



# CITY OF ANSONIA BOARD OF ALDERMEN

*Minutes of the Regular Meeting – January 13, 2015*

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## **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 – present  
Joseph Jeanette, D3 – present  
Anthony DeLucia, D4 – present

Richard Kaslaitis, III R4 – 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 14 present, 0 absent.

## **Consideration of Previous Minutes**

**Alderman Henri MOVED to accept the minutes of the Organizational Meeting and the Regular Meeting of December 9, 2014; SECONDED by Alderman Edo. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.**

## **Public Session**

President Tripp welcomed and wished the assembly a Happy New Year. He reminded those present that the meeting is governed by Robert's Rules of Order. During the Public Session all comments should be directed to the President of the Board of Aldermen. He asked that speakers try to hold their comments to 3 minutes.

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

Randolph Carroll, 40 Fourth Street – Unit 10

Mr. Carroll asked that the speakers in the Aldermanic Chambers be repaired.

President Tripp asked three times if any other person wished to speak. Being none, he declared the Public Session closed.

### ***Public Official Session***

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*Mayor David Cassetti*

Mayor Cassetti recognized and congratulated Ansonia's Division 8 First Place and National Grand Champion Cheerleaders.

He introduced Coaches Michelle Antrum, Bailey Stagers, Cassandra Beall, Jacqueline Craig, Edwina Figueroa, Amanda Sember and Amy Butler. He then introduced Cheerleaders Jade Antrum, Alexandria Lafayette, Ariela Basuljevic, Dynastee Dixon, Brooke Ginex, Alleyanna Figueroa, Jamiah Carrillo, Aliah DePina Mekenzie Revere, Ayana Benjamin, Jasmine Richards, Savannah Smith, Makenzie Soldra, Maraia Rodriguez, Ellie Smith, Giuliana Camposano, Grace Jaworski, Cassandra Hicks, Ahviana Castrillo and Aliyah Stevens.

Applause rang throughout the forum.

Mayor Cassetti thanked Judy Nicolari and the Cultural Committee for another successful Holiday House Decorating Contest. He extended his congratulations to the winners.

Ms. Nicolari explained that there were 21 participants in this year's Deck Your House and Yard Contest, with one winner per Ward. On behalf of the Cultural Commission, she thanked Rich DeCarlo, head of the Valley Arts Council, who is a great contributor for this event.

Ralph Villers, Chairman of the event, distributed award certificates to all of the winners. They are as follows:

Ward 1 - David Harvey and Edward Miklos  
Ward 2 – Janet and Christopher Waugh  
Ward 3 – Don Anderson  
Ward 4 – Charter Hose  
Ward 5 – Eric and Veronica Feliciano  
Ward 6 – Kamil Steczkowski  
Ward 7 – Robert Myernick and Kathleen Dorsey  
Overall Winner – from Ward 5 - John and Ann Marie Checkley

Mayor Cassetti recognized and expressed thanks on behalf of the City of Ansonia to Ricky Baxter of Ford Street who transformed his Halloween decorating to a food

drive for Spooner House for the second year in a row. His efforts benefitted many Ansonia residents that were in need of food over the holiday season.

He went on to explain although the holidays are over, we still need to thank many organizations for their efforts. He thanked TEAM for organizing their annual toy drive. He was appreciative that City Hall collected many more toys this year than last year stating, it's good to know that our children had presents to open on Christmas morning due to the generosity of the residents of Ansonia.

Over the last couple of years, Ansonia Youth Soccer has increased in size and skill of our players is getting better. Some of the soccer levels have advanced to State competitions, and some have become State champions. Winter is a tough time for parents to find activities that provide fun and exercise for their children. We are adding an after-school youth soccer program this winter run by Generation Z with the goal of getting 80 children of various ages to sign up. For information contact Rec Director Jeff Coppola.

The Ansonia Armory will be open from 7 to 9 a.m. for walking from now until March 27<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Cassetti encouraged all residents to take advantage of this opportunity to get some exercise during the winter months.

Last week the newly-formed Board of Apportionment and Taxation met. Mayor Cassetti thanked them for committing to serve on this board.

Since the Ansonia residents voted to change the finance system, tonight the Board of Aldermen make history. They will, for the first time, have the final say over an allocation of taxpayer money and will be an integral part of the budget process. This will help ensure that taxpayer money is being spent appropriately with the process being efficient and effective.

The City is entering a new budget season and Mayor Cassetti is making it a priority to lower taxes, working toward that end throughout this budget process.

Ansonia has a rich history of providing quality emergency and Public Safety services to its residents, and a strong team of volunteer and paid professionals. We want to support our emergency service and safety operations. Mayor Cassetti announced that the Economic Development Director and Grants Administrator and he will meet with the Public Safety personnel to discuss their priorities and possible funding opportunities and offer help with securing resources for these priorities.

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*Corporation Counsel John Marini*

Corporation Counsel Marini noted that he normally doesn't talk about claims in open session but the claim of Mr. Hu that is on the agenda tonight needs to be addressed. The claim regarding 245-247 North State Street is absolute hogwash. Mr. Hu created a condition on his property that made it dangerous, hazardous and

absolutely inhabitable for his tenants, including a carbon monoxide hazard and a fire hazard. Because of those violations, the tenants had to be relocated to hotels and because of the law this Board passed - the CO requirement – the landlord must repair and must correct all of those dangerous violations before he can rent that apartment again.

Corporation Counsel Marini displayed for the Aldermen a sample of pipe that the residents drinking water was coming out of. There were complaints of rust that were not addressed, complaints of lack of heat that led to the displacement and led to the flooding. There are numerous pictures.

We negotiate claims as cities do, but we do not negotiate with the health and safety of our residents. Violations of the Health and Safety Code must be corrected or you will not as a landlord be able to rent your house. Mr. Hu also makes a very misguided analysis of the law. He is 100 percent responsible for the relocation costs of those tenants. He cites for the wrong provisions. What he is right about is he did offer housing that he had in Bridgeport to the tenants. The tenants flatly refused, and really, who could blame them.

Police union contract negotiations are still under way.

Corporation Counsel Marini has been working with the Economic Development Director to negotiate a second phase for the Ansonia Copper & Brass demolition that the Mayor has been closely overseeing. There will be an announcement on that shortly.

We are putting together an orientation meeting for land use boards to go over all of the details that govern Planning & Zoning, Zoning Board of Appeals, Inland-Wetlands. You will receive an invitation to that session that should be held sometime in February. With all of the new members assigned to those boards we want to be sure everybody is comfortable with the laws.

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*Chief of Staff Christopher Tymniak*

You have a copy of the personnel report. There were two retirements last month.

In November Mr. Tymniak was asked about outsourcing the HR department. HE explained that when the RFQs came back, the best deal was to stay with the current vendor, Paychex. They offered a free upgrade that moves Ansonia to an online paying system. The system will be streamlined and more user friendly. Employers will be able to track their time online and on their smartphones.

An HR component was added for \$9,000 so we can update all of our personnel reports and the library of personnel things we need to have such as personnel policies – there is a long list of things. It was much cheaper than the alternative and the other bid we had.

The City will be issuing an RFQ this week to complete projects at the Ansonia Nature Center – the parking lot and the pond dredging.

The City is prepared in case of a string of cold weather to open warming centers as it did last year. The residents seemed to have liked the opening of the Senior Center on Saturdays when other City buildings are closed. We are prepared to do that again if we need to.

Alderman Henri asked if the projects at the Ansonia Nature Center were part of the bonding?

Mr. Tymniak replied, yes.

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*Director of Economic Development Sheila O'Malley*

Economic Development is working on a second phase of demolition at the Ansonia Copper & Brass site. They demolished a roughly five-acre site, about 30,000 square feet of building space, and are working on the next location for demolition. That has already attracted some interest from outside developers. Once they see a clear and level site it's more attractive to developers.

We're working with the owner of the Farrell Property on mothballing and shoring up his buildings, also putting a fence around the building will help to contain some of the blight issues.

There were about 10 architects and engineers present for a walkthrough of our municipally-owned buildings, taking a look at how they fit into the historic context of downtown, and what is the highest and best use for those buildings. There is an RFP for a Vibrant Community Initiative Grant, which the City received. Returns on those bids are expected in the next week or so.

We are talking with State officials on obtaining additional money for downtown demolition, acquisition and remediation.

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*Chief Kevin Hale*

Winter parking rules continue with parking on the even side of the street through March 31. Some streets do have special rules. The Police Department is enforcing that.

The Anti-crime unit is still working quite nicely – they've done some good work on a smaller scale. The Chief continues to ask for information and assistance from the Board of Aldermen and from the residents. Timely information is critical; what may seem unimportant or slight to you may be very important to the Police. Please give the Police the information and let them determine if it is important.

The Department is in the process of filling the K-9 Officer position and will be getting a new dog in the Spring.

In the past couple weeks we've notice there are people knocking on doors trying to sell services or products. There is a process in place whereby they have to apply for a permit from the Police Department. Some people come in and are just not aware of the process. Residents are asked to remind people these vendors have to have a permit that they should show when they come to the door. If they don't have one please call the Police Department so they can address it right away.

Alderman Radin thanked Chief Hale and the Police Department, stating, "it will be 10 years next month that Officer Jackson saved my life." She noted that the Police Department has been very helpful to her and my business, and invited the citizens of Ansonia to express their gratitude to the Police.

Alderman Kaslaitis asked Chief Hale to check the timing of the traffic light on Bridge Street at Pershing Drive. He noted that on both sides the light is delayed.

Alderman Henri thanked Mayor Cassetti for opening the Riverwalk for dog walkers during the months of January and February.

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*Fire Chief Scott Tremblay*

The Fire Department ran 51 calls in December; it was a busy month. The Department also has been helping out with the demolition at American Brass.

Mayor Cassetti thanked the Fire Department for bringing the water down for the demolition.

Alderman Henri noted that at five minutes after midnight on New Years Day the Fire Department was on scene responding to a call.

President Tripp noted that Chief Tremblay is our new Fire Chief for the City of Ansonia. He was recently sworn in during a terrific ceremony.

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*City Treasurer Judy Larkin Nicolari*

Ms. Nicolari has been working on pension and retirement. Things are getting straightened out from past situations. There are a lot of satisfied pension participants that are happy that things are turning around.

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*Public Works Director Doug Novak*

The Department of Public Works has hired a new employee and is up to full staff.

The Eagle roof project is completed. The Police Department window project and is completed. One of the carpets at the Police Department has been replaced. There will be a walk-through of the Library window project in the coming week. The ARMS project is ongoing with the HVAC system. Public Works crews are at ARMS working to break up the square footage in a room on the second floor. The Police Department generator is basically complete except for fencing and shrubs, and the removal of the old generator with relocation to Webster Hose. During situations of bad weather Webster is used for shelter and for sleeping for the EOC people.

### **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 14-0.**

Alderman Vaccaro reported that the last Finance Committee meeting on December 22 the Committee voted to allow taxpayers to pay their Motor Vehicle bills that are over \$300 in two installments rather than one in order to give some tax relief to the citizens.

The Finance Committee approved the purchase of new pumper for Eagle Hose. That will go through the budget process and Comptroller Bill Nimons. It is one of the Mayor's priorities.

#### ARMS Committee – Alderman David Blackwell

In December 2014, ARMS responded to 235 calls. They provided mutual aid on 14 calls and received none. All calls were covered except for two calls on the second call when the first ambulance was already on a call within the City. 178 people were transported to various area hospitals.

ARMS has begun looking for a new fly car. Alderman Blackwell met with one of the dealers and has specs that were drawn up by the dealer. He will forward those specs to the proper people in the City in order to start the process of replacing the fly car that is out of service right now.

#### WPCA Committee – Alderman Charles Stowe

On the WPCA agenda right now is finding fees from foreclosures. There are a lot of foreclosure properties and there is some confusion about the money that is owed to the WPCA. The attorney looking into it and they're looking to find more relief for the taxpayers with that.

Ordinance Committee – Alderman Matthew Edo

Chairman Edo will be setting up a Committee meeting on February 4<sup>th</sup>. He will send an e-mail to the Ordinance Committee members with the details, and will have more information for the full Board after the next meeting.

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Ansonia Housing Committee - Alderman Joan Radin

Ansonia Housing Commission had a Christmas party and a Thanksgiving gathering for the residents. The people loved it. Emmett O'Brien served a buffet. The people were happy to have a chance to meet their neighbors.

**Alderman Jeanette MOVED to accept all Committee reports; SECONDED by Alderman Edo. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.**

***Municipal Reports / Annual Reports***

President Tripp stated, historically, for the first time, we have the Board of Apportionment and Taxation recommendations to the Board of Aldermen.

**Board of Apportionment & Taxation Recommendations**

Alderman Vaccaro MOVED to accept the municipal reports and discuss the recommendations of the Board of Apportionment and Taxation individually; SECONDED by Alderman Edo. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.

1. Recreation Department request \$4,000 from Contingency for basketball equipment. Recommendation from A&T is no.

Alderman Vaccaro explained that this request came before the Board of A&T last week and was denied due to a need for further information.

Mr. Coppola explained that the \$1,500 originally budgeted last year was for the instructional league that we've run for the last nine years.

This year, for the first time in five years, the Recreation Department is now running both Girls Basketball and Boys Basketball from Grades 3 through 8. This expanded program was not budgeted for. With the extra 110 kids being served, the program will need more uniforms, more referees, more equipment.

The Department has \$6,000 that they've collected in registration fees, \$1,500 from the original City budget, and the \$4,000 additional is what is being requested to cover total expenses of \$11,500.

Alderman Radin expressed that at this time she does not feel the City should spend \$4,000 on the basketball program. There are so many places that have had to cut back their budgets, and bills and prices of things are not going down. She feels that people at this time are not thinking about Recreation.

Mr. Coppola stressed that Recreation keeps the youth of the City off of the streets.

Alderman Radin noted that people don't have jobs. She agreed that Recreation is a wonderful thing that we should have for our children, but at this particular time the people in the area probably don't think it's a priority.

**Alderman Vaccaro MOVED to approve the \$4,000 request of the Recreation Department to fund the Biddy Basketball Program; SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette.**

Alderman Radin requested a roll call vote. Alderman Evans asked how much the registration fee is per child.

Mr. Coppola replied, \$50, and it would have to go up another \$85 to fully fund the program. There are about 180 children in the program right now. The hope is to keep registration down because money is tight for these 177 kids' parents who would have to come up with \$100 or \$125 in registration. The City takes some of the burden of it.

Alderman Blackwell expressed that as community leaders we have a responsibility to the people that live in the City, a responsibility to our children. The City needs to come up with something that is funded 100 percent by the City. He feels that children should not be excluded if they don't have the money for the registration.

Mr. Coppola explained that the Recreation Department is going to try to put a Basketball Board together to help out with sponsorships and fundraising in the hope that they can come up with an extra \$6,000 and the program can be fully funded next year.

Alderman Delucia asked why the Board of Aldermen is getting this request.

President Tripp explained that it's the implementation of the Charter Revision, which made the Board of Aldermen the fiscal authority of the City, and the Board of A&T now recommend to the Board of Aldermen on fiscal matters. It's the new process.

Alderman Delucia asked, so everything they turn down is going to come here?

Corporation Counsel Marini explained that it's a check a balance system that the residents approved at the polls. The Board of A&T met last week. They had recommendations, yes or no, on all requests. Those come before the Board and this Board has the ability to alter the decision with a 2/3 super majority. The Board of Aldermen doesn't actually have to approve everything they did – if it does nothing, everything stands as finalized. The Board of Aldermen has the ability to exercise a veto. Those are only requests to increase the bottom line of a department.

He continued, if it's an intra-department transfer, taking from one line item to another in your own budget, that now goes to the Comptroller's Office and never goes to A&T or the Aldermen.

Alderman Jeanette agreed that this is an investment in our youth, especially in the winter when there isn't much for them to do.

Alderman Vaccaro explained that the Board of A&T didn't pass it because Mr. Coppola wasn't able to be present at their meeting to explain it. It was a technicality.

Alderman Adamowski asked that in the future they provide the brief reason for their recommendation.

Alderman Henri also expressed his support of granting the request.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Adamowski	X		
Stowe	X		
Vaccaro	X		
Hunt	X		
Jeanette	X		
DeLucia	X		
Kaslaitis	X		
Cassetti	X		
Radin		X	
Edo	X		
Henri	X		
Blackwell	X		
Evans	X		
Tripp	X		
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	

**The MOTION PASSED by a vote of 13 Yes, 1 No.**

Alderman Vaccaro stated, for the record, this is a historic moment that the Mayor mentioned in his speech. It's the first time this Board has approved the allocation of funds in Ansonia, to my knowledge.

***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 \$534.66 if found to be correct; SECONDED by Alderman Vaccaro. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.**

**Claims**

12-14-841 Constance C. Kolakowski v. City of Ansonia  
12-14-842 Ted Hu, Owner of 245 North State Street v. City of Ansonia

**Alderman Stowe MOVED to refer all claims to Corporation Counsel Marini and the Claims Committee; SECONDED by Alderman Edo. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.**

**Add-On**

**Alderman Vaccaro MOVED to add to the Agenda under Executive Session the matter of Cruciani v. City of Ansonia; SECONDED by Alderman Edo. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.**

**Communications**

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**Communication #1**

From: Public Works Director Doug Novak

Re: Inoperable Sweeper, City of Milford, and Transfer of Monies

Mr. Novak explained that the City had owned a sweeper that needed \$25,000 in parts to get it back on the road. The sweeper isn't made any more therefore no parts are available – the City would have to get any new parts custom-made at a machine shop.

After speaking with several potential purchasers, Rafferty Milling made a fair offer of \$13,500. The City Comptroller's Office is in possession of a certified bank check in this amount, and Aldermanic approval of the sale is needed.

**Alderman Jeanette MOVED to accept the payment of \$13,500 into the General Fund for the sale of the sweeper; SECONDED by Alderman Edo. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.**

**2. Asphalt patching in winter**

The City has had to purchase hot asphalt in order to patch the roads in winter. There are two places to buy it – the cheapest price – about \$100 per ton - is out of town but a Valley company.

The City of Milford patches with recycled asphalt. Mr. Novak is requesting approval to partner with the City of Milford and came up with an agreed upon price of \$50 per ton. The cost is half of what the City is paying now and the asphalt would be readily available to us. As part of the agreement the City of Ansonia would have to bring any asphalt material waste to them and they will make our material out of

it.

**Alderman Vaccaro MOVED to authorize Public Works to partner with the City of Milford for the purchase of recycled asphalt; SECONDED by Alderman Cassetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.**

**Alderman Vaccaro MOVED TO WAIVE ANY BIDDING REQUIREMENTS RELATIVE TO BOTH REQUESTS; SECONDED by Alderman Jeanette. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.**

***Resignations***

***Appointments***

Alderman Evans MOVED to take up all of the appointments collectively; SECONDED by Alderman Vaccaro. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.

**Alderman Evans MOVED to approve the following appointments; SECONDED by Alderman Vaccaro.**

CHIEF OF STAFF, PERSONNEL DIRECTOR

Reappointment of Chris Tymniak (R) of 543 Old Mill Road, Fairfield; term to expire 12-31-2015

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

Reappointment of Horace Behrle (D) of 94 Brook Street, term to expire 12-31-2016;

Reappointment of Susan A. Nargi (U) of 8 Benz Street; term to expire 12-31-2016;

Reappointment of Patricia Fers (R) of 28 West Brookside Avenue; term to expire 12-31-2016;

Reappointment of Florence Camilleri of 163 O'Neils Court, term to expire 12-31-2016;

BOARD OF ETHICS

Reappointment of Bruce R. Goldson, Sr. (R) of 29 Glen Drive, term to expire 12-31-2019;

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Reappointment of John Finnucan (D) of 22 New Street, term to expire 12-31-2016;

Appointment of Robert Ramabei (D) of 6 Birchwood Drive, Robert Kolakowski

replacement, term to expire 12-31-2016;

COMMISSION FOR ELDERLY SERVICES

Reappointment of Rene Caisse (R) of 23 Berkshire Road, term to expire 12-31-2017;

Reappointment of Marcia Dombroski (D) of 9 Arlene Drive, term to expire 12-31-2017;

Reappointment of Debbie Hanley (R) of 70 Woodlawn Avenue, Apt. 20, term to expire 12-31-2017;

CULTURAL COMMISSION

Reappointment of Melissa Torres (R) of 8 Sheryl Drive, term to expire 12-31-2017;

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Reappointment of Dawn Lathrope (D) of 60 Liberty Street, Eileen Krugel replacement, term to expire 11-30-2016;

Reappointment of Loisan Marazzi (D) of 169 Pulaski Highway, term to expire 11-30-2016;

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Reappointment of Julia Maher of 24 Park Place, term to expire 12-31-2019;

INLAND-WETLANDS COMMISSION

Appointment of Larry Pellegrino (R) of 34 Finney Street, Jeff Gould replacement, term to expire 4-1-2016;

Reappointment of John Jones (D) of 92 Ford Street, term to expire 12-31-2016;

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

Reappointment of Joseph Jaumann (U) of 183 Wakelee Avenue, term to expire 12-31-2019;

Reappointment of Maureen McCormack Conrado (D) of 83 Hill Street, term to expire 12-31-2018;

RECREATION COMMISSION

Reappointment of Steve Sobolisky (U) of 93 North Prospect Street, term to expire 12-31-2016.

**A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.**

**Resolutions**

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Resolution # 1

Re: Salaries

[The full text of this Resolution is on file in the Office of the Town and City Clerk, 253 Main Street, Ansonia, CT 06401]

Alderman Blackwell explained, this is a two percent cost of living raise given to all non-union employees in the City of Ansonia. The money has already been budgeted in the current budget but has not been administered yet, and because we are halfway through the budget year already, it's actually only one percent for this year.

Human Resources Director Chris Tymniak explained that the non-union employees have not received an increase since June of 2012.

Alderman Radin noted that there are three people on the list that have only been working for the City of Ansonia for a little over a year, and she does not feel they've been working long here enough to get a significant raise. She asked for a roll call vote on this item.

Alderman Evans asked which three people Alderman Radin is talking about.

Alderman Radin stated, the Superintendent of Public Works, the Chief Administrative Aide, and the Grant Writer. They have only been on the job in Ansonia for one year. She feels the others do deserve to get the raise.

Alderman Edo noted that the hard work of the three people over the last year certainly warrant their raises – they work very hard to lower taxes and help out. He feels those are small, minor numbers for them and he is glad to give them the raise.

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

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Adamowski			X
Stowe		X	
Vaccaro	X		

Hunt	X		
Jeanette	X		
DeLucia	X		
Kaslaitis	X		
Cassetti	X		
Radin		X	
Edo	X		
Henri	X		
Blackwell	X		
Evans	X		
Tripp	X		
TOTALS:	11	2	1

**A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 11 Yes, 2 No (Stowe, Radin), 1 Abstention (Adamowski).**

***Ordinances***

***New Business***

Budget

Alderman Henri reiterated in regard to the \$3 million surplus, he would like to see some of that returned directly into the neighborhoods. The Mayor had asked for a list of things he would like to see in the Wards. In all probability what he would like to see in the 6<sup>th</sup> Ward will come out of other people's budgets so those people would have to ask for those non-recurring funds.

Wintertime Access for Dogs on the Riverwalk

Alderman Jeanette stated, I think it's a great idea and I hope this can continue in the future. A lot of people are out there with their dogs.

Mayor Cassetti noted that as long as they're responsible and pick up after their dogs it can continue.

Colony Park

Alderman Blackwell asked about the status of Colony Park.

Mr. Coppola stated, it's being used for soccer and baseball. We have talked about rearranging other fields to go to certain dimensions for baseball but as of right now we still have that for baseball. There will be games scheduled there.

**Old Business**

Alderman Radin stated, last month the subject was discussed of WPCA and their statement about what the anaerobic plant would cost us. I would like to know if there will be a meeting on it in February because I have a lot of people that would like to come.

Corporation Counsel Marini stated, no date has been scheduled.

Mayor Cassetti stated, we will let you know when it will be held.

**Executive Session**

**At approximately 8:20 p.m., Alderman Edo MOVED to enter Executive Session after a 10-minute recess to discuss the following items:**

1. Harkins v. City of Ansonia
2. Kelly v. City of Ansonia
3. Hammoncassett v. City of Ansonia
4. Hu v. City of Ansonia
5. City of Ansonia v. Cook Industrial
6. Ansonia v. Washington Management
7. City of Ansonia v. 2 Berkshire Circle
8. City of Ansonia v. 43 Columbia Street
9. Cruciani v. City of Ansonia

**and invited Corporation Counsel Marini, Mayor Cassetti, Mr. Tymniak, and Ms. O'Malley to remain in the Aldermanic Chambers, along with Attorney Ryan Driscoll and Mr. Cruciani in regard to their respective matters; SECONDED by Alderman Cassetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.**

**Return to Regular Session**

**At approximately 9:25 p.m. Alderman Adamowski MOVED to return to Regular Session; SECONDED by Alderman Henri. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.**

**Items from Executive Session****5. City of Ansonia v. Cook Industrial**

**Alderman Adamowski MOVED to approve a Memorandum of Understanding in the matter of Cook Industrial v. City of Ansonia as discussed in Executive Session; SECONDED by Alderman Henri. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.**

***Adjournment***

**Alderman Henri MOVED to adjourn; SECONDED by Alderman Cassetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 14-0.**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Bruder, Secretary  
Ansonia Board of Aldermen