

Palmer Town Council
Town Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 23, 2014

1. Roll Call

The Palmer Town Council Meeting of Monday, June 23, 2014 was called to order at 6:30 pm. Present were Town Manager Charles Blanchard, Phil Hebert, Jason Polonsky, Barbara Barry, Matt Lovell, Mary Salzmann, Donald Blais and Andrew Golas recording minutes. Paul Burns was absent.

2. Consent of the Agenda Order

Motion to accept the agenda as submitted by J. Polonsky, seconded by D. Blais. Motion passed 6-0.

3. Meeting Minutes

None

4. Visitors Comments (for items not on the agenda)

None

5. New Business

1. FY15 Budget

Motion to adopt the FY15 Budget as presented by J. Polonsky, seconded by M. Lovell. B. Barry asked if the school budget was higher than presented at the public hearing. C. Blanchard stated that it was not raised. Motion passed 6-0.

2. FY15 Capital Improvement Plan

The FY15 Capital Improvement Plan was presented to the Council by Finance Director John Kuzmiski. J. Polonsky asked what should be done with the unallocated portion of the CIP funds. J. Kuzmiski explained that the council should allow the funds to roll into the next fiscal year.

Motion to appropriate \$28,500 from the Capital Stabilization Account to fund the Memorial Hall Roof replacement by J. Polonsky, seconded by D. Blais. Motion passed 6-0

Motion to appropriate \$34,500 from the Capital Stabilization Account to fund the replacement of three dump bodies for the Department of Public Works vehicles by J. Polonsky, seconded by D. Blais. B. Barry asked how old the vehicles are that they would be placed on. C. Blanchard stated that the trucks are old and still useful but the dump bodies could be converted new trucks. Motion passed 5-0-1 with B. Barry abstaining.

Motion to appropriate \$20,000 from the Capital Stabilization Account to fund a new Steamer, Freezer and Gym Bleacher Wheels for Palmer High School by J. Polonsky, seconded by D. Blais. B. Barry asked if the funds should be appropriated to the school budget so that the expense counts toward net school spending. Motion to table the question by M. Lovell, seconded by J. Polonsky. Motion passed 6-0.

3. FY15 Revolving Accounts

Motion to reestablish the town's revolving funds as provided for in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44 Section 53E ½ by J. Polonsky, seconded by M. Lovell. Motion passed 5-0-1 with B. Barry abstaining.

4. Free Cash Allocations

Overview of the Free Cash allocations being requested given by C. Blanchard. J. Polonsky asked which bargaining units were included in the labor negotiations. C. Blanchard stated that all Town unions were negotiated in FY14. M. Lovell asked if the library contract negotiations were included in the labor counsel costs. C. Blanchard stated that they were not included in the town's allocation.

Motion to appropriate \$28,000 from Certified Free Cash to General Labor Counsel by J. Polonsky, seconded by M. Lovell. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion to appropriate \$5,000 from Certified Free Cash to the 300th Anniversary Revolving Account by J. Polonsky, seconded by D. Blais. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion to appropriate \$7,380 from Certified Free Cash to the Computer Capital Expense Account by J. Polonsky, seconded by M. Lovell. Motion passed 6-0.

6. Councilor Roundtable

D. Blais thanked everyone for their cooperation in passing the FY15 Budget

7. Executive Session and Adjournment

Motion to enter Executive Session as per Chapter 39, Sec. 23B (3) Contract Negotiations and adjourn therefrom by J. Polonsky, seconded by M. Lovell. Motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote at 6:55 pm. B. Barry – Yes, M. Salzman – Yes, J. Polonsky – Yes, D. Blais – Yes, M. Lovell – Yes, P. Hebert – Yes.

Minutes submitted by: Andrew M. Golas