

**CITY OF GROTON
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2008**

**MUNICIPAL BUILDING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
7:30 PM**

Mayor Popp called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Dennis Popp, Deputy Mayor Paul Duarte, Councilors, Hubert Poppe, Celeste Duffy, Marian Galbraith, Michael Street, Treasurer Janice Waller-Brett, Finance Director Tony Timpano and City Clerk Debra Patrick. Excused: Councilor David Hale.

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Led by Mayor Popp.

III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS AND MEMORIALS

Councilor Galbraith wanted to recognize Al Dion for his many contributions to the City of Groton, Groton Utilities and the region during his tenure. She thanked him for all he has done in helping her to be more educated and prepared when dealing with issues regarding the water division of Groton Utilities. She wished him well in his upcoming retirement. She said it was well deserved.

IV. RECEIPT OF CITIZEN'S PETITIONS/COMMENTS

None.

V. RESPOND TO CITIZEN'S PETITIONS/COMMENTS

None.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Deputy Mayor Duarte moved **Councilor Poppe** seconded a motion to approve the Mayor and Council minutes of October 6, 2008. **Motion carried.**

Councilor Poppe moved **Deputy Mayor Duarte** seconded a motion to approve the Committee of the Whole minutes of October 27, 2008. **Motion carried.**

VII. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Councilor Poppe toured the 2 facilities in New London for the homeless in the Mayor's absence. He was impressed with the efforts of the many volunteers, city and State officials who do their best to see that our most disenfranchised members of society can get back on track with employment and housing. He urged the officials in New London to re-visit some of the restrictions placed on the facilities. He attended the CCM Conference and found the training sessions for municipal pensions to be excellent.

Councilor Street had no report.

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Councilor Galbraith had no report.

Councilor Duffy attended the City Halloween party October 25th and thanked Parks & Recreation Director Mary Hill, her staff and the many volunteers for a wonderful event. She said it seemed to be a record turnout for younger children.

Deputy Mayor Duarte attended the CCM Conference which as always was enlightening and educational. He said the high school student, Sarah Richardson, was able to attend workshops on municipal finance. He thanked Mary Hill her staff and the volunteers for the effort put in at the Halloween party.

Mayor Popp attended a recognition ceremony for WWII Veterans at Fitch High School October 8th, the CCM Conference and the Halloween party. He reported, on behalf of Human Resources, that the search for a Finance Director has been narrowed to 2 finalists who will be interviewed next week. He said the panel is made up of Finance Directors from Waterford, the Town of Groton and Stonington.

VIII. COMMITTEE REFERRALS

None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

R-08-11-62 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE THE PURCHASE ONE (1) 2009 FORD EXPEDITION 4WD FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM WARNOCK FLEET AND LEASING, 175 ROUTE 10, EAST HANOVER, NEW JERSEY FOR A TOTAL PRICE OF \$28,411.85 (TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED ELEVEN DOLLARS AND EIGHTY-FIVE CENTS)

WHEREAS, the Police Department has identified the need for the replacement of the supervisors vehicle; and

WHEREAS, the Purchase of this vehicle was provided for in the Police Department budget for fiscal year 2008-2009; and

WHEREAS, the City Purchasing Agent obtained pricing through the State of Connecticut contract # 06PSX0067 to the specifications developed by the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Warnock Fleet and Leasing is the vendor who was awarded the state contract; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent and Police Department recommend this purchase;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council authorize and approve the purchase of one (1) 2009 Ford Expedition 4WD for the Police Department from Warnock Fleet and Leasing, 175 Route 10, East Hanover, New Jersey for a total price of \$28,411.85 (Twenty-Eight Thousand Four Hundred Eleven Dollars and Eighty-Five Cents).

Councilor Poppe moved **Councilor Duffy** seconded a motion to approve **R-08-11-62**.

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Mayor Popp said Governor Rell would like to allow municipalities to make their purchases thru State bids even if the State isn't making those same purchases.

Motion carried.

R-08-11-63 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONTRACT FOR THE PERIOD OF DECEMBER 1, 2008 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2009 WITH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, AND EXECUTE SUCH OTHER DOCUMENTS AS MAY BE REQUIRED FOR FUNDING UNDER THE CLEAN VESSEL ACT TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN ONE (1) MARINE SEWAGE DISPOSAL FACILITY IN THE CITY OF GROTON AND THAT MAYOR DENNIS L. POPP BE AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AND THE CITY CLERK TO AFFIX THE CITY SEAL THERETO

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the State of Connecticut, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), to have a Marine Sewage Disposal Facility located on the Thames River; and

WHEREAS, DEP proposed this facility be maintained by the City Water Pollution Control Facility under a Personal Service Contract; and

WHEREAS, the City of Groton Water Pollution Control Authority applied for funding by the DEP for the maintenance of this facility; and

WHEREAS, the DEP approved funding in the amount of 75% (seventy-five percent) of the cost associated with the operation and maintenance components of this project; and

WHEREAS, that it is in the best interest of the City of Groton to enter into a contract with the Department of Environmental Protection for the operation and maintenance of one (1) Marine Sewage Disposal Facility in the City of Groton, and furthermore, to provide such additional information and execute such other documents as may be required by the State or Federal government in connection with said contracts and to execute any amendments, rescissions and revisions thereto;

WHEREAS, at its regular meeting held on November 3, 2008, the City of Groton Water Pollution Control authority approved the contract for the period of December 1, 2008 through December 31, 2009 with the State of Connecticut, Department of Environmental Protection, and execute other such documents as may be required for funding under the Clean Vessel Act to operate and maintain one (1) Marine Sewage Disposal Facility in the City of Groton and that Mayor Dennis L. Popp be authorized to execute the agreement and the City Clerk to affix the City Seal thereto, and furthermore, that the City Council be apprised of this action with the recommendation that it concur;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council approve the contract for the period of December 1, 2008 through December 31, 2009 with the State of Connecticut, Department of Environmental Protection, and execute other such documents as may be required

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for funding under the Clean Vessel Act to operate and maintain one (1) Marine Sewage Disposal Facility in the City of Groton and that Mayor Dennis L. Popp be authorized to execute the agreement and the City Clerk to affix the City Seal thereto.

Deputy Mayor Duarte moved **Councilor Poppe** seconded a motion to approve **R-08-11-63**.

X. POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

XI. COMMENTS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Galbraith moved **Councilor Street** seconded a motion to adjourn. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Popp adjourned the meeting at **7:46 p.m.**

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

**Debra Patrick
City Clerk**