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**CITY OF ANSONIA  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN**

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting – April 8, 2014**

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*Philip Tripp*

**Call to Order**

The Regular Meeting of the Ansonia Board of Aldermen was called to order at 7 p.m. by Aldermanic President Philip Tripp. 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  
Charles Stowe, R1 –present  
Philip Tripp, R2 – present  
Lorie Vaccaro, R2 – present  
Denice Hunt, D3 – absent  
Joseph Jeanette, D3– present  
Anthony DeLucia, D4 – present

Jerome Fainer, D4 – absent  
Anthony Casseti, R5 – present  
Joan Radin, R5 – present  
Matthew Edo, R6– present  
Patrick Henri, R6 – present  
David Blackwell, Jr., R7 – present  
Daniel Evans, R7 - present

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

**Consideration of Previous Minutes**

**Alderman Casseti MOVED to accept the following meeting minutes:**

**March 11, 2014 Regular Full Board Meeting**

**SECONDED by Alderman Edo. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.**

**Public Session**

President Tripp asked if any member of the public wished to speak.

Edward Musante, 21 Castle Lane

I'd like to thank the Public Works for cleaning up the cemetery up at Mary and Wakelee Avenue. They finally got it cleaned up. They did a good job up there.

Millie Rios, 121 Great Hill Road, and Sharon Fitzmorris, 119 Great Hill

Ms. Rios stated, we are here because I was at the Planning & Zoning meeting on the 31<sup>st</sup>. They suggested I bring my concern to the Board of Aldermen. Our properties are where the Fountain Lake development is taking place. I have voiced my concerns to Planning & Zoning several times and it seems to fall on deaf ears. Behind my property literally is the road that is going into the development. I want to be sure there is a fence put up between my property and the roadway. I am concerned for the safety of my grandson. My land is eroding. With all the blasting, our retaining walls, our stairs, everything is a huge mess. No one is taking any accountability for this damage. The Scintos say to take it up with the blasting company. The blasting company says to take it up with the insurance company. I took it to my insurance company; my insurance skyrocketed. The blasting company says, how do we know the blasting did all this damage. They are blasting company number three. Not number one or two. They are the third company the Fountain Lake people contracted to do this. So of course they are washing their hands of the whole situation.

On Saturday at 3:20 a.m. the carbon monoxide alarm was going off. The Fire Department came in and there was no fire – and they checked for carbon monoxide. There was none. But they found a gas leak. The gas company came in and found the leak in front of my property and they were there all day long digging the land and took care of the leak. I asked one of the Yankee Gas workers what could have caused this. The blasting causes heavy vibrations to the land and it possibly caused some damage to the underground gas pipes.

Initially my concern was my land eroding, my stairs, my walls, the safety of my grandson. Now it's a real serious problem. On the 31<sup>st</sup> as I was leaving the Planning & Zoning meeting, a gentleman said to me, "you might just want to get an attorney." I said "no," because I know the Schuster family had been fighting with the City of Ansonia and the Fountain Lake Commerce Park for years. But as I was walking down the stairs, I said I think the next thing I'll do is bring this to the news. And parked right there on Main Street right across the street is Channel 8 News. Talk about divine intervention. I spoke with the reporter, I have her name and number. I have not followed up yet but I will. I am here to see what, if anything this Board can do. What would you do if it were your home and you were in this kind of position where your safety is at stake and you have no real quality of home life. What would you do? What can be done?

I've talked to the Scinto's before and I keep being patient. Years have gone by and I don't see anything happening. They did a pre-blast survey and seismograph. I do not have the report. They say it's within the range. The last estimate I got to try and get this repaired was \$35,000. Who is responsible for this?

Ms. Fitzmorris stated, I don't know if they did one at my house because at that point I was in Maine and renting the house. My tenants never said that anyone came to

the house. I see a lot of cracks, and I've been home when the blasts are going off; it shakes the whole house. My dogs get freaked out. I've never been warned ahead. A guy came one day and said they were going to blast in an hour. What if I wasn't home. They're running trucks every day.

Alderman Stowe stated that he was at the Planning & Zoning meeting. The decision was made at that meeting to have the City Engineer, the Zoning Enforcement Officer, and the Fire Marshal get together to look at the, make sure the site plan is being followed. I suggest you go to the next Zoning meeting; I'm sure they're going to write a report because that was the consensus of the group. You are welcome to call the City Engineer, I know he was up there; the Zoning Enforcement Officer as well. I don't know if they've written up a report yet. Our people are doing their job and looking to see if there's anything being done or not. If there is a fence needed or anything, we'll know about it with that report.

Ms. Rios explained that she has spoken with Rob Scinto on several occasions. This is a multi-million dollar corporation; do the right thing. The last time I spoke with him was November 22<sup>nd</sup>, just before one of the last blasts. He knows the owner of MD Drilling and he was going to call him and talk to him and get back to me. That was November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

After discussion, Mayor Cassetti asked Ms. Rios for her contact information, stating, I will get back to you.

Alderman Adamowski asked that the Mayor's office and/or Corporation Counsel Marini report back to the Board of Aldermen so that we are aware of the status.

Randy Carroll, 40 Fourth Street

I would like to thank you for the two resolutions that I brought up – the Anti-Graffiti and ATVs on public property.

On Communication #2, that property is a tiny little piece of property that has no use to the City but it can be used by the two neighbors on each side. So the Conservation Commission, which I serve on, sent you Communication #2 to sell the property that has no worth to the City.

On Communication #5 – what is the referral on Fourth Street?

Corporation Counsel Marini replied, that is the lease of the Harry Ford Community Center – the proposed lease to the Workplace.

James Fedak, Jr., 88 Commodore Commons, Derby

I wanted to tell you about Master's Table Community Meals – it's a local non-profit based out of Ansonia. We have a community meal at the end of each month,

Usually it's a Sunday, with a clothing bank attached. It's something we've been doing for about three years. I am seeking a donated office space - anything between 200 and 500 square feet. We need the space to hold our meetings, and a storage space. I know there are a lot of buildings around here and I know the City, I've talked to the Mayor, I've talked to Peter Kelly when he was around. There is nothing that the City generally owns but maybe there is someone out there that has something that possibly they could donate. It would really help with our mission. Right now we have our items in different spots. I have a flyer for our next dinner and I have some information about us that I'll put on the table. If you have any questions I'll be glad to know more about this. Some of you already know about us. We are really trying to help the community. We are looking for anyone to step forward and help us. Right now I do say donated because our funds are very limited. This is an all volunteer run. We serve 100+ meals a month. We are really trying to make an impact in our community, not just here in Ansonia but the surrounding communities. Anything would be really appreciated.

Pat Boemmels, 4 Renahan Drive

I am here to encourage everyone to support us with the National Day of Prayer. It started way back in 1775 and in 1952 it was proclaimed by Harry S. Truman and later the Presidents of the United States. President Reagan said that from General Washington's struggles at Valley Forge to the present this nation has fervently sought and received divine guidance as it pursued the course of history this occasion provides our nation with an opportunity to further recognize the source of our blessings and seek His help for the challenges we face today and in the future. In 1988 the law was amended so that the National Day of Prayer would be held on the first Thursday of May each year.

This year's service will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. May 1<sup>st</sup> right here at the Veterans' Memorial. It will be a service to pray for our nation, our state, and Ansonia. We will cover different topics such as government, education, and the military. There are seven different topics. We would love to have everyone come and join us in prayer. On that particular day, May 1, 2014, in Colorado, there will be a hearing trying to take away our right to have the National Day of Prayer. We all should join in and pray and I hope everyone joins us.

I have brochures to leave with you. It is [nationaldayofprayer.org](http://nationaldayofprayer.org) online if you decide to take a look. It is very informative.

Ken Plavnicky, 15 Mountainview Road

Ladies and Gentlemen, tonight I am proud to present the City this beautiful new seal which has been designed and crafted by the students of Emmett O'Brien and painted by Ansonia's own Jack Black. Mr. Mayor I'd like to present this seal to Mayor Cassetti so that he may accept it on behalf of the residents of this great City. Thank you.

Randolph Carroll, 40 Fourth Street

I have one more question. I'm the president of a fiduciary that we've been doing projects for the City. I raised over \$18,000 for the fountain and it's not working. It was working last Spring and then for some reason it didn't. The people that donated money are asking me when is this fountain going to start working. It is kind of embarrassing.

Mayor Cassetti stated, we'll have to talk to the Public Works director.

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

***Public Official Session***

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Mayor David Cassetti

Good evening members of the Board of Aldermen and residents of the City of Ansonia. In the interest of showing our support and cheering our UCONN women's basketball team tonight, I'm keeping my comments brief.

First, I'd like to congratulate our UCONN men's basketball team. What a tremendous accomplishment. We are all very proud of them. I wish UCONN women's basketball team and Ansonia's very own Tierny Lawlor the best of luck tonight.

Tonight I am happy to report that we are introducing the new blight ordinance that will carry more weight for the City of Ansonia and give us some added enforcement tools. We are all concerned about blighted properties and the negative effect they have on our community. These new ordinances will help support the work that our building department and our zoning enforcement officer does in helping to eradicate blight.

My administration and I have been concentrating our efforts on redevelopment. We are meeting with developers and discussing creative solutions to some of the more complex sites. I will be having a special meeting of the Board of Aldermen regarding our redevelopment efforts on Olson Drive. I will be working with department heads and assembling a revitalization committee for this project.

In a continued effort to decrease the burden on Ansonia taxpayers, we are negotiating the sale of our cell tower and hope to have that finalized shortly.

Finally, with Spring and Summer fast approaching, the City of Ansonia will be getting some much-needed assistance from our veterans and others to help with the maintenance and beautification of our City. Thank you again, and GO UCONN!

Alderman Jeanette stated, at 142 Platt Street, it's a blue house, it looks like they ran a gas line or sewer hookup. They put asphalt and now the new trench is sinking. There's really a big hole there. Can the Public Works Director look at it?

Mayor Cassetti replied, it's a State road; we'll get in touch with the State.

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Corporation Counsel John Marini

As the Mayor mentioned, there are several ordinances on the table for tonight. One is an anti-blight ordinance. I have worked with both the Mayor and members of our Ordinance Committee to really take a look at the blight laws in the City of Ansonia, how we can beef them up, how we can do better. Time is right for Spring cleaning so we are about to unleash, well, we hope to be the Godzilla of anti-blight programs. It's been called "Clean and Lean" in other communities. Essentially it addresses the problem of properties that are fined, day to day, month to month, that rack up gigantic blight liens while the garbage, the refuse, the overgrown grass, remains uncorrected for months, and in certain circumstances, for years. This will allow the City of Ansonia to crack down on these properties by hiring independent contractors to actually to onto the property, clean the mess up, and end the issue for the neighbors and residents of the City. We'll talk more in detail about the substance of that proposal and the other ordinances when we get to the ordinance section later on in the agenda.

Our FOI seminar was held about a week ago. It was very successful. We were able to pack the Aldermanic Chambers. We had a great discussion. A lot of points that typically aren't discussed for example, laws relating to emails and phone discussions were addressed. There is an informational handout to share with the entire board, the residents, and all other City officials. That way those individuals who missed the seminar can still have the information.

We also will be holding these seminars with land use committees to go over the particular rules related to zoning, and also the Housing Authority next month.

Bus Shield – the organization we entered into a contract with over a month ago, they were going to install trackers on the City buses to give us an indication of what's going on in terms of cars passing buses and to be able to catch these individuals. A written report from them will be due in the next few weeks. They have already informed us that since they've been active there have been 84 instances of cars blowing through stop signs on buses. We'll get the breakdown of where that's happening the most and where the areas of concern are when the report is issued.

In terms of the Town and City Clerk account, several months ago we looked at ordering an examination of the account to provide us with information and getting a hold on the situation and being able to move forward. The report is going to be due in next several weeks so there will be a report imminent and will talk about what's going on in terms of that account.

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Zoning Enforcement Officer, David Blackwell, Sr.

About this proposal the Board is going to vote on tonight for an ordinance change on blight, I hope you find in favor of it. I'd like you to look at Section 13-50 I'll call it subsection F – this gives me a lot more power than I had previously. This is one particular piece of property - 207 Westfield Avenue. This property has been under blight – we don't even know if there's a correct blight lien on it, but right now, to date, it's \$111,375. Here are photos of the property that I've taken and I've compared these with pictures taken by my predecessor. The blight has increased. Section 13-50(f) gives me more power and more leeway than to just have a blight lien continue and continue and the neighbors have to put up with it.

Corporation Counsel Marini stated, we've had issues with liens on properties. The past practice was to give an open-ended notice at the commencement of the fine period. Say you have blight on your property, you get a letter from the City, and it's your first notice that you have a violation of blight laws. Past practice we have actually used that first notice to tell the resident that they will have a lien on the property beginning on that day and running day to day into the future. In the past case it was \$100 a day. The problem is the State Statutes have very specific requirements as to what constitutes a valid lien. So it is really not permissible to give someone a written notice back in 2010 that they're going to have a lien on their property adding up at \$100 a day and then come back three years from then where now the lien is \$100,000 and say, well that first letter that you got three years ago was a notice of a lien on your property and now it's \$100,000 – that actually does not hold up in court. It doesn't satisfy the requirements of what constitutes a valid lien. Beyond the ordinance we need to change the practice of how we are recording these liens so we could secure the City's interest.

Alderman Delucia stated, I say we do everything in our power to stop all this junk around the City with blight and everything else. Being a fireman and Joe could attest and Eddie, houses like this, if we don't watch them and fine them and get rid of it, these are places that kill firemen, emergency service people. Whatever we have to do, I say do it. It sure could be a real hazard.

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Superintendent of Schools Carol Merlone

I know everyone wants to get home to the game. I'll give you a quick overview of some of the things that are happening in the schools. We were proud this month to say Joshua Penticassi from Mead School was the top speller and he represented the

Ansonia School System down at the Regional Spelling Bee at Connecticut State University.

Our Technical Schools under the direction of Mrs. McDermott teamed up with Mead School grades one through four and brought in a robotics program. That's very expensive; it's something that Ansonia can't afford. But with the partnership with the technical schools it seemed to work. We are very thankful to Mrs. McDermott.

This past Saturday Prendergast hosted a vendor fair and had an Easter egg hunt for the little ones. On that same Saturday our pre-K was celebrating the Week of the Child, Play and Learn up at Warsaw Park. That attracted 600 families. In that setting the families were taught about early childhood activities for parents and caregivers. That was a success.

We are proud to announce that three of our teachers were selected from the State-wide pool of candidates by the Connecticut Department of Education and Learn-zillion to be on that Connecticut dream team which, there's a lot of controversy about the Common Core, but these people have been elected on the team which is dedicated to building Common Core teacher leaders. I don't think the Common Core is going away anytime too soon so we might as well have our teachers part of what we need to know and they can bring it home. Congratulations to those educators that participated.

They're finishing up testing in all the buildings. There are a few days left of makeups at the Middle School and the High School. The Middle School and Prendergast School received a \$1,000 grant. The Middle School is going to hire a muralist to come in and do wall painting and scenery and the students have to partake in it. At Prendergast, they'll be touching up the alphabets that are painted in the cafeteria. Students will be helping out doing that painting under the direction of the art teacher there.

I am proud to say that our valedictorian, Louis Nicoletti, will be attending Harvard University for the next four years.

Mrs. Merlone then read aloud the names of approximately 60 graduating seniors and the schools they are going to. The list has not been completed. With the AP courses that the Board has approved in the past, our students have great options and are earning up to 21 credits for college courses.

Mrs. Merlone recently read about the a high school in Chicago that was the first in the nation to award a child a high school diploma and an Associate's Degree. She, along with the Assistant Superintendent, will travel to New Jersey this month to visit their program and see if we can implement this in Ansonia High School.

Alderman Evans stated, I think it's great that all those kids are going on to colleges and the various armed branches of service, but I'd also like to congratulate the kids who have chosen to pursue a career in the local trade unions.

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Chief Kevin Hale, Ansonia Police Department

To the lady that spoke from Great Hill Road – two things - don't ever be afraid to call the Police Department and don't ever ignore the alarm. Walk out of the house, get everybody out of the house. Maybe it wasn't CO, maybe it was just a faulty alarm. But if there's a gas leak and you're not aware of it and you pick up the phone and it sparks, there is a problem. The firehouses aren't manned 24 hours but we are – call 911 – there is always somebody there. They'll send the Fire Department; don't worry about the sirens. Please step out and don't ever ignore that.

Our Anti Crime Unit continues their onslaught – two more search warrants and arrests last week including three guns, a sizeable amount of drugs and money.

In the past week our Officers have been greatly enforcing our distracted driving laws throughout the City. We are paying attention to that and have issued several dozen tickets already in the past week. Distracted driving is now the leading cause of death among young drivers, passing DUI and speed.

Our Awards Ceremony will be held at 7 p.m. May 22 at Ansonia High School.

We have seen an up tick in the theft of copper tubing from vacant houses – there is either a for sale sign and/or a dumpster, or just apparent that the house is vacant. Please pay attention; please ask your constituents to pay attention. If you see anything please let us know. Along the lines of neighborhood awareness – it's Springtime and people are getting out more and more. You know your neighborhoods – if it doesn't look right chances are it isn't right. Call us; let us know. Let us determine whether it is something or nothing. See something say something – please do so.

Alderman Edo stated, did we ever follow up on the ATV riding at Linett Park during the soccer practice the other night?

Chief Hale will follow up and let Alderman Edo know about it.

### **Committee Reports**

#### Finance Committee – Alderman Lorie Vaccaro

**Alderman Vaccaro MOVED to pay all bills if found to be correct; SECONDED by Alderman Edo. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.**

The Board of A&T are winding down their work on the budget.

Alderman Radin MOVED to accept the report; SECONDED by Alderman Cassetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

Fire Committee – Alderman Joseph Jeanette

The Fire Department provided 8 motor vehicle accident assists; 3 CO investigations; 3 smoke investigations; 2 trash; 2 vehicle fires; 6 structure fires; 4 natural/propane gas leaks; 11 false alarms; 2 mutual aid calls; 4 public service good intent calls; 1 extraction/rescue.

Alderman Henri MOVED to accept the report; SECONDED by Alderman Vaccaro. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

Salary Committee – Alderman David Blackwell

The Salary Committee met twice this month. The first was for the Bond Project Manager salary and the IT position salary. These will be discussed further under Resolutions. The second meeting was in regard to the Economic Development Director and Grant Writer salaries. Both of those salaries were lowered. These will also be discussed under Resolutions.

Alderman Jeanette MOVED to accept the report; SECONDED by Alderman Edo. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

ARMS Committee – Alderman David Blackwell

In March ARMS was dispatched to 249 calls. They transported 177 patients; 75 with advanced life support. Mutual aid to Derby was 25, 1 to Seymour and 2 to Shelton. Mutual aid received – 0 on first call, 1 on second call, 0 on third call, 1 on fourth call. 131 patients were transported to Griffin Hospital; 12 to Yale; 6 to Yale Pediatrics; 14 to Yale-St. Raphael's campus; 6 to Bridgeport; 5 to St. Vincent's; 1 to Waterbury; 2 to VA West Haven. ARMS collected \$88,150.16 – that is Medicaid included. Last month the numbers were down because of the Medicaid switch over. This is actually two months of Medicaid and our monthly charges.

Alderman Radin MOVED to accept the report; SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

WPCA; Public Works; Economic Development – Alderman Charles Stowe

We have hired a new Public Works Director. Mr. Novack has done a splendid job with a lot of clean up issues, road repairs, lights out. Splendid job.

WPCA is in the process of trying to figure out how to collect a lot of old fees. It's going to be very complicated. A lot like the blight situation in how we're going to be fair to everyone and collect all these fees.

In Economic Development we have a new Director and are looking forward to her next meeting with us.

Alderman Edo MOVED to accept the report; SECONDED by Alderman Cassetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

Alderman Tripp as we're on the subject of Public Works, Recreation Committee and the Police – Linett Park is now a new location for soccer league practice for young children. I would like to thank Public Works for doing a lot of field preparation work there. If Public Works and the Police Department could have increased vigilance and awareness of that park I would appreciate it. I have some items for Chief Hale – I walk parks and I collect things so I will share that with Chief Hale later.

Alderman Blackwell stated that he would like Mayor Cassetti, Corporation Counsel Marini, and the Building Department to go up there and look at Linett Park. The road coming into the park is in very bad shape. There is a lot of graffiti that is inappropriate. The last house on the corner, it's a blue house, if you want to talk about blight – that is blight – we should clean it up. It definitely warrants a walk through at the very least to see what is needed.

Mr. Novack stated, Public Works is making a concerted effort to clean things up. Signs were put up regarding the dog walkers but the signs were stolen the next day. We are trying to repair the fences. I will pass those kudos on to Mr. Rowley and his crew.

Alderman Edo stated that there was concern about the way the lining was done at that field. Last week the ball was being kicked out into the parking lot and into the small street area. If there is another way to get something a little more secure that would be appreciated.

Alderman Patrick Henri – 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee

On Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at Emmett O'Brien Tech, there will be a concert featuring the Navy Band Northeast. They are bringing their Top 40 band and there will be a Drill Team from the Submarine School in New London. It is a free event. The kids from the school will be there and the public is invited.

***Municipal Reports / Annual Reports***

**Alderman Radin MOVED to accept all municipal and annual reports, dispense with the reading and place them on file; SECONDED by Alderman Cassetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.**

***Tax Collector's Report and Request for Refunds***

**Alderman Edo MOVED to accept the report of the Tax Collector and pay the refunds in the amount of \$1,152.08 if found to be correct; SECONDED by Alderman Vaccaro. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.**

***Claims***

03-14-822 Luckart & Luckart Re: Connecticut General Statutes  
04-14-823 James S. Tanner v. City of Ansonia Re: Two Municipal Complaint Forms

**Alderman Henri moved to refer the claims to Corporation Counsel Marini; SECONDED by Alderman Blackwell. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.**

***Communications***

**Alderman Radin MOVED to accept all of the communications, place them on file, and take them up in their order on the agenda; SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.**

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Communication #1

From: Chairman Daniel King, Board of Apportionment and Taxation  
Re: Three new positions

No action.

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Communication #2

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

No action.

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Communication #3

From: Chairman Nancy Valentine, Cost Cutting Commission  
Re: Delinquent Tax Records – Request for Policy to Collect

Alderman Henri MOVED to refer Communication #3 to the Finance Committee for review and discussion; SECONDED by Alderman Edo.

Alderman Radin stated, we need to make some sort of a regulation about who is collecting what, and how much is there. There has to be some kind of a plan so

that we can collect some of this money legally.

Alderman Stowe stated, the Cost Cutting Commission has made us aware of it, and I like the idea of the Finance Committee working on this. From the stage we're at with WPCA – it's a lot more difficult when you start getting the facts of who owes, how much, why, for how long, their ability or inability to pay, etc. It is very complicated.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

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Communication #4

From: Fitzpatrick's Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram

Re: Building Improvement and Consideration of Lot Lease

**Alderman Henri MOVED to refer Communication #4 to the Planning & Zoning Commission; SECONDED by Alderman Edo. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.**

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Communication #5

From: Jo-Lynn Flaherty, Secretary, Planning & Zoning Commission

Re: Favorable 8-24 Referral – Four Fourth Street

No action.

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Communication #6

From: Project Manager Michael Schryver

Re: Bid Award for Window Replacement at Ansonia Police Department

**Alderman Edo MOVED to TABLE; SECONDED by Alderman Vaccaro. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.**

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Communication #7

From: Harry Danley, Jr.

Re: Permit for 3 hot dog carts

**Alderman Blackwell MOVED to refer Communication #7 to the Board of Police Commissioners; SECONDED by Alderman Edo. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.**

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Communication #8

From: Director of Economic Development Sheila O'Malley  
Re: West Main Street Streetscape Improvements

**Alderman Vaccaro MOVED to award the bid for the West Main Street Streetscape Improvements to EDO Construction Company, Inc. of Milford, CT; SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette.**

It was noted that neither Alderman Edo nor Corporation Counsel Marini are affiliated with EDO Construction Company of Milford, CT.

**A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.**

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Communication #9

From: Alderman David Blackwell  
Re: IT Position and Temporary Bond Manager

No action.

***Late Communication***

Alderman Edo MOVED to accept Late Communication #1 and open the Public Session for comment; SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette.

President Tripp asked three times if any member of the public wished to speak on late Communication #1. Being none, he declared the public session closed.

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Late Communication #1

From: Board of Public Works  
Re: Bid Award – West Main Street Project

No action – previously acted upon – see Communication #8.

***Resignations***

None presented.

***Appointments***

INLAND-WETLANDS COMMISSION

Alderman Edo MOVED to appoint William Malerba (R) of 145 Myrtle Avenue, term to expire 12-31-2016; SECONDED by Alderman Henri. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Alderman Henri MOVED to reappoint Jeffrey Sweeney (U) of 11 Cottage Avenue, term to expire 02-28-2019; SECONDED by Alderman Edo. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

Alderman Vaccaro MOVED to reappoint Gregg Seccombe of 35 Deer Run Drive, Seymour, term to expire 02-28-2018; SECONDED by Alderman Henri. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

SUPERINTENDENT OF VETERANS' GRAVES

Alderman Henri MOVED to appoint Thomas Henri (U) of 7 Hawkins Road, term to expire 11-30-2015; SECONDED by Alderman Edo. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

***Resolutions***

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Resolution #1

Re: Historic Documents Preservation Grant

Alderman Henri MOVED to ADOPT Resolution #1; SECONDED by Alderman Vaccaro. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

R E S O L U T I O N

All Aldermen of All Wards introduced the following Resolution:

THAT David S. Cassetti, Mayor of the City of Ansonia, is empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of this municipality a contract with the Connecticut State Library for an Historic Documents Preservation Grant.

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Resolution #2

Re: Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection Grant

Alderman Vaccaro MOVED to ADOPT Resolution #2; SECONDED by Alderman Edo. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

RESOLUTION

All Aldermen of All Wards introduced the following Resolution:

AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ANSONIA BOARD OF ALDERMEN

THAT the City of Ansonia may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (formerly the Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security) and any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and

FURTHERMORE RESOLVED, Mayor David S. Casseti, Mayor of the City of Ansonia, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the City of Ansonia and to do and perform all acts and things which he deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated b such documents.

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Resolution #3

Re: Salary Resolution: Bond Project Manager

Alderman Jeanette MOVED to ADOPT Resolution #3; SECONDED by Alderman Vaccaro. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

Alderman David Blackwell of the Salary Committee introduced the following Resolution:

SALARY RESOLUTION: BOND PROJECT MANAGER

Department: Finance

Temporary Bond Manager \$25,000

The job and description was approved by the Salary Committee.

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Resolution #4

Re: Salary Resolution: Part-time Information Technology Manager

Alderman Vaccaro MOVED to ADOPT Resolution #4; SECONDED by Alderman Henri. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

Alderman David Blackwell of the Salary Committee introduced the following Resolution:

SALARY RESOLUTION: PART-TIME INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGER

Department: City Budget

Part-time Information Technology Manager \$25,000

The job and description was approved by the Salary Committee.

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Resolution #5

Re: Salary Resolution: Economic Development Director

Alderman Vaccaro MOVED to ADOPT Resolution #5; SECONDED by Alderman Henri. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

Alderman David Blackwell of the Salary Committee introduced the following Resolution:

SALARY RESOLUTION: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Department: City Budget

Economic Development Director \$50,000

The job and description was approved by the Salary Committee.

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Resolution #6

Re: Salary Resolution: Grant Writer

Alderman Vaccaro MOVED to ADOPT Resolution #6; SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

Alderman David Blackwell of the Salary Committee introduced the following Resolution:

SALARY RESOLUTION: GRANT WRITER

Department: City Budget

Grant Writer \$35,000

The job and description was approved by the Salary Committee.

**Ordinances**

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**Ordinance #1****Re: Revised Anti-Blight Program**

[The full text of Ordinance #1 is on file in the Office of the City/Town Clerk, 253 Main Street, Ansonia, CT]

Alderman Stowe MOVED to ADOPT Ordinance #1; SECONDED by Alderman Edo.

The Aldermen discussed the Ordinance.

- That the Mayor's Office will hold public information meetings to educate the public on the points of the new Ordinance.
- Money will be budgeted in a Remediation line item of the Blight Office to fund the Clean and Lien program. There is presently \$50,000 in the account. The Blight Officer will have to be very selective on which properties are referred into the program.
- The Ordinance creates a revolving account where the fines collected from liens and blight fees will go back into the Blight budget that will replenish the Remediation line item.
- The Ordinance is on a complaint basis. If a resident or a City official makes a complaint the Blight Officer is obligated to follow up on the complaint and see if it does violate the Ordinance. He will not be driving around the City looking for blight.
- The Blight Committee will meet monthly to review the properties and make sure the program is running smoothly.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

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**Ordinance #2****Re: Regulating the Operation or Use of Dirt Bikes, All-Terrain Vehicles, Snowmobiles, Motor-driven cycles, or Mini-cycles.**

[The full text of Ordinance #2 is on file in the Office of the City/Town Clerk, 253 Main Street, Ansonia, CT]

Alderman Henri MOVED to ADOPT Ordinance #2; SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

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Ordinance #3

Re: Corrections to Code

[The full text of Ordinance #3 is on file in the Office of the City/Town Clerk, 253 Main Street, Ansonia, CT]

Alderman Edo MOVED to ADOPT Ordinance #3; SECONDED by Alderman Vaccaro. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

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Ordinance #4

Re: Anti-Graffiti Program

[The full text of Ordinance #4 is on file in the Office of the City/Town Clerk, 253 Main Street, Ansonia, CT]

Alderman Henri MOVED to ADOPT Ordinance #4; SECONDED by Alderman Vaccaro. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

***Unfinished Business***

None presented.

***New Business***

Alderman Delucia asked why Communication #6 was tabled.

Corporation Counsel Marini replied, there was an issue with the bid process and more review is necessary.

***Executive Session***

At approximately 8:40 p.m., Alderman Edo MOVED to enter Executive Session to discuss the following:

**1. Lease of Harry F. Ford Community Center**

and invited Mayor Cassetti and Corporation Counsel Marini to remain in the Aldermanic Chambers; SECONDED by Alderman Vaccaro. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

***Return to Regular Session***

At approximately 8:54 p.m., Alderman Henri MOVED to return to Regular Session; SECONDED by Alderman Edo. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

President Tripp noted that there were no votes taken in Executive Session.

Alderman Jeanette MOVED to authorize Mayor Cassetti to enter into an agreement with The Workplace; SECONDED by Alderman Henri. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 12-0.

***Adjournment***

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

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Bruder, Secretary  
Ansonia Board of Aldermen