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Minutes of the Regular Meeting – June 10, 2014

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.

Moment of Silence

Mayor Cassetti called for a moment of silence in honor and memory of long time former City Comptroller Joseph Miller.

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 – present
Joseph Jeanette, D3– present
Anthony DeLucia, D4 – absent

Jerome Fainer, D4 – present
Anthony Cassetti, 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 13 present, 1 absent.

Add-Ons

Alderman Henri MOVED to add the following items to the agenda:

Late Communication #1 from Mayor David Cassetti re: Bid Certification Form
- United Illuminating Company

Late Communication #2 from Chairman John Finnucan, Board of Public
Works, re: Bid Award Recommendations

**SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED
13-0.**

Consideration of Previous Minutes

Alderman Radin MOVED to accept the minutes of the May 13, 2014 Regular Full Board Meeting; SECONDED by Alderman Henri. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11-0.

Public Session

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

Randolph Carroll, 40 Fourth Street

As Chairman of the Friends, we restored the fountain at the Library. The celebration is June 26th at 2 p.m. You're all invited.

I would like to thank the Police Chief. We had an incident at my condominiums last month. The police carried themselves extremely professionally. They handled it wonderfully.

I'd like to thank Public Works because after years of asking they've mulched all of Gatison Park. It makes our part of the neighborhood a lot brighter.

We got a grant from Energy Environmental Protection dated August 9, 2012. I've talked to the Grant Writer but I just want it on record – the grant includes planting trees around town and includes 4th and 3rd Street – five trees either Cleveland Pear or Papyrus Cacilia. It's almost getting past planting season, I hope these trees can be planted. In the first ward where I live a lot of trees have been cut down so it's just a sidewalk.

I have a question about the Historic District of which I'm Chairman. The application process is so long and arduous. If you come to the Commission we have to send you to the Building Inspector after we review your plans. The Building Inspector sends you back to us. We have to send you back to the Building Inspector, and then we have to have the public hearing to have a Certificate of Appropriateness. I have a gentleman that bought all of Upper Main Street and he's putting hundreds of thousands of dollars into the facades of these buildings. It is just too long of a process. I've got three people that want to do things in the Historic District but I can't coordinate their time with our time. So at each public hearing the City has to spend \$600 to put it in the newspaper. Is there any way the Commission could be amended so if it's not developing a property, that if it's just maintenance and upkeep and renovation that we don't have to go to a public hearing?

Corporation Counsel Marini stated, can we have a meeting with you, members of the Commission and myself to review the Charter and the laws and figure out to try

to streamline it. I don't want to tell you here that you can do away with the public hearing requirement. Maybe Thursday or Friday.

Joe Martino, 50 Toas Street, Shelton

I'm a Realtor. I'm here representing a buyer of 46 North Cliff Street. It is a short sale; the bank approved the sale and the buyer can close on the house. The problem is there is a blight lien on the property in excess of \$60,000. The reality is that she can't buy this house with that in place. This lady is looking to live in the property, she has a special mortgage called a "renovation loan." It is a Connecticut financing program as well. She already had the appraisal, the home inspection and the contractor is involved. The house will be fixed up very nicely, and will be owner-occupied. I would like to see if there is something we can do to make that blight lien disappear. It is unfortunate that this buyer can't purchase the property because of the grass not being cut.

President Tripp stated, obviously something has been going on for a while there, or something was very egregious and it hadn't been addressed.

Corporation Counsel Marini stated, this Board has the authority to waive all or part of a blight lien, although that doesn't automatically mean that they will do so. There will be an Executive Session at the end of this meeting, and I will advise that the Board consider it at that time, as this is a claim that the City has against the property.

Mr. Martino thanked Corporation Counsel Marini and stated that he has a letter for the Board to consider at that time, with a little more detail in that.

Millie Rios, 121 Great Hill Road

This is the third time I am in front of this Board and I will probably be coming every month. I have the property where the Fountain Lake Commerce Park development is taking place. I am here tonight regarding the fact that my house is on the corner, and that particular parcel on the corner is a hill that once belonged to the City of Ansonia and was very well maintained. Since 2006 because the Fountain Lake Corporation purchased the property, they have not maintained it. I have gone to Public Works – the last time was on October 26, 2013. Mike Schryver assured me that he would put in a call to the Scintos to take care of it. Nothing happened. In November I talked with Rob Scinto and he said he would take care of it. Nothing happened. On April 14th a blasting took place and I was out there, Rob Scinto was there, so was your City Engineer and a couple of other people. I pointed out to Rob the corner, how bad and overgrown it is. He said he'd get a landscaper out there. Still nothing. Can you do something about this?

Alderman Stowe stated, I attended a Zoning meeting and we discussed with the City Engineer the Zoning Enforcement Officer and the Fire Marshal would go and check it out, examine their records and see if there was any wrongdoing by the developer. They told me they did not see any violations being done by the developer.

Ms. Rios stated you have got to go there and physically see it. Rob Scinto himself, when he looked at it, said okay, what do you want me to do? I said, "get a landscaper." Somebody really has their blinders on because you go there and see it's all overgrown shrubbery. It's a mess.

Alderman Stowe stated, I believe the City Engineer Fred D'Amico is in his office on Wednesdays, perhaps you can go and discuss with him, and if you're still not happy then I'd suggest you talk with Doug Novak.

Ms. Rios asked, because the Board of Aldermen approved this back in 2006, what if any kind of progress report does the developer give to the City? What happens? I don't know how many of you have looked at it but all that is there is a hole in the ground, the mountain of dirt, the access road. Will there be another access road? Today I counted and in two hours, seven times these trucks go by getting dirt out of there. This is my quality of life – noise pollution, land eroding. The DEP will come out and do an assessment on my land. Where are they with this?

Economic Development Director Sheila O'Malley stated, first of all, it's a private developer so he has the right to develop his property in the timeframe that he needs to develop it, and development takes time, and it's a very costly project because you're blasting rock. Any time you're blasting rock the cost goes up. Mr. Scinto has been working on the access road and he anticipates getting tenants in there very shortly. I can talk more about it in private but I don't care to talk about a private developer who has a right to develop his property in the timeframe he chooses to do so.

Ms. Rios stated, but also understand my concern, I am the person that is mostly affected by this development going on. It has been happening for eight years. Mr. Scinto bought that property for \$1,120,000 back then and the City of Ansonia was going to share the cost of the road. At the end of the day a sweet deal was made where this developer ended up getting this land for one dollar in exchange for the City of Ansonia not having to share the cost of the road. I am not going to stand for this any more.

Alderman Henri stated, Ms. Rios, I would invite you to keep coming back. I would offer to you that you go tomorrow to see the blight officer and put in a blight claim on this property. We're charging \$60,000 for North Cliff Street and you're no different than that. Scinto should get blight fines against him too.

Ms. O'Malley stated, I just want to add that there is a delicate balance between a municipality and a private developer. Of course you want development, it lowers our taxes, increases our grand list, so there is a fine balance. We are careful with how we interact with developers and we want to be sensitive to the residents. We also want to encourage development; we don't want to discourage development.

Alderman Henri stated, I understand that, point taken. He said he would do it and he didn't do it. Balance includes being a good neighbor. Thank you.

Michael Egan, 103 Benz Street

Once again I would like to bring to your attention an unsafe practice of the Ansonia Schools hierarchy. Perhaps it's a police matter. Students from Prendergast and Mead Schools are walking to the Ansonia Nature Center. They must traverse a couple of well traveled roadways, some with no sidewalks. In some areas they must go into the street as cars are parked on the street. There are no white lines designating the side of the street or anything. The students have to travel with the traffic as opposed to walking facing the traffic. This seems to be in conflict with what most people are taught but this is the way they are led down the street. There are no crossing guards present when crossing several streets. The escorts don't wear approved safety vests which is required by the MUTCD (Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices) which is put out by the federal government and seems like it would apply in this instance.

Thank you Mayor for your vision for the Olson Drive area. Perhaps a new street name would also upgrade this area of our town. Some of us old dinosaurs may not want to change with the times, but Ansonia is in need of leadership that looks to the future and at the same time will listen to the public. Thank you.

We just had a budget completed. Some departments have complained about this new budget and threatened and sometimes followed through with cuts that will evoke an outcry from the public. The outcry is usually directed to you, the members of the Board, the Finance Committee, the Board of Apportionment and Taxation. I bet if each of those departments would just cut the fat in their budgets there would not be any outcry. Thank you.

Tara Kolakowski, 14 Farrell Drive

The Salary Committee met this evening and I believe from December, 2013 to today, there have been at least a dozen Salary Committee meetings. That is a crucial subcommittee of the Board of Aldermen and I think the public would appreciate having those minutes posted in a timely fashion. I know that in the past we were called out on that more than a few times. Thank you.

David Knapp, 3 Glen Drive

I understand there is a Summerfest or picnic, party, planned.

President Tripp replied, July 19th.

Mr. Knapp continued, I also heard that we will spend \$45,000 on it.

Mayor Cassetti stated, we are collecting donations.

Corporation Counsel Marini stated, toward the end of the meeting, not only are Greg and Gary here who are the coordinators of the event, there is also an agreement that the Board will see for the first time tonight and we're going to act on it in about a week's time at a special meeting scheduled for next week. That agreement sets forth all the details. It is the intention of the agreement to have this event funded by a combination of sponsorship, \$20,000 has already been raised, admissions, concessions and vendor fees. That is all set forth in the agreement. It is the intention to have this event essentially be a wash for the City – no expense to the City.

Corporation Counsel Marini stated, toward the end of the meeting, presentation, and agreement to act on at a Special Meeting next week.

Mr. Knapp asked, which City employees are allowed to take vehicles home other than the Chief of Police and the Mayor? I saw a City vehicle parked in somebody's driveway on the weekend, and I know they're not working on the weekend. It was a couple of weekends.

The Olson Drive Planning Committee – have the members been finalized?

Mayor Cassetti replied no, I haven't picked anybody yet.

Mr. Knapp stated, I would like to volunteer to be on that committee.

Mayor Cassetti stated, you will be considered.

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

Public Official Session

Mayor David Cassetti

A lot has been going on in the City in the past month. I am pleased to report to you that on May 29th I held a joint forum with Troy White, Bob Lisi, and Chief Hale and others to discuss our plans for the redevelopment of Olson Drive. We had a great turnout but I would like to recap for those who were unable to attend.

My vision includes a blend of mixed income housing, a public safety facility, and a community center. This is a multi-phase project that will span the course of several years. It will depend on private, federal, and state funding. My mission is to create a well-blended safe, mixed-use development that will serve the needs for all Ansonia residents. This project is important because the success of it depends on your input and participation. It is also important because it is connected to the prosperity and growth of our downtown. I am hoping the plan can be implemented and will result in a safer, friendlier and more foot traffic in our downtown area.

We had a wonderful block party on May 29th that was sponsored by BH Care. I thank them for taking such an active role in building our community. I would also like to bring the Board of Aldermen up to date on a couple events that are going to be happening in the City over the next couple of months. On June 14th there will be a Historical Commission open house at David Humphreys House. On June 28th there will be a Touch-A-Truck event at the Ansonia Fire Museum. I hope this event will be well attended and I encourage all of you to notify your friends and family and go see our museum and our antique firetrucks.

Let me close by wishing all of the students a happy and safe summer. I encourage all the parents who want to take advantage of the summer playground camp to fill out the registration form that was sent home with the students or stop by my office and pick up the registration forms. Thank you very much.

Alderman Fainer asked, what's the deal on the roofs?

Mayor Cassetti replied, Mike Schryver is handling that. He is handling all the bonded work. I believe he has prices and we have to award the contracts. It is a work in progress.

Alderman Fainer continued, how about the Armory? We have to fix the roof there, right?

Mayor Cassetti replied, the Armory is a touchy situation. We have already put a lot of money in the past into it. I don't know if it's even worth it to keep putting money into it.

Alderman Fainer stated, we have grant money for that, are we going to just let that go?

Ms. O'Malley stated, we are addressing the skeleton of the building to keep the shell safe – the exterior anyway.

Alderman Fainer stated, my grandkids go up there for T-ball and the floor is buckled. That was part of the whole deal to do.

Ms. O'Malley stated, the floor will be done. Environmental testing was just completed. We intend to install the new gym floor. That will be done. As to the other improvements, we're going to try to do this in an orderly fashion and follow a process. We'll try to determine what the highest and best use for that building will be. In the meantime we're going to shell up the outside of the building so that the interior doesn't wear away or fall into disrepair any further.

Alderman Fainer asked, what's the progress on the generator at the Police Department?

Ms. O'Malley replied, we ordered the generator; it takes eight weeks to come in. We've got another seven weeks.

Mayor Cassetti stated, they're trying to decide where to put this thing. I think there were four locations they were planning on moving it, and they haven't decided where they want to put it. That is in progress.

Alderman Adamowski asked, where is the fill going from the West Main Street lot.

Mayor Cassetti stated, I think they're bringing it to Complete Construction and dumping over there, on Riverside Drive.

Alderman Adamowski stated, I hate to bring this up, I know it's a touchy subject, but people under your administration that still owe back taxes. Mr. Tripp, when he was an Alderman sitting down here, he brought this up himself. Are we going to resolve this issue? Are we going to pay our taxes? I think it looks really bad that this administration is going out saying, "Hey, we're coming after you for collection of back taxes," and we sit here and owe it. Not a good message.

Alderman Stowe stated, I don't know of any.

Alderman Fainer stated, I thought our landfill was capped. I'm driving around and seeing that the top of that ... that's a violation of the...

Mayor Cassetti stated, the landfill is capped and has been capped for years. For some reason they were throwing debris up there, in the past. We're removing it all and we're going to put solar panels there.

Corporation Counsel John Marini

First update is on the Blight policy. Dave Blackwell, Sr. is working very hard in the Blight Office, now with Mike Eheman and with Public Works essentially on assignment assisting him with blight and bulk pickup, implementing our new Blight Policy. We're looking at the top 5-10 blighted properties in the City, those that have accumulated \$100,000 to \$200,000 in blight fees yet remain un-remediated to this day. We're giving notices to those properties that if they don't appeal within 10

business days that the City may exercise the option of the Clean and Lien program. We will go onto the properties with independent contractors and we will remediate the mess that has been there in some cases for two to three years. Look to see an update in the next month on the progress for that program.

You have a legal opinion from the Office of Corporation Counsel dealing with the process of petitioning a Union. It came to our attention, the petitions for the union seemed to be processed unilaterally by the Payroll Department. We decided that we need to put into a policy where management has oversight over things that are being processed. We have a new form that employees across the City are using when petitioning the union and the opinion goes into a little more detail on why we're doing that.

There is a contract that's going to be presented to this Board for the first time tonight. You will not be asked for any action on that contract regarding Summerfest. This will be an opportunity for us to explain that contract a little bit and you'll have some time to go over the details in the next week or so. The Mayor's objective is for it to be a cost free event to the City. Of course there will be costs that need to be paid but the idea is to have the revenue generated from the event and the sponsorships raised make it a wash.

I am going to ask that the Board add 46 North Cliff Street to Executive Session.

Alderman Vaccaro MOVED to add the following to the agenda:

46 North Cliff Street – (Executive Session)

SECONDED by Alderman Radin. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11-0.

Corporation Counsel Marini stated, I want to remind you that we have a Special Meeting on the 17th to discuss an Underfunded City Pension. This pension has been underfunded to the tune of \$4 million and has remained underfunded without a single contribution for at least a decade. We will also talk about the potential sale of a City asset at that meeting. I encourage everyone to attend.

In your packets there is Communication #1 – that is a settlement the City entered into with the United States of America. It involves a claim violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Part of the settlement is that this document be shared with new members of the Board and members of the City in order to educate in terms of the Americans with Disabilities Act and to make sure as we approach the new legislation that we do not violate the Americans with Disabilities Act. I urge you to read through the settlement and we'll talk about the details afterward.

The ACA building which is going to house The Workplace, they are planning to speed things up and start the process of moving in. They will be operational in the next month.

President Tripp stated, the Americans with Disabilities Act. It also applied to public housing correct?

Corporation Counsel Marini stated, that could apply in a large variety of situations. This settlement arises from instances in the Zoning arena. Really, as we go about our business and do anything, we keep the ADA in mind.

Chief of Staff Christopher Tymniak

I'd like to touch on the 125 events; up until this point they've been very successful. We just had a really good event and I'd like to thank BHCare for bringing the community together for a block party. We have a Touch a Truck event scheduled this month, as well as the David Humphreys House open house. We have a healthcare event – the Cornell Hill Health on Wakelee Avenue. We'll post the date on the City website. The events are going well and each one of them is unique.

You have a copy of my Personnel report. We added nine new employees, mostly part-time. We added one full-time person in the Tax Office – Michelle Bradshaw. She seems to be working out well in her first two weeks.

Director of Economic Development Sheila O'Malley

A quick report on West Main Street. The west side of West Main Street is almost all complete except for some fencing. They're waiting for UI to deliver the decorative lights so they can do the wiring. The east side is 70 percent complete. The paving of the road and the parking lot will be done once the east side is completed.

The Riverwalk next phase, we're waiting on the Army Corps of Engineers for a toe drain permit and a dam safety permit.

Alderman Fainer asked about the façade loan program. I was talking to somebody that applied for it, it's \$2,000. They said that by the time you go through all the fees, it's \$500 or something for fees, permits.

Ms. O'Malley stated, he can come in and if this Board sees fit we can get those permit fees waived.

President Tripp stated, I would like to let the Economic Development Committee consider it first and bring a product back to the Board of Aldermen.

Alderman Adamowski stated, I had asked last month for a report regarding grants. Did you get that in?

Ms. O'Malley replied, I gave that careful consideration, Alderman Adamowski. Here's what I'll tell you about that. I'll come before the board when I need matching funds or we need a resolution to enter into an agreement or contract or grant. I will certainly share with the Mayor the awards that we receive, for instance the [inaudible] grant for \$40,000, we did get that. And there are several pending grants. But grants are a competitive process, and I am a very competitive person. So I don't really care to give people a blueprint about what we're applying here in the City of Ansonia. I intend to win grants; I don't want to share that information. I am happy to update anyone on this Board in my office at any time. I have an open door policy and I certainly will discuss it. It's probably not a topic for executive session. I'm willing to share information during executive session. But that's just not prudent to come here and say what grants we're applying for unless of course I need permission from this Board, which I will on some.

Alderman Adamowski stated, very good.

Chief of Police Kevin Hale

I'd like to extend my appreciation to all that attended our Awards Ceremony several weeks ago. In the future I encourage you to support that; the officers really look forward to that. It's a big night for them.

Again a reminder – we're getting nicer weather again. If you see something say something. Please let us determine whether something is little or no importance. We don't operate in a vacuum; we need information from the public. We encourage your constituents to call us.

Alderman Radin stated, on the garbage pails, some people are leaving them out all week. Somebody put a couch out there. I don't know whether they can call Public Works or not. I can just write down the addresses and drop them off to you?

Chief Hale replied, yes, you have two different issues there – the garbage cans, it's 24 hours before and after. We're handling those on a call-by-call basis. Each ward has a different pickup date and there are a few addresses where there are chronic issues. We actually issue tickets to those so we'll be glad to follow up on those. Furniture, bulk, is different. Bulk season is over; it can't be out there at all. We want to know about those – either the Police Department or the Blight Enforcement Officer.

Dr. Carol Merlone – Superintendent of Schools

We have the commencement at the Middle School on the 17th and on the 18th we have graduation at the field. Hopefully the weather will be nice.

Mr. Egan, I will address both building administrators about the children walking, but the reason they walk, they're going to tell me it's for health reasons because children need to exercise, but they need to walk on the correct side of the road

and I am concerned if there are enough chaperones there as well. The reason they are probably not using the bus is because it's \$260 to take the children from Mead School to the Nature Center. That is an awful lot for a bus ride right around the corner. At one time we used to cut through the woods to get there, and I don't know why that's not being done now. I will ask those questions. At times I know the Ansonia Nature Center does bring some animals into the classrooms, but sometimes it's nice to get out there as well. I want to make sure they're walking on the correct side of the road and there are the correct amount of chaperones per child.

Mayor Cassetti congratulated Dr. Merlone on a successful school year.

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 11-0.

Alderman Stowe stated, I would like to congratulate the Finance Committee and the Mayor's administration for cutting taxes this budget year. It makes all the stress that we volunteers go through all worthwhile.

Public Works Committee – Alderman Charlie Stowe

Mr. Novak reported, the Police Department the windows have been ordered. The Armory roof was awarded. The Armory garage roof was awarded. That was voted on by the Board of Public Works last night. The generator was also approved by my Board. I spoke with Mr. Bshara, we talked to Hartford Freightliner and the process for doing the lease-purchase on the two new 9-ton dump trucks is moving along rapidly. We should see those trucks in mid- to late-July.

Alderman Jeanette thanked Mr. Novak for taking care of Platt Street.

ARMS Committee – Alderman David Blackwell

ARMS responded to 281 calls for service in May. They transported 118 on regular transport. Treating transported basic life support after medical evaluation is 16, treating transported with advanced life support is 64 patients. We provided 18 mutual aid calls to Derby, 8 to Shelton. Mutual aid was received 0 first calls, 2 second calls, 3 second calls, 4th call 1. Fifth, 6th, and 7th calls, all with one call. All 4th through 7th calls occurred during a four-patient motor vehicle accident on 5/20/2014. The receiving hospitals for our patients – 142 to Griffin Hospital; 17 to Yale; 12 to Yale Pediatrics; 6 to Yale-St. Raphael's; 7 to Bridgeport; 7 to St. Vincent's; 2 to Milford; 2 to Waterbury; 1 to St. Mary's and 2 to VA West Haven. ARMS collected \$64,611.60 in the month of May.

Alderman Fainer asked about the collection rate.

Mr. Heon stated, we don't have an aggressive collection. We bill out between \$1 million and \$1.4 million, we usually collect \$600,000 to \$700,000. We don't go after the elderly or people with no insurance. We just started a new program after our billing company [cell phone ringing – inaudible], on Beaver Street there. We have an interim step between hard collections and our billing agency and that's gotten our collections up higher. Our first list to go to hard collections since we've adopted a policy and selected an actual hard collections company is going to the tax office in the next week to check for assets and then they'll get transmitted over to the Rossi Law Firm, the same firm the City utilizes for the taxes. Our collection rate is higher than it's ever been and we are only paying 6.5 percent on what they collect rather than the 9.5 we were paying previously.

Alderman Vaccaro asked if we get paid for the mutual aid calls.

Mr. Heon stated, that number is up a bit right now. Derby is down an ambulance – it is getting refurbished. We take all of their second and third calls. We do bill the patient so for any time we go over there on a transport the normal billing process goes through. Every time another town covers for us they would bill the Ansonia patient in the same way. It is an in-kind service.

Economic Development Committee – Alderman Charlie Stowe

Alderman Stowe stated, I would like Sheila to report, but I will lead off saying that we're starting to work on the City Center Plan and then expand it.

Ms. O'Malley stated, that is correct. Next step did present some expansion of that plan to the Economic Development Commission and the next step is to go to Planning & Zoning for their approval of the expansion in order to widen the boundaries of the City Center Plan, which will be helpful for redevelopment. I appreciate that we are moving at lightning speed, but again, development takes a long time. And the sites that we have left here in Ansonia are difficult sites or they would already be developed. It is my charge and the charge of the Commission and the Mayor set this forth – how do we make these sites more attractive, and how do we get them redeveloped quickly. We are working on securing funding to help level the playing field to make them more attractive – Fountain Lake, ATP Palmer, the Armory, etc. Right now we're concentrating on that City Center Plan.

Fire Committee – Alderman Joseph Jeanette

In May the Fire Department responded to 41 calls – 8 motor vehicle assists, two CO investigations, 3 smoke/odor investigations, 1 trash, 2 grass, 2 structure, 1 propane/gas leak, 12 false alarms, 4 mutual aid, 4 public service good intent, 2 extrication/rescue.

Housing Committee - Alderman Joan Radin

The two young men that are doing the job – I've been going to meetings on the third floor down there and I was there, no one else, none of the other people showed up. It was amazing, they've cleaned and done the floor, they painted the walls, they have pictures up. It's really beautiful. Troy White is doing a great job too.

Recreation Committee – Alderman Matthew Edo

Mr. Coppola stated, the most important thing – we have to address our parks and our fields. With Public Works. We're in trouble with financing. I don't have the financing; Public Works doesn't have the financing for it. We need repairs. I know a gentleman came here last month talking about fixing the basketball courts at Nolan Field. We do have to start concentrating on fixing up and taking care of our fields. It can't be done overnight. It has to be a combination of Public Works along with Recreation, and backing from the Aldermen to the Board of A&T. We have to start with Nolan Field. We have Colony Park, Abe Stone Park, that has to be addressed. Prendergast School, the outside of it – the beautiful swing sets and playground and you have the eyesore of the tennis courts and basketball courts there.

We are having district baseball because of the great job Public Works is doing, Doug and Sean. For the amount of people that they have, what they do for the park is incredible. The little league, Nolan Field, is absolutely fantastic, Nelligan softball, we get that every year. We're starting spring practices with AYF football and cheerleading. We have the summer program the 2nd week in July.

Alderman Edo stated, in order to hold Districts the backstop down there needs to be addressed. Unfortunately with the lack of funding and manpower we took it upon ourselves and Blanchettes has ordered us some extra padding for the backs to expand the backs to actually cover up – a little bandage for the time being – and enable us to have Districts at Nolan Field. A couple of the parents and a lot of the family members are happy with everything and Public Works and how it's been going. But I'm demanding a little bit more. We've entered into a sales agreement with Hummel Hot Dogs for supplies for the baseball field and for softball. We're also going to expand that to other departments also to help out.

The bleacher situation at Nolan Field is becoming a major issue, and it's been addressed to some people. Some of the families were talking about putting some donations in, some were talking about that it's a town facility and town park and we should have the town pay for it. We went in and started investigating some bleachers. A section of bleachers costs roughly around \$5,000. There is a company that can give us a 27-foot section 4-tier section of aluminum bleachers with a 25-year warranty for \$2,200. Where we get the money is a different story. I believe with the approval of the Board of Aldermen we should be able to bring something to the Board of A&T and see if we can get that right after July 1st. I think that's important, especially for the kids in baseball. We have a 20% increase in sign-ups for baseball

this year. Our program is expanding. For half the price that I'm seeing out there I think this is an opportunity that would benefit the kids in the future. Take those wooden bleachers out, keep that big section that's there but a new section that could sit up to about 65-70 people. On a Saturday where we were making \$60 during the games, because of Doug Novak and what he's done and his crews to finish the other two fields for us, on a given Saturday we could make \$400 or \$500 at Nolan Field in concessions. With the money we're getting with the food supplies at 60% discount it's really helping the program out. I'm asking the Board to consider it, take something to Board of A&T and get a set of bleachers in there. That will definitely dress up the area and help our program going forward.

Alderman Edo MOVED to bring some funding numbers to the Board of A&T for the purchase a 27-foot set of bleachers for Nolan Field; SECONDED by Alderman Henri.

Mr. Coppola stated, I think that might have to come from the Board of Public Works. I think they have to ask for the upgrade in one of their line items.

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

Salary Committee – Alderman David Blackwell

We met three times over the past month to try to iron out three job descriptions. Two positions never had a job description. They are the EMS Operations Supervisor, the EMS Chief's Secretary, and the Public Works Clerk job. We updated and approved all of those and now they are before the Board.

Municipal Reports / Annual Reports

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

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 \$1,549.68 if found to be correct; SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11-0.

Claims

06-14-826 Joyce Ceccarelli v. City of Ansonia re: Summons in a Civil Case
06-14-827 Patricia A. Duffy re: Motor Vehicle Accident

Alderman Henri MOVED to refer the claims to Corporation Counsel Marini; SECONDED by Alderman Vaccaro. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11-0.

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

Communication #1

From: Corporation Counsel Marini
Re: Settlement Agreement and the USA

Corporation Counsel Marini explained that the settlement agreement makes it clear that the City of Ansonia should be observing the Americans with Disabilities Act in everything that we do.

Communication #2

From: Board of Education Facilities Director Robert Evans
Re: School Security Referendum Project – Bid Reviews and Approval

In response to a question from Alderman Evans, Mr. Evans explained, we went out for a school security grant. Why you see the different bid prices for the different schools is because with the State grant that we received it has to be broken out per project. All these bids fell within the project of the schools, within the allocated money, except for the last bid, which was the vestibules, which we'll talk about later.

- RFP for the Installation of Door Locks at Various School Buildings

There were two bidders. Karpila Safe and Lock did not reference any school projects that they have done, and we asked for five references. Calvert Safe and Lock's bid referenced five schools that they have done. Their bid was slightly higher but they are a current vendor and they have our keying system – we go to them for our security keying system. The bid is within the budget.

Alderman Jeanette MOVED to award the RFP for the installation of door locks at various school buildings to Calvert Safe & Lock; SECONDED by Alderman Edo. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11-0.

- RFP for the Installation of Security Cameras and Building Access Control at Various School Buildings

We walked through for about four hours that day with six vendors. I received only one bid from E.F. McDermott. There were no defects in the submission of the bid. He is experienced and has done similar jobs. The bid is within the budget.

Alderman Radin MOVED to award the RFP for the installation of security cameras and building access control at various school buildings to McDermott; SECONDED by Alderman Vaccaro. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11-0.

- RFP for the Installation of Safety, Projectile Resistant, Security Film on Ground Level Windows and Doors for all Public School Buildings.

Three bids were received. Commercial Window Shield was low but was bid for a lesser mill than we had specified. Millard Enterprise of Cromwell meets and exceeds our specs and is within the budget. Solar Solutions was within the specs but was the highest bid.

Alderman Fainer MOVED to award the bid for the installation of safety, projectile resistant, security film on ground level windows and doors for all public school buildings to Millard Enterprises for \$61,247; SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11-0.

- Installation of Vestibule and Access Doors

We had only one bidder from Skylar Painting. Unfortunately the bid exceeds our budget so rebid is recommended.

Alderman Cassetti MOVED to rebid for the installation of vestibule and access doors; SECONDED by Alderman Radin. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11-0.

- BeSafe Program

This is a web-based program that puts all of our information about our buildings, who our utility companies are, who are the contacts, the Police Department, it lays out the buildings, has pictures and identifies the entrances and exits. All emergency responders, in the event of any incidents or emergencies, they can pull this up and everybody would know exactly where they're going into the building. We've done Prendergast and Mead Schools previously over the last couple of years. I am asking to do the High School and the Middle School at a cost of \$11,920 and would require a waiver of bid.

Alderman Vaccaro MOVED to waive the bid for the purchase of the BeSafe Program; SECONDED by Alderman Stowe. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11-0.

Communication #3

From: Chief Kevin Hale, Ansonia Police Department

Re: Replacement of Weapons

Chief Hale explained that the existing weapons are at the point that they are needing replacement parts and the springs tend to be expensive. We got some good prices for trade in value – a brand new model of the same weapon. It won't cost the City a dime as it will be paid from our Asset Forfeiture account.

Alderman Vaccaro MOVED to approve the trade-in of existing and purchase of 52 new H&K USP .45 caliber pistols from H&K at a total cost of \$21,320 with funding to come from the Federal Asset Forfeiture Account; SECONDED by Alderman Radin. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11-0.

Communication #4

From: Mayor David Cassetti

Re: Cost Breakout for Summer Fest, Ansonia 125

See new business.

Communication #5

From: Chairman Alfonso Smith, Recreation Commission

Re: Soccer Field

Alderman Henri MOVED to name the Soccer Field at the Ansonia Nature Center after Mary Cavagnuolo, the founder of the Ansonia Youth Soccer Program; SECONDED by Alderman Edo. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11-0.

Communication #6

From: Chairman Alfonso Smith, Recreation Commission

Re: Restoration of Basketball Hoops

No action.

Communication #7

From: Town and City Clerk Beth Lynch

Re: Transfer of Bank of America to Wells Fargo Bank

See Resolution #2

Communication #8

From: Aldermanic Salary Committee Chairman David Blackwell, Jr.
Re: Three Job Descriptions

1. EMS Operations Supervisor - ARMS
2. Chief's Secretary – ARMS
3. Clerk – Public Works

Alderman Vaccaro MOVED to approve the job descriptions; SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette.

Alderman Fainer asked if any new funding is involved in these positions. I can't see laying off people in other departments.

Alderman Blackwell stated, all three are current positions, we just gave them updated job descriptions. No monies have changed.

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

Communication #9

From: Corporation Counsel Marini
Re: Winters Brothers Contract

Alderman Vaccaro MOVED to approve the contract between the City of Ansonia and Winters Brothers for the transportation and disposal of municipal solid waste, leaf and brush; SECONDED by Alderman Radin.

Mr. Novak explained that the City entered into negotiations with Winters Brothers and asked them what they could do for us if they were to take all of our trash whether household or bulk. The City's contract with the Bristol burn plant expires on June 30th and we did not want to renew that contract. We agreed upon a good number for the City - \$70.50 a ton all inclusive and they can take it anywhere they want. It reflects a savings of \$8.50 a ton.

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

Communication #10

From: Chief Kevin Hale, Ansonia Police Department
Re: Detective John Rafalowski

Alderman Vaccaro MOVED, per the recommendation of the Board of Police Commissioners, to approve the request of Detective John Rafalowski to serve as a police officer for an additional year; SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette.

Chief Hale stated, this is a requirement under the State pension laws that once he reaches a certain age he has to get an annual approval by the governing board. He is a veteran officer and we'd love to have him for another year.

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

Communication #11

From: Director of Public Works Doug Novak

Re: Proposed Paving Projects

Mayor Cassetti met with Doug Novak and looked at 5-year road plan for 2014. We drove around the City and looked at some of the streets. We determined that Highland Avenue, Bennett Terrace, Central Street, East Main Street, Oak Lane, and Beech Street are due for paving this year.

Mr. Novak noted that some of the residents on Oak and Beech want to tie into the sanitary sewer and public water. I don't really want to spend the money for those two roads and have them dug up three months, three weeks, three hours from now. I am going to try to hold off on those.

With our referendum money, our LOCIP money and our Town Aid money we can accomplish 80 percent of what the Mayor has asked. We are looking to repave Nolan parking lot, the Little League parking lot, and the Hilltop Hose parking lot. Those three locations we have money to do right now. I have money for Central Street, Hawley and Bennett. Highland is coming in around \$161,500 and I want to rework those numbers. That road needs to be milled; we have to change some catch basins. The three streets that come out onto Highland are not up to today's federal highway safety standards. I have the money for the Hilltop Hose lot including the island and with some additional curbing as well.

Once I sit with O&G or Tilcon, hopefully in the next week or so I'd like to get some of these purchase orders cut before the new fiscal year. I know you have a special meeting on the 17th and I will try to bring those to that meeting.

Alderman Fainer asked about the area on North Division Street with all of those terrible ruts – including the Public Works driveway. That and along Eagle Hose.

Mayor Cassetti stated the Eagle Hose area is going to be repaired.

Mr. Novak stated that if he can find the money he'd like to pave North Division Street from Division at least to the beginning of the area where the new transfer site is going to be built.

President Tripp noted that this item will be placed on the agenda of the Special Meeting on the 17th.

Late Communication #1

From Mayor David Cassetti

Re: Bid Certification Form - United Illuminating Company

Mr. Tymniak explained, the UI Contract you have is the ZRAC application. It's like a lottery system where all of the towns apply for green energy grants. If we win it we want to put solar panels up on the former dump – and the Board will have the decision to go ahead and do it or not. The high probability is we may not win it this year, but we'll reapply next year and get it. I just wanted to get something in and put our name in the lottery system and see where we fall.

Alderman Edo MOVED to approve; SECONDED by Alderman Vaccaro. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstention (Jeanette).

Late Communication #2

From Chairman John Finnucan, Board of Public Works

Re: Bid Award Recommendations

Alderman Vaccaro MOVED, per the recommendation of the Board of Public Works, to award the following bids:

- 1) Scholar Painting & Restoration - \$42,750.000 for the Ansonia Library Storm Window Installation.
- 2) DiGiorgi Roofing & Siding Inc. - \$56,975 for the Ansonia Police Department Window Replacement.
- 3) Eversan - \$14,500 for the new LED Scoreboard at Nolan Field.

SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11-0.

Resignations

Alderman Jeanette MOVED to accept the resignation of Louis Macero from the Board of Assessment Appeals and to send him a letter of thanks for his 25 years of service to the City; SECONDED by Alderman Cassetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11-0.

Alderman Jeanette MOVED to accept the resignation of Anthony Limauro from the W.P.C.A. and to send him a letter of thanks for his service to the City; SECONDED by Alderman Edo. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11-0.

AppointmentsWPCA

Alderman Vaccaro MOVED to appoint Daniel Ventre (U) of 228 North State Street, Limauro replacement, term to expire 1-31-2016; SECONDED by Alderman Cassetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11-0.

COMPTROLLER

Alderman Vaccaro MOVED to appoint William Nimons of 85 Pulaski Highway, term to expire 1-31-2017; SECONDED by Alderman Henri. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11-0.

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Alderman Henri MOVED to appoint Kay Jeanette of Two Gracie Lane, Deptula replacement, term to expire 12-31-2015; SECONDED by Alderman Vaccaro. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstention (Jeanette).

ANSONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Alderman Vaccaro MOVED to approve the promotion of Ansonia Police Officer Alexander Barreira to the rank of Sergeant; SECONDED by Alderman Cassetti.

Chief Hale stated, Alex Barreira has been with us for just about 10 years. He is an excellent Police Officer; he has well and capably and professionally represented us for the last two years in a federal law enforcement agency and has brought all types and kinds of assets into this community when we needed them. Prior to that he was an excellent Police Officer, excellent road officer. He did very well in the arduous testing process. I look forward to this Board's approval of Alex's promotion to the rank of Patrol Sergeant starting in July.

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

Resolutions

Resolution #1

Re: Supplemental Health Insurance Benefit for Cancer or Serious Accident

Alderman Vaccaro MOVED to adopt Resolution #1; SECONDED by Alderman Blackwell.

Alderman Evans stated, I don't mean to deprive the Mayor of anything but this seems to be another case of government employees having better insurance than

everybody else. This is much better than any of your constituents have. I'm sure it's going to pass anyway.

Corporation Counsel Marini stated, to clarify what it is, the Salary Committee discussed it in depth at the last meeting. Supplemental insurance kicks in if the Mayor were to be out because of a serious accident or cancer. The actual cost is estimated at around \$1,000 per year.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10 Yes, 1 No (Evans).

RESOLUTION

Aldermen Tripp, Hunt, Jeanette and Blackwell of the Second, Third, Third and Seventh Wards, respectively, introduced the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the position of Ansonia Mayor is a full-time occupation that presently does not include supplemental health insurance benefits in the event of an accident or serious illness;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ansonia Board of Aldermen hereby authorizes that the Mayor be provided with a supplemental health insurance benefit in an amount not to exceed an annual cost of one thousand and one hundred dollars (\$1,100.00) to cover lost wages in the event of an absence due to cancer or injury in a serious accident.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the administration of this supplemental health insurance benefit will be processed and documented by the Personnel Department.

Resolution #2

Re: Wells Fargo Bank - City of Ansonia Retirement Plan

Alderman Radin MOVED to adopt Resolution #2; SECONDED by Alderman Cassetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11-0.

All Aldermen of All Wards introduced the following Resolution.

RESOLVED that the Employer appoints Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as directed trustee of the trust under the City of Ansonia Retirement Plan (effective as of July 1, 2014 or if later, upon receipt of assets).

RESOLVED FURTHER that the previous trustee, Bank of America, N.A. is removed as of the effective date noted above and the Employer will hold Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. and its affiliates harmless as successor trustee from all liability resulting from acts of the previous trustee(s). I further certify that the employees whose names appear on the Authorized Signers Certification now hold the offices in the Employer noted

below their respective names, that the signatures appearing below their names are the authentic, official signatures of the said respective officers, that the authority of such persons may be relied upon until further notice is received from me, and that any other employees whose names appear on the Authorized Signers Certification are current employees and that the signatures appearing opposite their names are the authentic, official signatures of the said respective employees.

Ordinance #1

Re: Valley Council of Governments

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF ANSONIA:

RESOLVED, that the City of Ansonia, hereby acting by its Board of Aldermen, hereby adopt and ratify a Resolution dated December 17, 2013 from the VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS regarding the Voluntary Consolidation of the Central Naugatuck Valley and Valley Planning Regions and Resignation of the combined Planning Region by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management.

Further, The City of Ansonia, hereby acting by its Board of Aldermen, hereby adopt and ratify the Memorandum of Agreement between the Council of Governments of the Central Naugatuck Valley Council of Elected Officials, the Valley Council of Governments and the City of Bristol and the Town of Plymouth.

Further, that the City of Ansonia shall amend Ordinance Section 2-106 to change the name of the Valley Council of Governments to the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:

Section 2-106 Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments

The City of Ansonia shall be a member of the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments in accordance with Section 4-124i through 124p, inclusive, of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Alderman Edo MOVED to ADOPT THE ORDINANCE; SECONDED by Alderman Vaccaro. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11-0.

Unfinished Business

None presented.

New Business

Relocation of Gazebo from Haddad Park to Nelligan Park

Alderman Henri requested moving the gazebo in Haddad Park at the intersection of Bridge and Main to Nelligan Park on Doyle Drive. He feels the gazebo will get a lot more use there as there are hundreds of kids and families up there every day. It was a gift to the City so I don't know if there are any stipulations that say where we have to put it.

Corporation Counsel Marini stated, we can look in the Clerk's Office and see if there is anything on file. If not, it should be okay.

Mr. Tymniak stated, if it was a gift without an actual deed but was intended to be placed only at that park – let's find out what the intentions were – there may not be an actual deed.

Alderman Henri MOVED to relocate the gazebo pending any restrictions that may be in effect; SECONDED by Alderman Edo. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Adamowski		X	
Stowe		X	
Vaccaro		X	
Hunt		X	
Jeanette		X	
DeLucia			
Fainer		X	
Cassetti		X	
Radin	X		
Edo	X		
Henri	X		
Blackwell	X		
Evans	X		
Tripp		X	
TOTALS:	5	8	

The MOTION FAILED by a vote of 5 Yes, 8 No.

Corporation Counsel Marini will research the subject.

Mayor's Plan for Summerfest

Corporation Counsel Marini stated, this will be the keystone of the 125 Celebration that's been going on all year. The idea is on July 14th to do a very large, impressive event at Nolan Field for the benefit of our City's residents. The event will include fireworks, a baseball game, music, food. The intention is no cost to the residents – a wash. I want to make sure you all have a copy of the contract with Vintage Baseball Factory and the people behind that are Greg Martin and Gary Giannone of the Copper City Marketing Group. It is a contract for an event coordinator to help us raise funds for the event and to coordinate what could be a pretty complicated event. There is a compensation scheme laid out in there and there is really no compensation to Vintage Baseball Factory unless all costs are covered by sponsors. So it gives them incentive to raise sponsorships and put on an excellent event.

Mr. Martin and Mr. Giannone explained that they were approached by the Mayor's Office to put together a signature anniversary event for the City. We came back with a proposal that would best utilize Nolan Field including a full-day event running from 2 – 10 p.m. It will include food vendors, a vintage baseball game with Ansonia v. Derby set in the late 1880s which is the anniversary date. We'll have a pretty elaborate concert starting at 6:30 with an 18-piece orchestra out of Hartford, and with Eight to the Bar, a well-known Connecticut band. The event will culminate with fireworks. Our intent is to raise sponsor dollars, admission fees, and concessions to make it revenue neutral for the City.

The planning of the theme was chosen to incorporate a venue that we believe Ansonia is a premier venue in the State. Growing up here we recognize the challenges within the City. We also wanted this to be a celebration of a really significant time in our City history. With that the vintage baseball game set in the 1880s, playing by the rules of that period, the uniforms of that period, and equipment of that period. The teams we are recruiting for would be the Ansonia Coppermen and the Derby Osbornedales, bringing in this historic connection between what was Birmingham and the annexing of Ansonia to become the City of Ansonia. The idea that Ansonia and Derby are pretty significantly tied in our history and we wanted to recognize.

We are selecting food vendors to make sure the variety is appropriate and the price points will serve the citizens well without overwhelming. The admission fee structure was talked around a lot and we settled on no more than the price of a football game. So for \$5 a person, children under 12 free, you can come up to the event. It will be completely managed – we had great cooperation from all the various departments of the City – everyone helped us craft a plan that worked for everyone. The concert – we know there's a bandstand at Nolan Field and we could not recall any band ever playing on it. We thought it would be a great way to remind people that there is a bandstand here. That venue can easily hold 10,000 people – we've seen it at football games. The idea in selecting music that was appropriate had to consider everyone in town. The Rob Zappulla Orchestra which is a big band orchestra – Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, anything from Motown, horns,

all that – is a great Segway into another band called Eight to the Bar. These bands have followings. Maybe people will come to see these bands from outside of Ansonia. These bands were also willing to work with rain dates – something national acts are not willing to do. We will bring in sound systems and lighting systems so that people sitting in front and people near the concession stand will have the same experience and no one in front will be complaining that it's too loud.

The culmination of fireworks was, wouldn't it be a great way at the end to let the music die, over to the right you look and the fireworks display goes off, 10 p.m. everything shuts down, lights go on, and we've created a plan with the Police Department to manage traffic safely, and everyone goes at 10 o'clock. We will celebrate ourselves, enjoy ourselves and have some pride in ourselves, and hopefully to initiate some energy where we think we may need to want to keep going with our economic development and so forth. The intent is all about Ansonia celebrating Ansonia.

Most of the risk is on us; if we don't do a good job, the performance guarantees doesn't pay us. The idea was when all the bills were paid, we would look at that, including in-kind services. We know Police don't show up on weekends for free. Fire, all the various safety mechanisms, we want to make sure all that is covered as well. We think we came up with a pretty good plan. To date we have actually raised \$20,000 in sponsorship with another \$10,000 coming in the next week. So with \$30,000 on the table, and say we have 8,000 through the door in an 8-hour period at \$5 each – that's \$40,000 – plus concessions. The vendors have to pay a fee to set up. There is a profit share with what the vendor makes based on what they sell. We are managing all the money and we are managing the fact that the vendor prices have to be within a price point and have to be appropriate for the event.

We have presented our plan and are hoping it goes through with complete approval. We would like to make this a huge success.

Alderman Adamowski asked, what happens if we come up short, where does the rest of the money come from?

Mr. Martin replied, we believe very strongly that with the sponsorship money we have right now we could pretty much, if we have 2,000 or 3,000 people go through the door we are very close to the ballpark. There are ways to cut some costs if we needed to. As we get closer we could scale back to some degree. You have to go into these events believing that it's going to happen. The marketing plan will go into effect with the advertisement. This is about our City – doing something for us. I want everybody to attend. I want you to bring people and be part of this. I don't think the risk we're putting out there is that great. If we didn't have the sponsorship money at this point we would already have come to the City and said no go. Our goal is to put a minimum of 10,000 people through the gates the entire afternoon. If you take the baseball component, the food, the concert, the fireworks – I don't think 10,000 is an unrealistic number at \$5. This is a historic event for the City so we'll

have a tent with many historic photos of the City. Farrell's was here in 1840 making cannonballs in the Civil War. Now they've become an international company – they are putting a stake in the ground to keep their roots here and they are only too happy to help. Having their name along this event is what I would hope for.

Several of the Aldermen voiced their support for the event and will encourage their constituents to attend.

In response to a question from Alderman Fainer, Corporation Counsel Marini explained that in terms of insurance – Greg and Gary will sign an indemnity clause which they vow to hold harmless the City in the event that something happens due to negligence. They are also required to provide the City an insurance policy, liability coverage, for \$1 million with the City being named as an additional insured. That will carry over to any vendor that comes into the City. The City is in charge of payment of the costs so Greg and Gary are not being handed a blank check. Everything needs to be approved by the City. The City will contract with the bands, the City will get the permits from the vendors. Greg and Gary and the facilitators – the coordinators of the event. They will have a lot of leverage in making recommendations. If we don't like the way something is going, that is our obligation to make sure we are protecting the City's interests at every turn.

Mr. Martin added, there will be shuttle buses from Tri-Town Plaza and from Fitzpatrick's parking lot. I would love to see our senior community and the surrounding senior centers have a bus trip where they're bused up there. We have a special section for them at 6 o'clock – it's Frank Sinatra, not Metallica – to really honor people who have committed their lives to this community for a long time.

Take the contract, read it. Approve it at your special meeting next week.

Alderman Radin MOVED to approve the concept of the operation; SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11-0.

Executive Session

At approximately 9:30 p.m., Alderman Stowe MOVED to enter Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. **Jackson v. City of Ansonia**
2. **Tanner v. City of Ansonia re: Roberto & Katherine Santiago**
3. **46 North Cliff Street blight lien**

and invited Mayor Cassetti, Corporation Counsel Marini, Chief Hale and Ms. O'Malley to remain in the Aldermanic Chambers; SECONDED by Alderman Cassetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11-0.

[Alderman Fainer left the meeting at this point – 10 present, 2 absent]

Return to Regular Session

At approximately 10:15 p.m., Alderman Radin MOVED to return to Regular Session; SECONDED by Alderman Adamowski. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

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

Alderman Adamowski MOVED to proceed on all three items as discussed in Executive Session; SECONDED by Alderman Cassetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

Adjournment

Alderman Cassetti MOVED to adjourn; SECONDED by Alderman Radin. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 10-0.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Bruder, Secretary
Ansonia Board of Aldermen