

Board of Apportionment & Taxation City of Ansonia

The Board of Apportionment & Taxation of the City of Ansonia held their regular meeting on Monday, August 16, 2010 in the Aldermanic Chambers of Ansonia City Hall. The purpose of the meeting was to consider requests for transfer of monies of all departments and/or new appropriations where funds are available to various departments. And any other business to come before said Board.

Members Present

Banks
Boran
Confinante
Commune
Kennedy
Kohut
Norman
Smerznak
Strumello
Veillette
Sturges

Members Absent

Williams

Chairman Sturges called the meeting to order. The Board rose for the Pledge of Allegiance. The record shows 11 members present.

Mr. Commune made a motion to accept the call of the meeting. Mr. Norman seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

Public Session

Mr. Randy Carroll, Chairman of the Historical Commission addressed the Board regarding the zero budget approved for fiscal year 2010-2011. He stressed all the fundraising he has done to complete the many projects including the Library Clock Tower and phase 1 of restoring the fountain. The \$1,200 annual allocated is used as seed money to allow the Historic Commission to apply for grants. Anything this Board could do to reinstate the funding even at a level of \$1,000 would be appreciated. Phase 2 of the fountain, includes installation of an underground pump is this year's project.

No one else wished to address the Board the public session was closed at 7:08 p.m.

Minutes June 21, 2010

Mr. Norman made a motion to accept and place on file the minutes from June 21, 2010 with the following corrections:

Mr. Commune was present; all votes should read 10 in total.

Page 3 should read : This way the center director did not have to go on the bus trips, so there wouldn't be a void in **coverage**. Also, on the part of **local bus** Valley Transit had a problem with nonpayment and lack of participation.

The prior director **wanted** to purchase bus tickets for transportation.

Page 4 Ansonia Community Action should be referred to as **ACA** and the Communication #6 should read **\$3,000.**

Page 5 should read **\$16,100 in the 2-001-0305-11-010-0014**

Communication #7 the motion was omitted. The motion was made by Mr. Norman and seconded by Mr. Commune. The motion was approved. (10 yes) **And \$7,500 into 1-001-0301-12-120-0001.**

Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted and placed on file noting the above corrections. (11 yes)

Correspondence

Mr. Norman made a motion to accept all communications, place them on file and take them up as needed. Ms. Banks seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

Communication #1 \$550 Bi-Lingual Literacy Program

Mr. Norman made a motion to approve the revenue line item 2-001-0305-17-010-0158 in the amount of \$550 and the expense line item 1-001-850-11-800-0158 in the amount of \$550 for a Bi-Lingual Literacy Program. Mr. Commune seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

Communication #2 City Treasurer's Report Interest on Investments June 2010

Mr. Kennedy made a motion to accept and place on file the City Treasurer's Report of Interest on Investments for June 2010. Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

Communication #3 City Treasurer's Report of Income for June 2010

Mr. Kennedy made a motion to accept and place on file the City Treasurer's Report of Income for June 2010. Mr. Norman seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

Communication #4 Zoning and Blight Officer

The propose of the request is to combine two part-time positions into one full-time position.

Mr. Norman made a motion to approve a transfer of \$35,087.25 from 0212-11-111-0005 Blight Officer \$16,954.00 and 0212-11-111-0002 Zoning Enforcement Officer \$18,133.25 into 0212-11-110-0001 \$35,087.25 Zoning Enforcement/Blight Officer. Mr. Commune seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

Mr. Norman made a motion to approve a transfer from 0200-11-811-0001 Settlement Contingency in the amount of \$9,913 into 0212-11-110-0001 Zoning Enforcement/Blight Officer. Mr. Commune seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

Mr. Norman made a motion to transfer \$15,087.00 from 0200-11-811-0001 Settlement Contingency into BOAT Contingency. Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

Communication #5 Consolidation of Utility Accounts

Mr. Miller presented to the Board the consolidation of the Water, Gas and Electric Accounts from throughout the City into three accounts, which will consolidate the bills and expedite payment Mr. Norman agreed with the concept however the Board believed there were errors in the numbers presented. Mr. Norman made a motion to table the request at this time until the numbers are in line within each section. Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

Communication #6 Unanticipated Income

Mr. Norman made a motion to approve the revenue and expense line items for \$1,000 for the Ansonia Harvest Festival Cultural Commission. A grant was received in the amount of \$1,000 from the Valley Small Grant Program funded through the Community Foundation for Greater New Haven.

Revenue 2-001-0305-17-010-0159 \$1,000

Expense 1-001-0850-11-800-0159 \$1,000

Mr. Commune seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

Communication #7 Unanticipated Income

Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the revenue and expense line items for \$4,625 from a grant from the Department of Environmental Protection “America the Beautiful”. The Grant allows the City to plant 36 trees throughout town; the only match requirement from the City is in-kind service (the labor to plant the trees).

Revenue 2-001-0305-17-010-1133 \$4,625

Expense 1-001-0850-11-800-1133 \$4,625

Mr. Confinante seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

Communication #8 Unanticipated Income

Mr. Norman made a motion to approve the revenue and expense line items for \$750 from the Valley Small Grant Program for CPR Training.

Revenue 2-001-0305-17-010-0160 \$750

Expense 1-001-0850-11-800-0160 \$750

Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

Communication #9 City Treasurer’s Annual Report July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010

Mr. Norman made a motion to accept the City Treasurer’s Annual Report and place it on file. Mr. Norman also requested of the Comptroller the City’s projections for tax collections and grants received verses actual. Mr. Veillette seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

Communication #10 City Treasurer’s Report of Income for July 2010

Mr. Norman made a motion to accept and place on file the City Treasurer’s Report of Income of July 2010. Ms. Banks seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

Communicataion #11 Roll-Over Grants

Mr. Norman made a motion to approve the request from the Comptroller to roll over unexpended grant funds as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Revenue Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Expense Account</u>
Main Street Beautification	0305-17-010-0054	\$ 2,975.00	0850-11-800-0054
Armory Grant CT-0176	0305-17-010-0102	12,955.75	0850-11-800-0102
Greenway Grant	0305-17-010-0112	16,271.79	0850-11-800-0112
Target Police Video Equip	0305-17-010-0136	750.00	0850-11-800-0136
Federal AFD Training	0305-17-010-0142	4,339.42	0850-11-800-0142
Cat Pound	0305-17-010-0143	1,426.69	0850-11-800-0143
Library Gates Computer	0305-17-010-0145	9,203.01	0850-11-800-0145
EMPG 2008	0305-17-010-0148	293.13	0850-11-800-0148
JAG-Finger Printing	0305-17-010-0149	1,800.00	0850-11-800-0149

<u>Name</u>	<u>Revenue Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Expense Account</u>
Nature Center Weblab	0305-17-010-0154	440.40	0850-11-800-0154
PACK 2010	0305-17-010-0156	2,335.00	0850-11-800-0156
ST of CT Police DUI	0305-17-010-1124	15,885.99	0850-11-800-1124
Police Click It Ticket	0305-17-010-1126	2,020.56	0850-11-800-1126
EMPG-2009	0305-17-010-1127	293.16	0850-11-800-1127
Streetscape - \$50,000	0305-17-010-1128	50,000.00	0305-17-010-1128
Streetscape - \$125,000	0305-17-010-1129	125,000.00	0850-11-800-1129
ARRA Energy	0305-17-010-1131	78,713.00	0850-11-800-1131
EMPG 2010	0305-17-010-1132	8,512.00	0850-11-800-1132
TOTAL		\$ 333,214.90	

Mr. Kohut seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

Communication #12 Unanticipated Income

Mr. Norman made a motion to approve the revenue and expense for \$5,000 from the Katharine Matthies Foundation for the purpose of purchasing multi-language books.

Expense 1-001-0850-11-800-0161 \$5,000

Revenue 2-001-0305-17-010-0161 \$5,000

Mr. Commune seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

Communication #13 Prindle Avenue Project

Mr. Norman made a motion to accept the late communication and take under consideration. Mr. Smerznak seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

The meeting was opened to a public session to discuss concerns of communication #13. No one wished to speak the public session was closed.

Mr. Norman questions if there was a budget associated with the Prindle Avenue Project. The State is coming to us now requesting \$68,309.00 and we have no explanation regarding what this is covering.

Mr. Norman made a motion to table this request and invite the City Engineer to the September meeting to explain the outstanding balance. Ms. Banks seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

Other Business

Chairman Sturges requested a formal vote on the Senior Center Secretary with was approve for \$31,380 via email in June.

Mr. Smerznak made a motion to approve the additional appropriation in the amount of \$31,380 from 1-001-0200-11-812 BOAT Contingency to 1-001-0302-17-110-0003 Secretary Salary. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion was approved (11 yes)

Mr. Norman made a motion to remove from the table the request from the Ansonia Historical Commission from June for consideration. Mr. Commune seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

Mr. Norman made a motion to approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$1,000 from BOAT Contingency 1-001-0200-11-812 into Ansonia Historical Commission 201-11-570-0018. Mr. Commune seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

The Grant Writer Report shows a Cat Pound \$8,500 with a City Match needed, the Animal Control Officer is working on securing the match needed until then stray cats are being held at a local veterinarian how bills back the City.

Ms. Banks inquired if anyone read the Board of Aldermen minutes regarding the Board of Education budget and \$995,000 in encumbrances and return of \$11,000. Mr. Norman questioned how they balance their budget with numerous accounts over budgeted.

Mr. Miller questioned the Board regarding meeting with the new Senior Center Director on the Department Budget. Chairman Sturges advise that the Director have a budget ready to submit for discussion prior to setting up a workshop.

With no other business to come before the Board Mr. Veillette made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Commune seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (11 yes)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Duclos
Secretary Board of Apportionment & Taxation