



CITY OF ANSONIA BOARD OF ALDERMEN Special Meeting – July 30, 2013

Call to Order

The Special Meeting of the Ansonia Board of Aldermen was called to order at 7 p.m. by Aldermanic President Gene Sharkey. All those present rose and pledged allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Roll Call

The secretary called the roll:

Edward Adamowski, D1- present
Peter Marcinko, D1 - absent
Charles Stowe, R2 - absent
Philip Tripp, R2 - present
Kevin Mott, D3- present
Joseph Jeanette, D3 - present
Jerome Fainer, D4 - present

Anthony DeLucia, D4 - present
Howard Madigosky, D5 - present
Joan Radin, R5 - present
Scott Nihill, D6- present
John Marini, R7 - present
David Knapp, D7 - present
Gene Sharkey, D6 - present

President Sharkey declared a quorum of 12 present, 2 absent.

Alderman Adamowski MOVED to accept the call of the meeting; SECONDED by Alderman Knapp. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

1. Discussion of bond proposal

President Sharkey stated, I sent out an e-mail today stating there would be a couple of changes. We will take up those changes first.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

We had a consensus approval for everything that was there, and I marked that we did not have the front window. There is a large, open window in front of the Police Department - it's 14 feet high, single-pane glass. We met with a window expert and he explained that is where we are losing an enormous amount of our fuel. We have several options. We talked about glass block and other things. Another option was lessening the size of the window to 8-foot windows, putting a fiberglass panel across them or bricking up part of it to

make it smaller. I will have pricing available in time for our regular meeting and we can talk about that.

LIBRARY

We had a consensus last week. We took out the cooling tower and reduced that to \$137,975. There has been a whole survey of every city-owned building done by an engineering company to change all of the lights to LEDs. We had price of lights to upgrade to a better fixture - but it was not going to be LEDs. I would like to take the lighting package out of the Library and leave it as part of the project that is going to be done for all of the City buildings when we change over to LEDs. Why would we want to change the lights and then change them again?

It was the consensus of the Board to take the lighting out of the bonding request for the Library. That would bring the number down to \$122,975.

ARMS

ARMS Director Jared Heon is here. Last week we had a consensus on the HVAC control and energy. We held off on the roof as they were in the process of talking to a roof installer and the insurance company.

Mr. Heon explained, it looks like we'll be getting an increased amount back from the insurance company, but we are still in negotiations. Don't have final number on the cost of the roof, but the consensus is going with the standing seam roof and replacing the damaged, crumbling insulation.

The Consultant gave us a price of \$230,000; we expect it to be significantly lower. The reimbursement from the insurance company will drop it as well. This is direct pricing from the manufacturer. Everything is so preliminary, but I can probably have firm numbers to you by your regular meeting

NATURE CENTER

We had talked about pond dredging and we had the parking lot redesign. Mr. Schryver, myself, and Eileen Krugel, met with Ansonia Nature Center Director Donna Lindgren, her assistant, and representatives from Friends of the Nature Center. They have a different design of the parking lot to present tonight. We have all discussed that the lot is non-paved but has millings. There is a problem that there is untreated water running into a wetlands - so when cars leak fluids into to the lot, all of this is running into the wetlands.

Mrs. Lindgren, her Assistant Director Allison Rubelman, Elaine LaBella from Housatonic Valley Association, Kevin Zak from Naugatuck River Restoration, and Rich Wade from Friends of the Ansonia Nature Center all explained to the Board that the redesign of the parking lot will have a direct impact on water quality, as well as greatly improve the safety of the parking lot. Their proposal

is for a pervious-surface parking lot that will protect the vernal pool and the many obligate species living there.

Mrs. Lindgren stated, we should be thinking about what is going to be best for the Nature Center's environment, educational value, exhibit value, for demonstrating how people can improve their landscape so it's healthier for our environment. That is really what it boils down to and that's what we're about.

Mr. Schryver will come back to the Board with more accurate pricing and this will be discussed further at the next meeting.

The Redwing Pond dredging is necessary and the banks need to be stabilized.

NOLAN FIELD

The main parking lot is \$177,000; the Little League parking lot is \$12,000; the Field House upgrades including roof, ventilation and showers is \$110,000. There wasn't any scoreboard included; that price was missing.

The committee will research options and related pricing on the scoreboard and come back with a figure and proposal and have it for the night of the 13th.

ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

We had Beech Street, Woodbridge Avenue Extension, Hilltop Hose apron in front and parking lot in front, and the road that goes all the way around it. It is not where they sell the Christmas trees; that is separate and is owned by Hilltop Hose.

The Board agreed on consensus on the roads.

WEST MAIN STREET PARKING LOT

We were successful in getting a grant, however it talked about skim-coating what is on there now. We talked about reclaiming the lot, repaving it, using that portion of the money that's in the grant for other things we need to do in the West Main Street parking lot.

The Board members agreed that we need to do a better job in that area to lend to the beautification of West Main Street and enhance and improve the overall look of West Main Street.

Corporation Counsel Blake will look into the City's ability to use the grant money for completely renovating the lot rather than just adding skim-coating.

PLATT STREET PROPERTY AND OLSON DRIVE PROPERTY

We need to decide if we're going forward with these two items.

At a minimum on Platt Street we should buy the one that's for sale behind the Police Department. It could be used for overflow parking which is much needed there. We need to look at that property.

The Aldermen discussed the scenario of building a new police facility somewhere in the City versus improving the existing facility. Chief Hale noted that he would love to have a new facility for the City, but realizes it's a matter of location and wouldn't be realized for several years. For the immediate future the lack of parking has got to be addressed as well as the furnace and the windows.

The Board discussed, on the recommendation of Chief Hale, hiring a public safety architect as a consultant next year to begin a feasibility study for a new police station. He suggested forming a Committee to discuss all options. President Sharkey will arrange to have an appraiser look at the property.

The Board members could not reach consensus to include the purchase of the Platt Street property at this meeting.

As far as Olson Drive, tomorrow at 6 the Ansonia Housing Authority is meeting. There will be discussion on the property. President Sharkey recommended that the Aldermen attend, voice your opinion, find out what they intend to do with it. Ask all the questions.

The Board consensus was to leave the \$320,000 for the purchase of the Olson Drive property in at least until we know what HUD will allow.

President Sharkey stated, we have our regular Board meeting on August 13th and will meet August 20th at 7 p.m.

Adjournment

Alderman Mott MOVED to adjourn; SECONDED by Alderman Fainer. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Bruder, Secretary
Ansonia Board of Aldermen