



CITY OF ANSONIA BOARD OF ALDERMEN Regular Meeting – November 12, 2013

Call to Order

The Regular 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.

Moment of Silence

A moment of silence was observed in observance of Veterans' Day.

Roll Call

The secretary called the roll:

Edward Adamowski, D1- present
Peter Marcinko, D1 - present
Charles Stowe, R2 - absent
Philip Tripp, R2 - present
Kevin Mott, D3- absent
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 - absent
Gene Sharkey, D6 - present

President Sharkey declared a quorum of 11 present, 3 absent.

Consideration of Previous Minutes

Alderman Fainer MOVED to accept the minutes of the October 8, 2013 Regular Meeting; SECONDED by Alderman Nihill. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11-0.

Public Session

President Sharkey asked if any member of the public wished to speak. Being none he declared the public session closed.

Randolph Carroll, 40 Fourth Street

I'd like to take this time to thank Madeline Bottone for all the years of service she has given to the City as our Town and City Clerk. As a taxpayer and as a private citizen I just want to thank you Madeline very much for everything that you've done for all of these years.

Mrs. Bottone replied, thank you very much; it's been a pleasure. I am going to miss everyone.

[Applause rang throughout the forum]

Public Official Session

Mayor James Della Volpe

Today Governor Malloy announced that the additional state funds for our school security has passed. The City of Ansonia will receive \$372,000. We made the second round. This is very fortunate for the City.

I would just like to congratulate to Mayor-Elect David Cassetti. I wish him well. I met with his transition team this morning and things are going to go smoothly. I wish him nothing but the best.

I want to congratulate all of the Aldermen who were re-elected or elected. I'm sure you'll have the best interests of the City at heart. I'd like to thank each and every one of the Aldermen that have served but did not get re-elected. Thank you for your service to the City.

President Sharkey I know how tough it is to sit there; it's not an easy seat but you've made some decisions that you had to make. We all understand that it's not an easy position. I want to thank you for your service and everything you've done for the City.

Once again, on behalf of the City, I've had the best interests at heart for 14 years and I'd like to thank each and every one of you. Thank you.

[Applause rang throughout the forum]

Corporation Counsel Kevin Blake

I couldn't let you go without having one more executive session; it will be brief.

I'd like to say what the Mayor said - I'm up soon. I've been here 14 years in this seat, I was [inaudible] for two years. I've been with the Board of A&T back to 1994. I'd like to thank all of the new administration - good luck David. And all the Aldermen I've met through the years and those who are serving. I've made a lot of friends and met a lot of people throughout the City. I'm going to miss it.

I'd like to thank Mayor Della Volpe for the opportunity to serve as the Corporation Counsel for 14 years. Thank you.

Tara Kolakowski, Acting Personnel Director

Good evening everyone. We have two items from the Salary Committee - the salary resolutions for non-union employees, it's about our fourth time and I apologize for having this take so long. The Board of A&T was very diligent in sending it back to us with some errors. If you could indulge us tonight and pass it one more time, we would really appreciate it.

The next salary resolution is regarding the Town and City Clerk's office. That salary came from the Salary Committee. We look for the full vote in support of that from the Board of Aldermen.

Personally I'd like to thank all of the Aldermen and Mayor Della Volpe and good luck to the new Aldermen, and Dave.

Chief Kevin Hale, Ansonia Police Department

We have heat. In the whole building. [Applause] They made November 1st. There was a great worry if you remember that they didn't think they'd make the 15th. We had heat on the first and they've done a great job.

Winter parking rules start December 1st. We are in the odd side this year. December 1st through March 31st. It's either even or odd on the year that it starts.

I look forward to working with Mayor-Elect Cassetti and his team.

Congratulations to the Aldermen who I've worked with for all these years; I've really enjoyed it and I think we've got a lot done. To those who are going off of the Board for whatever reason, thank you. For those coming on I look forward to working with you as well.

President Sharkey, you've done a lot for us - the work you put into that bond, and we have heat because of your efforts. I appreciate that.

Kevin, it's always been a pleasure. Mayor, you took a shot on me a few years back, 13 years ago, I certainly do appreciate that and I will always remember that. I looked forward to working with you every day of the week. It was a pleasure to work with you and hopefully we'll still see you. I know you're going to want to be involved in Ansonia and what's going on up here, and you always did have the best at heart for Ansonia and I appreciate it. Thank you.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee - Alderman Edward Adamowski

Alderman Adamowski MOVED to pay all bills if found to be correct; SECONDED by Alderman Radin. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11-0.

ARMS Committee - Alderman Scott Nihill

For October 2013 they were dispatched to 277 responses resulting in 177 patients being transported, 61 with advanced life support. We provided 25 calls for mutual aid to Derby, six to Seymour, and one to Bridgeport. We took in \$55,478.03.

Alderman Radin MOVED to accept the report; SECONDED by Alderman Fainer. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11-0.

Alderman Radin stated, I've attended almost all of the ARMS meetings. I'd like to say that Scott did a wonderful job as the Chairman. They ran it good - Jared and all the guys that were there did a great job and I'd like to thank him for doing what he did over the years.

Alderman Nihill replied, thank you. It was a pleasure serving the City and ARMS.

Salary Committee - Alderman Edward Adamowski

As Tara spoke about before, we have the two salary resolutions.

Municipal Reports / Annual Reports

Alderman Nihill MOVED to accept all municipal and annual reports, dispense with the reading and place them on file; SECONDED by Alderman Adamowski. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11-0.

Tax Collector's Report and Request for Refunds

Alderman Nihill MOVED to accept the report of the Tax Collector and pay the refunds in the amount of \$5,370.82 if found to be correct; SECONDED by Alderman Delucia. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11-0.

Claims

None presented.

Communications

Alderman Marcinko MOVED to accept all of the communications, place them on file, and take them up in their order on the agenda; SECONDED by Alderman Adamowski. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11-0.

Communication #1

From: Conservation Commission Chairman William Urban
Re: Referral - 48 Silver Hill Road

Corporation Counsel Blake drafted a letter to the Conservation Commission noting that it doesn't make sense to accept the sliver of land in order to have that part of Fountain Lake when it is not contiguous to Fountain Lake - it is about a mile and a half away. He recommended it should be offered to the two adjacent land owners.

Alderman Adamowski MOVED TO TABLE Communication #1 and forward it to the December Board of Aldermen Agenda; SECONDED by Alderman Radin. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11-0.

Communication #2

From: Richard Bshara
Re: Milliman and the Pension Service Agreements

The request is for the Board of Aldermen to approve the service agreements for Milliman and the Pension Service, and to authorize the Mayor to sign any and all agreements and contracts related to the tax document. Milliman is the actuarial service used to calculate the OPEB - Other Post-Employment Benefits - as required by GASB43/45 for the annual audit of the City. Pension Service performs the actuarial service on the City of Ansonia pension plan and provides the City with the NPO - Net Pension Obligation - report required for the City audit. They also perform the actuarial on the Police Pension plan in the same manner and the Police Commission has been asked to approve their agreement on their plan.

President Sharkey stated, it appears they started working for the City February 7, 2005. This is a continuation of work they've already performed for the City.

Mr. Bshara explained, GASB43/45 came into being around 2005 and Mr. Miller hired them to do the initial; this is a continuation of it. Pension Service has been doing our obligations for a while and they have all the data - it's basically a continuation also.

Alderman Radin asked that Mayor-Elect Cassetti sign the agreements. President Sharkey agreed that he should review and sign the agreements.

Alderman Marcinko MOVED TO TABLE and forward it to the December Board of Aldermen Agenda; SECONDED by Alderman Tripp. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11-0.

Communication #3

From: Corporation Counsel Kevin Blake
Re: Lease and Resolution to the Work Place

To be discussed in Executive Session.

Communication #4

From: Mayor James Della Volpe
Re: Consultant Contract - Prime AE for Gymnasium Floor at Ansonia Armory

AND

Resolution #4

From Aldermen Fainer, Nihill and Sharkey
Armory Gymnasium Floor Reconstruction - Consultant

President Sharkey noted that this was not approved last month because we had to wait to see if the bond passed for the repair of the Armory roof. Now that the Armory roof repair has been approved, we already have the grant money to repair the floor. We can now go forward with the reconstruction of it. For the Board's information, Prime AE is UIC. They have changed the name of their company. UIC has been on board since we started the Armory. They assisted in securing the grant money along with Ms. Krugel, getting it to this point. It's not a new company.

Alderman Tripp MOVED to ADOPT Resolution #4 providing for the Armory Gymnasium Floor Reconstruction Consultant; SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11-0.

Communication #5

From: Acting Personnel Director Tara Kolakowski
Re: Salary Resolution regarding Town and City Clerk

To be discussed under Resolutions.

Late Communication

Alderman Nihill MOVED to add Late Communication #1 to the agenda; SECONDED by Alderman Marcinko. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11-0.

Late Communication #1

From: Corporation Counsel Kevin Blake

Re: Intersection of Root Avenue and Hill Street

President Sharkey explained, the Board of Aldermen discussed that this is a hazardous corner. We were looking to get parking across the street. We were not talking about widening Root Avenue as Late Communication #1 suggests. This was done in confusion and I recommend we place it on file.

Alderman Tripp noted that this property belongs to a resident who lives across from the market where Orchard, Root and Hill Streets all come together. The many store patrons that park along his fence line are creating rutting between his fence and the City street. There are always cars parked on both sides of the street creating a hazardous condition. This is something this Board needs to address in the coming months. I would like the Board to revisit this in the future.

Alderman Adamowski **MOVED** to place Late Communication #1 on file; **SECONDED** by Alderman Marcinko. A voice vote was taken and the **MOTION PASSED 11-0.**

Resignations

Alderman Nihill MOVED to accept the resignation of Joseph Casini from the WPCA and send him a letter of thanks for his service to the City; SECONDED by Alderman Marcinko. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11-0.

Alderman Nihill MOVED to accept, with regret, the resignation of Joseph Confinante from the Board of Apportionment and Taxation and send him a letter of thanks for his service to the City; SECONDED by Alderman Adamowski.

Alderman Nihill noted that Mr. Confinante spent three decades serving the City on the Board of Apportionment and Taxation; a considerable amount of his lifetime dedicated to the City.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11-0.

Alderman Nihill MOVED to accept the resignation of Edward Norman from the Board of Apportionment and Taxation and send him a letter of thanks for his service to the City; SECONDED by Alderman Madigosky.

Alderman Nihill noted that Mr. Norman was a very active member of the Board of Apportionment and Taxation for the past 10 years and will be missed.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11-0.

Resolutions

[The full text of the following Resolutions is on file in the Office of the City/Town Clerk, Ansonia City Hall, 253 Main Street, Ansonia CT 06401]

Resolution #1

From Aldermen Knapp, Stowe, Mott, Jeanette, Fainer and Madigosky
Re: The Workplace

To be discussed in Executive Session.

Resolution #2

From Alderman the Salary Committee of the Board of Aldermen
Re: Salaries and Wages

President Sharkey explained that the salaries for the non-union personnel will be increased by the rate of 2.25 percent. This mirrors what the union increases were. This will be the fourth time this Board will see the same resolution. We saw it and approved it in July, August, September, and it has now been reviewed by the Comptroller's office, the Aldermanic Salary Committee, by the Personnel Director. We are assured this time that nobody has been left off and everybody has received the proper 2.25 percent. It would have been done and approved in July but it was not passed on to the Board of A&T.

Alderman Adamowski noted that this has passed out of the Salary Committee. I will personally go to the Board of A&T with this Monday should it pass tonight. It did receive unanimous support from the Salary Committee of the people that voted.

Alderman Radin MOVED to ADOPT Resolution #2; SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette.

Alderman Marini suggested that this resolution be tabled to the next meeting.

President Sharkey disagreed, stating that this is something we've already approved, several times, and all we are doing is correcting discrepancies. This Board has gone on record as approving it already. There is no reason to put it off.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Adamowski			X
Marcinko	X		
<i>Stowe</i>			
Tripp			X
<i>Mott</i>			

Jeanette	X		
Fainer			X
DeLucia	X		
Madigosky	X		
Radin	X		
Nihill	X		
Marini		X	
<i>Knapp</i>			
Sharkey	x		
TOTALS:	7	1	3

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 7 yes, 1 no 3 abstentions.

Resolution #3

From Aldermen Fainer, Nihill and Sharkey
Armory Gymnasium Floor Reconstruction - Consultant

Previously acted upon - See Communication #4.

Resolution #4

From the Salaries Committee of the Board of Aldermen
Town and City Clerk Salary

Alderman Adamowski explained that there is a new Town and City Clerk coming in. The new rate is \$27,000 for the first year of the term with a 3% increase for each consecutive term. The money is in the budget.

Alderman Marcinko MOVED to ADOPT Resolution #4; SECONDED by Alderman Tripp. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11-0.

Unfinished Business

New Business

Request of the Registrar of Voters for a Salary Increase

President Sharkey stated, I have received a letter from the Registrar of Voters asking us to consider raising the salary of the Registrar of Voters. They cite comparisons to a whole list of other towns. They submitted it, it was stamped in, but for some reason it did not make the agenda. It needs to be taken up under New Business. I would recommend sending this to the Salary Committee.

Alderman Marcinko MOVED to TABLE the request of the Registrar of Voters for a salary increase; and further,

MOVED to refer the matter to the Salary Committee of the Board of Aldermen for consideration of the new Board of Aldermen in December; SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11-0.

Outgoing Remarks of the President of the Board of Aldermen

This is the last meeting for Peter Marcinko, Kevin Mott, Howie Madigosky, Scott Nihill, John Marini, Dave Knapp and myself. I personally would like to thank each and every one of you for your work, for your dedication. I think this Board did accomplish a lot. We can be very proud of the bond resolution that the people of the City voted in favor of. It showed the people are willing to fund these very important improvements to the City. Every person I got a chance to speak to going out there, I was a proponent both of the bonding proposal and the changes to the City Charter. I would like to thank each and every person for their help on this Board. I can tell whoever is going to sit up here next time, it is not an easy position. We did well. I've made friends of many people on this Board and those people know it. Thank you again. I'd like to make sure that the City of Ansonia sends a letter of thanks to each person for their service on this Board. We should leave on a positive note. Thank you, each and every one of you.

[Applause rang throughout the forum]

Executive Session

At approximately 7:36 p.m. Alderman Madigosky MOVED to enter Executive Session to discuss the following items:

1. The Workplace Resolution #1;
2. Mustafa Salahuddin (CHRO) - Pending Litigation

And invite Mayor Della Volpe, Tara Kolakowski, Attorney Teodosio, and Chief Kevin Hale. SECONDED by Alderman Nihill. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11-0.

Return to Regular Session

At approximately 7:56 p.m., Alderman Adamowski MOVED to return to Regular Session; SECONDED by Alderman Nihill. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11-0.

1. The Workplace - Resolution #1

Alderman Fainer MOVED to TABLE; SECONDED by Alderman DeLucia. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11-0.

2. Salahuddin CHRO Pending Litigation

Alderman Adamowski MOVED to adopt the recommendation of Counsel as discussed in Executive Session; SECONDED by Alderman Fainer. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11-0.

Adjournment

Alderman Fainer MOVED to adjourn; SECONDED by Alderman Marcinko. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11-0.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Bruder, Secretary
Ansonia Board of Aldermen