

**HOLDEN TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday April 16, 2024
Holden Municipal Building
6:00 P. M.**

AGENDA

A. Call to Order

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

Members present: Ryan Carey, Chairperson; Thomas Copeland, Vice-Chairperson; Ellen Campbell, Councilor; Joel Dearborn, Councilor; and David Hawes, Councilor.

Others present: Benjamin R.K. Breadmore, Town Manager; Tressa Smith, Finance Director; Brooke Billings, Clerk; Andy Whitehouse, Lieutenant; Brent Basley, Fire Captain; Darrin Gray, Public Works Director; and Mike Nelligan, Resident.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Moment of Silence

D. Public Comment

1. Public Hearing

A. Renewal application for sale of fireworks, Phantom Fireworks

B. FY 2024/2025 Proposed Budget

2. Approval of Minutes for March 11, 2024 Regular Town Council Meeting.

Councilor Dearborn moved to accept the minutes as presented. Councilor Campbell seconded the motion; it passed by unanimous roll call vote of 5-0.

3. Consent Agenda

A. Financial Warrants

Vice-Chair Copeland moved to accept the Financial Warrants as presented. Councilor Hawes seconded the motion; it passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 5-0.

B. Department Reports

Councilor Hawes moved to accept the Department Reports as presented. Vice-Chair Copeland seconded the motion; it passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 5-0.

C. School Board Update

Town Manager Breadmore gave a brief update on the School Board Budget and meeting reminder.

D. Recognitions

Chairperson Carey and the Town Council recognized Country Kitchen for the month of April.

4. Old Business

5. New Business

A. Sale of Fireworks Permit for Phantom Fireworks

Councilor Campbell moved to approve the permit. Vice-Chair Copeland seconded the motion; it passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 5-0.

B. Consider Approval of the Annual Town Report

Chair Carey noted some spelling and grammatical errors that would like seen fixed. Councilor Campbell moved to approve the report. Vice-Chair Copeland seconded the motion; it passed by unanimous roll call vote of 5-0.

C. Consider Approval of FY 2024/2025 Council Budget Recommendations

Councilor Dearborn moved to approve. Vice-Chair Copeland seconded the motion; it passed by unanimous roll call vote of 5-0.

D. Approval of Town Meeting Warrant Articles

Councilor Campbell moved to approve. Councilor Hawes seconded the motion; it passed by unanimous roll call vote of 5-0.

E. Consider Radio purchase in Fire and Police

Captain Brent Basley gave a brief update on the service the new radios would provide. There are fewer dead spots and will be better in the winter months. When power outages happen, the crew no longer will have to bring generator to the top of Copeland Hill. Councilor Campbell moved to approve. Vice-Chair Copeland seconded the motion; it passed by unanimous roll call vote of 5-0.

F. GIS Contract Discussion

Town Manager Breadmore gave a quick update on the progress we've had with Haley Ward and continuing our services with them. Councilor Dearborn moved to approve. Councilor Campbell seconded the motion; it passed by unanimous roll call vote 5-0.

G. Whitcomb Road Reconstruction

Town Manager Breadmore received bids for Whitcomb Road and presented to the council to use Whitmore Construction. Vice-Chair Copeland moved to approve. Councilor Campbell seconded the motion; it passed by unanimous roll call vote 5-0.

H. Paving Discussion

Town Manager Breadmore noted that a multi-town discussion and staff discussion happened to determine the paving contract. Councilor Dearborn moved to approve using Hopkins Paving. Councilor Campbell seconded the motion; it passed by unanimous roll call vote 5-0.

I. Presentation from Chief Benjamin about the K-9 Program

Chief Benjamin was unavailable, Town Manager Breadmore gave a brief overview on the logistics. Lieutenant Whitehouse stepped in to answer questions from the council on the process of the K-9 Program.

6. Other Business (By Unanimous Consent)

Chairperson Carey with consent of the Town Council addressed the Holden history project to which Town Manager Breadmore gave information on the cemetery stone repair.

E. Adjournment

Vice Chair Copeland made a motion to adjourn at 6:34 p.m., Councilor Dearborn seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 5-0.

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