



I. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. The following were present: Mayor Keith Hedrick, Chief Erick Jenkins, Captain Trish Lieteau, Wendy Connal, Christina Gore, Bruce DeFrehn, George Baloga, Rick Sager, Doris Pulaski, and Juliette Parker.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the May 18, 2023 Minutes by Bruce DeFrehn, seconded by Chief Jenkins. The motion passed unanimously.

III. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Mobile Meetings – Today’s meeting, with restaurant representatives, is the last one currently planned.
- B. Investigations – The FBI was asked to assist with the homicide that occurred a year ago. The State’s attorney has praised the work that Corporal De La Cruz has done on the case so far.
- C. Cameras – Cameras are received, but not yet installed on all evacuation routes from the city, including Clarence B. Sharp Highway, Rainville Avenue, and Thomas Road. The server for the cameras in the process of being installed. The cameras for Bridge and North Street still need SIM cards. The second round of cameras will be voted on at the June 20, 2023 Council Meeting.
- D. Volunteer Opportunities –
 - a. United Way Food Distribution will be held at St. John’s Church, Friday, June 23, 2023, from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. Last month 314 boxes were given out.

IV. CHIEF UPDATE

- A. Chief Jenkins is retiring in July7, 2023.
- B. For information purposes – the chief mentioned that Beach Pond and South Prospect paving will be taken up by the Council on June 20, 2023.
- C. Two kids broke into Colonel Ledyard School and did some damage. Broken windows have been boarded up. Detectives are checking for camera coverage.
- D. Our patrol boat is being repaired.
- E. Since May 15, 2023, a pedestrian and bicycle shuttle has been running from Groton to New London. Some changes have been made to the route since last month to optimize service. A smaller bus is being used.
- F. On Thursday, May 25, 2023, Chief and Captain attended the 35th Annual Law Enforcement Memorial Services, in remembrance of City Police Officer William Snyder Sr. who died on duty.
- G. On May 31, 2023, Officers participated in the Law Enforcement Special Olympics Torch Run from the City Municipal Building to Poquonnock Plains Park.
- H. On Friday, June 2, 2023, a Tip a Cop event was held at Buford’s. Over \$900 was raised to benefit Special Olympics of Connecticut.
- I. On Thursday, June 8, 2023, a Tip a Cop event was held at Par 4. All tips will be given to the Special Olympics of Connecticut. The amount of the tips is not yet reported.

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- J. On June 5, 2023, a swearing in ceremony was held for Lt. Travis Winkelman, recognizing his promotion from Sergeant to Lieutenant.
- K. On June 12, Officer DiBenedetto from Groton City and Officer McClellan from Groton Town, held the DARE graduation ceremony at Thames River Magnet School.
- L. A Bike Rodeo for Kids was held on Thursday, June 15, 2023, at Branford Manor. Free bike helmets were given out, and all kids who needed bikes received a bike. Bike personalization was done. About 30 to 35 kids participated. Bike games and a bike raffle were held. The responsible officer was Officer DiBenedetto.
- M. On June 17, 2023, there will be a christening ceremony for the submarine Iowa at EB. Roads in the area of EB will be shut down till approximately 3:00 p.m. The U.S. Secretary of Agriculture will attend.
- N. On June 17, 2023, Juneteenth will be celebrated at the Groton Municipal Building at 11:00 a.m.
- O. On June 19, 2023, the office will be closed for the Juneteenth holiday.
- P. On June 20, 2023, the Council Meeting will be held. Lifesaving awards will be given out. Approvals will be sought for the purchase of radar signs and cameras.
- Q. On July 4, 2023, the office will be closed for the Fourth of July holiday.
- R. The Fireworks display will be on July 8, 2023. Thames and Bridge streets will be closed. Exact road closure information will be on the City website, Instagram and Facebook pages.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. June 21, 2023, Make Music Day will be held at Bill Memorial Library. There will be a 10 a.m. singalong for kids and a 6:00 p.m. Adult singalong.
- B. On June 24, 2023, the library's summer reading program will kick off with a petting zoo at Bill Memorial Library.
- C. The only attendee from the restaurant community was Rick Sager of Bennedito's. He asked for any updates on the break-ins that had occurred at his restaurant and at Paul's Pasta last September. Chief Jenkins will check the status and get back to Mr. Sager.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Bruce DeFrehn, seconded by Captain Lieteau. It was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, July 20, 2023, in the City Council Chambers.