

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

MINUTES

A. Call to Order

Chairperson Carey called the meeting to order at 5:58 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; Roger Huber, Legal Counsel; Brooke Billings, Clerk; Melissa Gray, Deputy Clerk; Eduardo Benjamin, Police Chief; Andy Whitehouse, Police LT.; Hunter Christian, Officer; Rodney Gerald Jr., Officer; Ryan Davis, Fire Chief; Nate Hastings, Asst. Fire Chief; Brent Basley, Fire Captain; Darrin Gray, Public Works Director.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Moment of Silence

D. Public Comment

Vice-Chairperson Copeland gave an update on the First Responders Memorial; a dedication date is soon to come. Tom mentioned some powerline work being done by Versant, and brought it to the council's attention there may be some questioning in the future on what is happening.

Police Chief Benjamin introduced Officer Gerald Jr. Officer Gerald Jr. will be attending the police academy in January 2025.

Town Manager Breadmore displayed and showed the council the new voting booths.

1. Public Hearing

A. MMA General Assistance Ordinance Appendices (A-F & H)

B. Cost Recovery Ordinance Update

2. Approval of Minutes for August 12, 2024 Regular Town Council Meeting.

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

C. School Board Update

Town Manager Breadmore gave an update that the last meeting needed to be rescheduled and hasn't at this time.

D. Recognitions

Chairperson Carey and the Town Council recognized Kountry Kidz Daycare for the month of September.

4. Old Business

There was none.

5. New Business

A. General Assistance Ordinance Appendices (A-F & H)

Councilor Campbell moved to accept the General Assistance Ordinance Appendices (A-F & H). Councilor Dearborn seconded the motion; it passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

B. Capital Improvement Committee

Vice-Chair Copeland moved to accept the Capital Improvement Committee nominations. Councilor Hawes seconded the motion; it passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

C. Staffing Review Committee

Councilor Dearborn moved to accept the Staffing Review Committee nominations. Councilor Campbell seconded the motion; it passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

D. Cost Recovery Ordinance Update

Ryan Davis gave update on the issues in regards to this item. Vice-Chair Copeland moved to accept the Cost Recovery Ordinance. Councilor Hawes seconded the motion; it passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

E. Replacement of Engine 391

Ryan Davis gave the council an update on the purchase of a new Fire Engine. Davis explained how the town would be issued a loaner, with the option presented. Councilor Campbell moved to accept the Replacement of Engine 391 as presented. Councilor Hawes seconded the motion; it passed by a unanimous vote of 4-0-1.

F. Abatement Request

Benjamin Breadmore asked for this item to be tabled at this time. The resident requested a meeting with town assessor who is currently out. Vice-Chair Copeland moved to accept the motion to table item. Councilor Dearborn seconded the motion; it passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

6. Other Business (By Unanimous Consent)

Benjamin Breadmore brought up two items; a return of overpayment on tax payment and road improvement reserve. It passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 5-0.

Councilor Campbell moved to accept payment return to resident. Councilor Hawes seconded the motion; it passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Vice-Chairperson Copeland moved to accept taking the funds from Road Improvement instead of Reserves as originally presented. Councilor Hawes seconded the motion; it passed by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

E. Adjournment

Vice-Chairperson Copeland made a motion to adjourn at 6:25 p.m., Councilor Campbell seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of 5-0.

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