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Special Town Council Meeting

Dag Hammarskjold Auditorium

January 2, 1984

8:00 p.m.

INVOCATION - Rev. Dr. Laslo M. Medyesy

Heavenly Father, we thank you for this event, that in this great Nation we are still able to turn to you on public occasions. We pray for your presence here tonight, that this ceremony will be meaningful for each participant. We pray for these new city leaders, men and women, that their lives and work will be an inspiration and of a high moral standard for our community. Help them to realize that what they are about to assume is service with an awesome responsibility. Give them patience when they deal with others. Move them by concern when they perform their duties. Give them wisdom as they search for solutions and peace of mind when they are under criticism. May the citizens of our community give them support and credit.

Thank you for the achievements of the past administration. May its good work be a continuing foundation. In this way, Our Father, we have called upon your Holy Name, now, this evening. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the American Flag.

The Star Spangled Banner and a medley of ancient Scottish tunes called Straight Scotch was played by Yalesville Fife & Drum Corps.

Judge Mary Scott swore in William W. Dickinson, Jr. as Mayor of the Town of Wallingford, Connecticut.

Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr. -

Thank you all very much. It is a real honor and a privilege for me to speak to you tonight as Mayor of Wallingford. I look forward to the challenges of public office with great enthusiasm but also with great awareness of the heavy responsibilities involved. Its too heavy a responsibility for one person to handle alone. You look to me for leadership and I will endeavor to provide it to the best of my abilities. I look to you for support and cooperation in a joint effort to nurture the health of our community, the Town of Wallingford. We may not always totally agree as to the best course of action and, indeed, it would be awfully boring if we did, but with mutual trust and respect, we can discuss options and make decisions that will be for the betterment of all.

I call upon every citizen to take interest in the community. Attend meetings and express concern. If you are treated discourteously and discouraged from participation in Town Government, I want to know about it. There will be a schedule of hours when I will be in the office, available to you, to come in and express those concerns. That was a campaign promise and it will be an office reality.

Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr. (continued)

Our community is a good place to live. We have seen growth and will continue to see growth. However, our continued growth must occur with increased awareness of the cost of the services we must provide. Growth has a price tag; we are soon to realize that price tag. In our case, it is a \$27,000,000 sewer plant and a \$20,000,000 water treatment plant; bonded indebtedness of \$35,000,000. Who and how we will pay for these debts are questions that must be answered in the next several years. Wallingford's growth must be carefully planned.

I want to review the proposed Plan of Development with Planning and Zoning to insure that the Plan will not surpass our ability to provide services. We need every major department in Town to comment upon that Plan in order to assess its potential impact on services and equipment needs. The Plan affects our community and should receive a community of effort.

There are other programs and projects which are important. I want to see a real effort made in addressing the needs of downtown. In the first month in office, we hope to begin a discussion on that subject with some concrete proposal resulting from those discussions. Cost effective and efficient use of computers on a town-wide basis is an important priority. We need overall planning and participation of residents in that project.

I think we need a recreation committee made up of representatives from every group concerned with recreation in Town to address comprehensive town planning in order to insure that we have adequate facilities, now and in the future.

We need to review our infrastructure--the bridges, dams and roads--with an eye toward maintenance and future needs in order to protect the public welfare and safety. In the second week in office, I plan. . .(laughter from audience)

Its a big job and that's why I call for the support and participation of all of you. I believe we have a fine group of people who are acting in the Town Government as department heads and as employees and I look forward to working with them for the betterment of the community.

Mindful of our duties, protective of our resources, we will make Wallingford a good place to live, both now and in the future.

(Applause from audience.)

Judge Mary Scott swore in the following members of the 1984/85 Town Council:

Marie B. Bergamini, Edward L. Diana, David A. Gessert, Albert E. Killen, James A. G. Krupp, Iris F. Papale, Robert F. Parisi, Edward G. Polanski and Raymond J. Rys.

(Applause from audience.)

Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr. read the roll call to which all Members of the Council answered present.

Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr. entertained nominations for the office of Council Chairman.

Councilman Krupp moved the name of Robert F. Parisi for Council Chairman.

Councilman Rys seconded the motion.

There being no further nominations, Mr. Killen moved that nominations be closed.

Councilman Parisi seconded the motion.

VOTE: All Council Members voted aye and nominations were closed.

VOTE - Robert F. Parisi, Council Chairman - All Council Members voted aye with the exception of Councilman Gessert who passed and Robert F. Parisi was elected Council Chairman.

Council Chairman Parisi -

My Council colleagues, Mayor Dickinson, elected officials, honored guests and friends. I thank you and a happy, healthy and prosperous new year to you all. The problems which will be confronted by this Council will be as many as they are varied. We were elected by the greater majority of the voters representing all of the political facets of our Town. We were given a vote of confidence by the people and we will work together for the good of the Town and its people. I am confident that we all can and will work together in cooperation with Mayor Dickinson's administration. We will try to keep Wallingford a good Town in which to live.

The Members of the Town Council bring with them a fine blend of expertise that can only be beneficial to our efforts--those efforts which will be conducted in an atmosphere of dignity and mutual respect to all involved and concerned. On behalf of this Council, I ask the Almighty that we be given the strength and the vision to make the best decisions and to give all elected officials the strength to persevere. Our most sincere wishes to you, Mayor Dickinson, for a healthy, prosperous and productive term as our Mayor.

(Applause from audience.)

I'll now entertain nominations for the position of Council Vice Chairman.

Councilwoman Bergamini -

I take great pleasure in submitting the name of a man for Vice Chairman who, for the past 10 years, has been known as "Mr. Republican," a man who has always put Wallingford first and, obviously, he still does.

Mrs. Bergamini moved the name of David A. Gessert for Council Vice Chairman.

Mr. Killen seconded the motion.

There being no further nominations, Mr. Krupp moved that nominations be closed.

Mrs. Bergamini seconded the motion.

VOTE: All Council Members voted aye and nominations were closed.

VOTE - David A. Gessert, Council Vice Chairman - All Council Members voted aye and Mr. Gessert was elected Vice Chairman.

(Applause from audience.)

Mr. Parisi called the Members of the Board of Education forward:

Cle Palsco, Roger Rivers, Roberta Shaw and Barbara Sibley and they were sworn in by Judge Mary Scott.

(Applause from audience.)

Mr. Parisi called the following Constables forward:

Harold C. Gehrke, Jr., Anthony Giresi, Stephen M. Hopkins, Dennis R. Katona, Jr., Walter L. Krol, Gary L. Powell and John J. Powers and they were sworn in by Judge Mary Scott.

(Applause from audience.)

Mr. Gessert: I'd just like to point out one thing--Mr. Hopkins is a senior constable in the State of Connecticut who has served more time in that office than any other person in any other town in the State of Connecticut and he should be commended for it.

(Applause from audience.)

Mr. Parisi called the following Members of the Board of Selectmen forward:

Stephen B. Holmes, Ms. Joan C. Ives and Eugene C. Riotte and they were sworn in by Judge Mary Scott.

(Applause from audience.)

Mr. Parisi: We'll now entertain nominations for the position of Town Clerk.

Mr. Krupp placed in nomination for the position of Town Clerk the name of Mrs. Rosemary Rascati, said appointment to become effective January 3, 1984.

Mr. Gessert: I've had the pleasure of working with Rosemary Rascati for almost the past 20 years in the Town of Wallingford. She's a fine woman, extremely capable and I think she'll make an excellent Town Clerk.

Mr. Gessert seconded the nomination of Rosemary Rascati for the position of Town Clerk.

There being no further nominations, Mr. Killen moved that nominations be closed.

Mr. Gessert seconded the motion.

VOTE - All Council Members voted aye and nominations were closed.

VOTE - Rosemary Rascati - Town Clerk - All Council Members voted aye and Rosemary Rascati was elected Town Clerk.

Judge Mary Scott swore in Rosemary Rascati as Town Clerk, Town of Wallingford.

(Applause from audience.)

BENEDICTION - Rabbi Michael Manson

I will ask the Mayor and all Council Members to join hands. Our Father in Heaven, bestow your blessing upon all the elected officials of our beloved Town. Give them the courage and the wisdom to perform their duties to the best of their abilities. Help them in making the right decisions; forgive them their mistakes. Grant unto them a life filled with good health, happiness and unto our Town, our State and our Country, we ask you to bestow peace, harmony and prosperity. May God show his loving kindness unto you and give you peace. Amen.

A motion was duly made, seconded and carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Refreshments were then served.

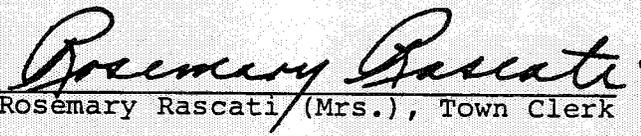
Delores B. Fetta  
Council Secretary

Approved

  
Robert F. Parisi, Council Chairman

Date

1-10-84

  
Rosemary Rascati (Mrs.), Town Clerk

Date

1-10-84

Summary of Town Council Minutes

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APPOINTED Terrence J. Shortelle to P & Z Commission, Richard R. LeClaire to P & Z Commission as alternate and Mary Beth Applegate to ZBA. Two week waiting period waived for Mr. Shortelle and Mrs. Applegate and Mrs. Applegate sworn in immediately.	2
ADOPTED RULES OF PROCEDURE of the Town Council.	2-5
ADOPTED RESOLUTION authorizing purchase of \$14,488,000 BAN's	5-6
SET PUBLIC HEARING on 1/24/84 at 7:45 p.m. on an Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 266 to Provide for the Cost of Redesign of the Sewer Treatment Plant and to Increase Appropriation from \$1,165,000 to \$1,342,000 and Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds and Notes to Defray Said Appropriation.	7
APPROVED TRANSFER of \$35.00 from A/C 142-CAP to A/C 142-890 Tax Refunds	7
APPROVED TAX REFUND of \$34.41 to Sheila M. Pearson	7
HOUSING AUTHORITY LETTER of 12/27/83 noted for Council's information	7
APPROVED Agreement between the Town of Wallingford and Local #457 - Clerical Unit Electric Division, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, as proposed	8-9
APPROVED Agreement between the Town of Wallingford and Local 1183-Council #4, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, as proposed	9-10
APPROVED APPROPRIATION of \$168,790 to implement above contract	10-13
ACCEPTED WARRANTY DEED from Trans-New England Corporation conveying New England Drive to the Town of Wallingford	13
ACCEPTED WARRANTY DEED from H. Closson & Eunice M. Gilbert conveying a portion of Pond Hill Road to the Town of Wallingford for highway purposes	13
APPROVED DRAINAGE EASEMENT from H. Closson & Eunice M. Gilbert	13
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