

**CITY OF GROTON  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2016**

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

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

**I. ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Marian Galbraith, Deputy Mayor Keith Hedrick, Councilors Andrew Ilvento, Jill Rusk, Stephen Sheffield, Conrad Heede, Lawrence Gerrish, Finance Director Ron Yuhas and City Clerk Debra Patrick.

**II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Led by Shaun Hyde.

**III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS AND MEMORIALS**

None.

**IV. RECEIPT OF CITIZEN'S PETITIONS/COMMENTS**

None.

**V. RESPOND TO CITIZEN'S PETITIONS/COMMENTS**

None.

**VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilor Heede moved Councilor Ilvento seconded a motion to approve the June 6, 2016 Mayor and Council minutes. Motion carried.

**VII. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS**

Councilor Ilvento attended the WSMS 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion ceremony. He said it was the 60<sup>th</sup> promotion ceremony and they invited former students from the first class to be promoted from WSMS.

Councilor Rusk attended the special Council Group I Economic Development Committee meeting June 20<sup>th</sup>.

Councilor Sheffield said City resident Hanna Garvey has reenlisted in the Army and is deployed to Afghanistan. He said her family is arranging through the American Legion post in Lew London to send care packages.

Councilor Heede attended the special Council Group I Economic Development Committee meeting June 20<sup>th</sup>.

Councilor Gerrish attended the open house at the Bill Memorial Library June 11<sup>th</sup> and saw the grandfather clock that was restored in memory of former Deputy Mayor Bill Jervis and former City Attorney Matt Shafner and the plaque with their names inscribed. He attended the Flag Day ceremony at the Elks Club, the concert in the park June 17<sup>th</sup> and the special Council Group I Economic Development Committee meeting June 20<sup>th</sup>. He noted he had read the annual water report prepared by Groton Utilities and commended them for the great work they do.

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Deputy Mayor Hedrick attended the town hall meeting June 9<sup>th</sup> hosted by Representatives John Scott and Aundre Bumgardner on June 9<sup>th</sup> and the open house at the Bill Memorial Library June 11<sup>th</sup> where the director did a presentation and thanked the City Council for their support on the grandfather clock restoration and noted Bill Jervis and Matt Shafner as to whom it is dedicated. On June 13<sup>th</sup> he attended the Mother Bailey House Committee meeting where he conveyed the concerns of the council on the possible costs and additional work to remove the walls. He said there was a presentation on the possibilities of matching and non-matching grants they can explore for a remediation study and rehabilitation. On June 14<sup>th</sup> he attended the CURE event where they have numerous laboratories set up in various sizes. He said there was a great turnout with scientists and venture capitalists. On June 19<sup>th</sup> he attended the Summer Cabaret concert at Eastern Point Beach.

City Clerk Patrick noted correspondence she received from Laura Quashnie on behalf of STEPS, an organization that works with adolescent girls, thanking the City for the use of the municipal building and the Girl Scouts for the use of the municipal building for their activities.

Finance Director Yuhas had no report.

Mayor Galbraith met with Ernie Koschmieder June 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Free Summer Meal Program. She said there will be a kickoff June 22<sup>nd</sup> at Washington Park and volunteers will then go door to door to distribute information on the program which will have several locations this year. She participated in a televised interview with Captain Whitesgarver on Mark Whalen's show "Around The Town". She said June 21<sup>st</sup> is the date of the CT Sub Century birthday bash at Washington Park beginning at 4:00 p.m. with free admission offering music, activities and a beer garden. On June 22<sup>nd</sup> there will be a free concert at Eastern Point Beach with the Coast Guard Band performing at 7:00 p.m. She said on June 23<sup>rd</sup> the Submarine Force Museum will have family activities from 9:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m. and on Saturday the Schooners will have a Navy Appreciation Day game at 2:00 p.m. at Washington Park. She reported the water taxis have passed the stability tests and will be inspected with an expectation of service beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>. She attended the Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony June 20<sup>th</sup> for Zach Tedeschi who earned his designation with a project at Birch Plain Creek Park. She reported a conversation with Town Mayor Bruce Flax regarding the possibility of a meeting of the Town and City Police Chiefs, the Town Manager and herself to discuss looking into sharing of dispatch and jail services. She asked the councilors if they were in agreement with the meeting without councilors from either the City or the Town involved. Councilor Gerrish said he felt it was a good idea for the chiefs to meet and any recommendations should come back to the Council.

Deputy Mayor Hedrick agreed and noted having Joe Sastre from the Town to discuss dispatch services would be acceptable as well.

**VIII. COMMITTEE REFERRALS**

None.

Councilor Ilvento reminded residents of the upcoming change in the sanitation/recycling pickup schedule beginning July 5<sup>th</sup>. He said the new schedule is on the City of Groton website and Facebook page.

Mayor Galbraith said the new schedule was delivered to all residents.

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**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

**R-16-6-64 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF SHAUN G. HYDE AS A PROBATIONARY POLICE OFFICER GRADE “D”, IN THE CITY OF GROTON POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THAT THE APPOINTMENT BE EFFECTIVE JUNE 20, 2016**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Groton Police Department has patrol officer vacancies in the Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, Shaun G. Hyde was selected as an applicant from a Police Officer candidacy list established by the Law Enforcement Council of Southeastern Connecticut; and

**WHEREAS**, Shaun G. Hyde has passed an oral interview panel, the background investigation, polygraph, physical agility, psychological and medical testing; and

**WHEREAS**, Shaun G. Hyde has met the required entry standards established by the Police Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) Council, for admission to the Police Academy, and it would be beneficial for the City of Groton to hire him; and

**WHEREAS**, Shaun G. Hyde desires to serve as a patrol officer with the City of Groton Police Department;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council approve the appointment of Shaun G. Hyde as a probationary Police Officer Grade “D”, in the City of Groton Police Department and that the appointment be effective June 20, 2016.

Councilor Ilvento moved Councilor Rusk seconded a motion to approve R-16-6-65.

Chief Davoren gave the following remarks:

Shaun Hyde was born in Worcester Massachusetts, grew up in Waterford Connecticut and resides currently in Niantic. His grandmother and great grandmother both lived in Groton, and his great uncle still resides in the city of Groton.

His father, with the assistance of his mother, pastored at a small church and they had a house painting and power washing business to supplement their income. Mr. Hyde worked at many outreach programs in the area communities distributing school supplies and making food pantry drops for example.

Mr. Hyde attended Elim Bible Institute in upstate New York for a year where I studied youth outreach. After his return to Connecticut, he attended Three Rivers Community College he decided to enter public service through law enforcement.

Mr. Hyde continues to attend school part time and he is more than halfway to a bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice and he currently works at Millstone on their security force.

His hobbies include running, lifting weights and playing musical instrument. He appreciates the opportunity to work for the City of Groton and will answer any questions you have.

Candidate Hyde addressed the Council thanking them for the opportunity and looks forward to serving the City of Groton.

Motion carried.

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City Clerk Patrick administered the oath to Candidate Hyde.  
His parents, Randall and LeAnn Hyde, presented his badge to him.  
Officer Hyde thanked the Council for the opportunity to serve.

**R-16-6-65      RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL ACCEPT  
DONATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the following donation has been received by the City of Groton:

**Liberty Bank - Community Development and Beautification, to support CT Submarine  
Century activities - \$2500.00;**

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council accept donations.

Councilor Rusk moved Councilor Ilvento seconded a motion to approve R-16-6-66.  
Mayor Galbraith thanked Liberty Bank for their support of the concerts.  
Motion carried.

**X.      POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**XI.     COMMENTS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**XII.    ADJOURNMENT**

Councilor Ilvento moved Councilor Rusk seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried.

**Mayor Galbraith adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.**

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

**Debra Patrick  
City Clerk**