

TO: Honorable Mayor James E. Dyer - City of Danbury, Connecticut

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Common Council meeting held on July 5, 1983.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 O'Clock P.M. by the Honorable Mayor, James E. Dyer who led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance to the Flag.

The Prayer was offered by Councilman Joseph DaSilva.

Roll Call was taken by City Clerk Elizabeth Crudginton with the following members being recorded as:

PRESENT: Council Members - Elder, Gallo, McGarry, Foti, Torcaso, Eriquez, Esposito, Repole, Zotos, McManus, DaSilva, Cassano, Charles, Boynton, Leopold, Butera, Evans, Farah.

ABSENT: Council Members - Eppoliti, Torian, White,

18 members present -- 3 members absent. It was reported that Councilman Torian was out of town.

NOTICES FROM MAYOR DYER

Mayor Dyer spoke of the Ethnic Festival to be held this coming weekend, stating that the City of Danbury is the main sponsor and urged everyone to attend.

Mayor Dyer thanked on behalf of the City and community, all who helped during the recent storm, Red Cross, Fire & Police Departments and the Volunteer Fire Departments.

The Mayor announced that on July 15th we will pay tribute to the retiring Fire Chief Joseph J. Bertalovitz and urged all to participate.

Mayor Dyer also thanked all who made the Fireworks display as successful as it was with over 15,000 people attending.

The Mayor congratulated the Volunteer Firemen who <sup>at times</sup> covered for the Fire Department until funds were reinstated.

Mayor Dyer also announced that the Railroad crossing work on Balmforth and Wildman Street has been completed.

The Mayor also reminded everyone that the Tennis Courts are now open at Richter Park.

Mayor Dyer extended birthday greetings to the following:

- Thomas Dyer, Sr. July 2nd.
- Councilman Foti July 7th.
- Councilman Leopold July 11th.
- Daniel Garamella
- Councilman & Mrs. Esposito - July 25th - Wedding Anniversary
- Mary Rickert July 31st.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilman DaSilva submitted the Consent Calendar consisting of the following items listed on the agenda:

- 06 - Lease - Re: Business Aircraft Center, Inc. & City of Danbury.
- 017 - Appointment to the Board of Tax Review.
- 019 - Appointments to the Youth Commission.
- 020 - Appointments to the Commission on the Handicapped.
- 022 - Report - Denial of request for a rank for the Drill Master.
- 024 - Report - Denial of request for tax/interest abatement for Rita Griffin
- 025 - Report & Ordinance - Amendments to Sec. 16A-31 etc. re: Solid Waste Disposal.
- 026 - Report & Resolution - Sewer Use Charge.
- 027 - Report - Denial to add repair of fire code violations to Capital Bond Issue.

- 028 - Report - Land at Main & Liberty Streets.
- 029 - Report - Erosion problem at Woodbury Drive.
- 029-A - Report - Road widening strip on Chambers Road.
- 030 - Report - Water & Sewer - Lake Ave. (Petition of Super 8 Motel).
- 032 - Report - Road Study Committee.

A motion was made by Councilman DaSilva and seconded by Councilwoman McManus for the Consent Calendar to be accepted.  
Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES - Common Council Meetings held on June 7, 1983 and June 27, 1983.

A motion was made by Councilman DaSilva and seconded by Councilman Foti that the reading of the minutes be waived and accepted as submitted.  
Motion carried unanimously.

- 01 - CLAIMS - Wayne A. Wheeler - Robert Rocca & Claire Osborne - Ernest E. Weeks - Laurena Fecarotta - George Ronkowitz - Thomas J. Massena Jr. - Valerie DeMola - Margaret Woolard - Jacques Proteau.

Councilman Charles requested referral of the Claims to the Claims committee and Assistant Corporation Counsel for Claims, Attorney Terry Sachs.  
Mayor Dyer so ordered.

- 02 - COMMUNICATION & RESOLUTION - Neighborhood Assistance Act Program.

Request by Mayor Dyer to update the City's participation in the Neighborhood Assistance Act Program. The State requires annual approval of the agencies and programs listed in exhibits A through X, attached to the Resolution.

Councilwoman McManus requested deferral of the Resolution for a Public Hearing to be held.  
Mayor Dyer so ordered.

- 03 - COMMUNICATION - Intersection of Deer Hill Avenue and Wooster Street.

As it is a very dangerous one, Mayor Dyer suggested that we acquire by eminent domain, the vacant piece of land on the corner of Wooster and Deer Hill Avenue. The zig-zag necessary to cross Deer Hill from Wooster Street needs to be eliminated.

Councilman McGarry requested referral to committee.  
Mayor Dyer so ordered and appointed the following members: Torcaso, Leopold, and Evans.

- 04 - COMMUNICATION - Request from Mayor Dyer to hire an architect to survey the school code violation reports, work with the State Department of Education on possible grant reimbursement, and determine accurate figures for a bonding request by next Spring.

Mayor Dyer stated First, and most importantly, it must be noted that no life threatening situations exist in our City's schools. Additionally, the State Fire Marshal's Office has informed him that virtually every school building in Connecticut is in non-compliance with the new codes that were adopted in 1981. At the time of the code adoption all existing buildings were grandfathered into the new legislation.

Councilwoman McManus requested referral to the Public Works Committee.  
Mayor Dyer so ordered.

- 05 - COMMUNICATION - Offer by Police Officer Richard T. Murphy to donate his German Shepherd, Wilhendorf Von Bernd, to the City for use as a police dog. The donation is being made with the stipulation that Officer A. Russo will be assigned as Bernd's handler.

Councilman Evans requested referral to an Ad Hoc Committee.  
Mayor Dyer so ordered and appointed the following members: Esposito, Gallo and Repole.