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Beetham, discussion, none, voice vote, 7-0, all in favor; motion carried and invited parties left Chambers for executive session at 6:06 p.m. returning at 6:32 p.m. Chairperson Jacobson resumed the meeting and stated no formal votes were taken during executive session.

- b. To consider and act on a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussions regarding litigation with the State of Connecticut. Discussions to include members of the Town Council, Mayor Jaskiewicz and Attorney Michael Carey.

Motion made by Councilor Beetham, seconded by Councilor Hillman. Discussion, Councilor Murphy stated he will not be including himself in the executive session because of a possible conflict due to his employment with the Department of Corrections. He stated he will fill out a conflict of interest form. (Attached as Schedule A) Voice vote, 6-0-1 (Councilor Murphy abstained); motion carried and invited members left Chambers for executive session at 6:34 p.m., returning at 7:21 p.m. Chairperson Jacobson resumed the meeting and stated no formal votes were taken during the executive session.

- c. To consider and act on a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing records, reports and statements of strategy or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining; this action is taken without prejudice and the Council's right to discuss in private, strategy and/or negotiations pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §1-200(2). Discussions to include members of the Town Council, Labor Attorney Eileen Duggan and Mayor Jaskiewicz.

Motion made by Councilor Beetham, seconded by Councilor Hillman, voice vote, 7-0, all in favor, motion carried and invited parties left Chambers for executive session at 7:22 p.m., returning at 7:47 p.m. Chairperson Jacobs resumed the meeting and stated no formal votes were taken during executive session.

## 7. New Business

- a. To consider an act on a motion to discuss appointing a Town Auditor for the following fiscal years; 2012, 2013 and 2014.

Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Beetham. Discussion, Councilor Hillman inquired if there would be presentations made by the top two low bidders. Finance Director Terry Hart indicated she was asked to go out for RFP and get bids, the Finance Committee did review the bids and the Council received the bids in their mailboxes when they came in. The Finance Committee recommended the low bidder, CCR, we have been working with McGladry and Pullen for the past four years and she indicated she has had a great working relationship with them over the years. Scott Bassett lives in town and has been very accessible and helpful throughout. She stated she has also worked well with CCR and would be comfortable working with them as well. There is a difference of approximately three thousand five hundred dollars per year. Councilor Murphy stated McGladry and Pullen is an outstanding firm and he recognizes the Finance Committee recommends taking on the low bidder, but he would like to continue working with McGladry and Pullen. Mayor Jaskiewicz stated Scott Bassett is a member of the town, he is involved in soccer programs, he does a lot for the town and he is within the ballpark of the low bid and he would like the Council to consider staying with the firm of McGladry and Pullen. Councilor Hillman stated she likes working with Scott but the town did go out to bid and there was a low bidder and unless there is just cause as to why not to go with the low bidder the Council really should. Councilor Beetham spoke in favor of the low bidder, CCR, they were the low bidders and he recommends awarding the contract to the low bidder.

- b. **RESOLUTION #2011-030. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** that CCR, Certified Public Accountants and Business Advisors from Glastonbury, CT [an independent public accountant/ a firm of independent public accountants,] is designated to audit and to certify to the financial records of the Town for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, in accordance with Section 402 of the Town Charter, and that the Town enter into a contract with CCR, Certified Public Accountants and Business Advisors from Glastonbury, CT to perform such services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, which contract may be extended for fiscal years ending June 30, 2012, June 30, 2013 and June 30, 2014 at the option of the Town. Motion made by Councilor Beetham, seconded by Councilor Caron, roll call vote, 7-

0, voting in favor of adopting the resolution were Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Hillman, McFee, Murphy, and Jacobson. Resolution adopted.

c. RESOLUTION #2011-031. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES to approve and authorize the funds necessary to implement the written Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town of Montville and the Montville Fire Fighters Association, Local 3386, IAFF, for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2012. Motion made by Councilor Beetham, seconded by Councilor Hillman, discussion; Councilor Beetham stated it was a great contract, it started back in June of 2009 and it is for three years. It averages two and one half percent per year, there were many adjustments and it is a good contract that he will support. Councilor Murphy stated the Mayor and the Town did a good job bargaining this out even with a change in union leadership during this negotiation and the firefighters have spent a lot of time hashing this out. They gave up a lot in their benefit package and the Council should take that into consideration, there were many things given up and they took a zero percent increase next year. Roll call vote, 7-0, voting in favor of adopting the resolution were Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf, Caron, Hillman, McFee, Murphy, and Jacobson. Resolution adopted.

d. To consider and act on a resolution to terminate the funding for the litigation between the Town of Montville and the State of Connecticut regarding the Sex Offender Facility.

Councilor Beetham stated that the information received tonight that we should not have any more legal costs, possibly for the next month or two and also that there is going to be a meeting with the governor's office, the Mayor and Town Council, he suggested tabling this item to a later date. Motion made by Councilor Beetham, seconded by Councilor Caron to table item 7 (d) to a later date. Voice vote, 5-1-1, voting in favor of tabling this item were Councilors Beetham, Caron, Hillman, McFee, Murphy and Jacobson. Voting in opposition was Councilor Buebendorf, and Councilor Murphy abstained from the vote.

#### 8. Remarks from the Public

Chairperson Jacobson inquired three times if there was anyone from the public who would like to address the Council.

#### 9. Remarks from the Councilors

Councilor Buebendorf spoke in regard to Mr. Pike's comments at the beginning of the meeting and to others who frame the sex offender facility lawsuit as the only alternative to working on this issue as opposed to doing nothing, she would hope that everyone would understand that not one person in this town wants the sex offender facility in this town and that the lawsuit is but one avenue that is being pursued of a myriad of other avenues that are being pursued to try to work on this issue and she hopes that people understand that it is a multi faceted approach.

Councilor Murphy seconded the comments of Councilor Buebendorf, stating members of this Council and the Mayor and other members of the Mayors staff are going out of their way to fight the sex offender facility behind the scenes and although not being privy to all that is going on in the meetings, and executive session, everyone is trying to put their best effort forward to keep this facility from our town.

Councilor Caron agrees with Councilors Buebendorf and Murphy and he is looking forward to meeting with the Governor's office to tell the Governor his thoughts about what we do not want in this town.

Mayor Jaskiewicz stated there is a meeting on April 5, 2011 that he will be attending on behalf of the bill against the facility. He hopes that everyone can attend and put together all the expertise that they have compiled and give it a shot. He thanked the firemen for working with the town on their contracts and it was a good effort on everyone's part.

10      Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Murphy, seconded by Councilor Beetham to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Discussion, none, voice vote, 7-0, all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Audrey Ulmer, Recording Secretary for the Town of Montville