

TO: Honorable Mayor James E. Dyer - City of Danbury, Conn.
SUBJECT: Minutes of the Common Council Meeting held on Nov. 1, 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 and asked the members and guests to remain standing for the Prayer requesting they remember this evening, in their prayers, our military personnel who are stationed in other countries and for the losses we have sustained.

The Prayer was offered by Councilman Edward Torian.

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

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

ABSENT: Council Members - Council Members - Elder, Eppoliti, White, Farah.

17 Members present - 4 Members Absent. It was reported that Councilman Elder was out of town and Councilman Farah was teaching school and would be late.

NOTICES FROM MAYOR DYER

Mayor Dyer announced that we had an unusually safe Halloween last night which is a credit to the Police Department. Vandalism was at an all time low in Danbury this year.

The Mayor also announced the City Election to be held on Nov. 8th with polls being open from 6:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Mayor Dyer thanked the Council, as this is the last meeting of this term, stating that it was a hard working Council and has accomplished a great deal for the City of Danbury.

The Mayor congratulated those who will not be running for the Council this year, and wished them well in the future:

Councilman Frank Repole, Councilman John Leopold and Councilman Thomas Evans.

The Mayor noted that Dr. Repole was the principal of a school he attended and that he was also a student in Mr. Leopold's class at one time. The Mayor recognized Councilman Evans as having been a vocal and active member being involved in sports and recreation programs for the young.

Mayor Dyer thanked Councilman Joseph DaSilva, the majority leader of the Common Council, stating that he was a determined and hard working council member.

Mayor Dyer also thanked Councilman Edward Torian the legislative leader of the Council noting that he has been a good friend to all of us and he has been able to bring a sense of objectivity to the Council.

Mayor Dyer in recognizing Common Council President Constance McManus stated that she has done an excellent job and praised her for being a superior Council President.

Mayor Dyer then extended Birthday greetings to the following:

- November 6th - Dr. Fenster - Board of Education.
- November 12th- Manny Merullo - Personnel Director.
- November 13th- Assistant Corporation Counsel Thomas G. West.
- November 22nd- Councilman Thomas Evans.
- November 30th- City Comptroller, John P. Edwards.

Town Clerk and Mrs. Seri celebrated their wedding anniversary today.

Mayor Dyer announced that Veterans Day ceremonies will be held on November 11th in front of the Danbury Post Office.

At this time Mayor Dyer offered Dr. Repole and his family our thoughts, prayers and friendship in reference to the recent loss of their son.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- 03 - Communication - granting of request to use property on Clapboard Ridge Road to store winter sand.
- 09 - Communication & Certification - Granting of request for funds for Civil Service Commission.
- 010 - Communication - North Salem-North Ridgefield Environmental Improvement Assoc. et al vs. Aviation Commission of the Town of Danbury et al.
- 017 - Report & Certification - Granting of funds for Dog Warden Account.
- 019 - Report - Denial of request to lease property on Plumtrees Road.
- 020 - Report - Acceptance of Road widening strip on Middle River Road.
- 021 - Report - B.A.C. Lease Easements.
- 022 - Report - Granting of Sewer & Water for D'Evegne - Tarrywile Lake Dr.
- 023 - Report - Granting of a Lease for the Women's Center.

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

MINUTES - Common Council Meeting held on October 4th and Special Meeting held on October 20, 1983.

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

- 01 - CLAIMS - Luis Martinez - William J. McNamara, Jr. - Ronald Sandone.
Helen Rogers.

Council President C. McManus requested referral of the Claims to the Claims committee and Assistant Corporation Counsel for Claims.
Mayor Dyer so ordered.

- 02 - COMMUNICATION - Request from Althea Benedict to obtain an easement from the City of Danbury to the City Well for property located on Overlook Avenue.

Councilman Torian requested referral to the Public Works Committee.
Mayor Dyer so ordered.

- 03 - Request from D.A. Garamella, Director of Public Works for a lease between City of Danbury and Mr. John Patton for use of his property on Clapboard Ridge Road to store winter sand.

The Communication was accepted and request granted by the Common Council on the Consent Calendar.

- 04 - COMMUNICATION - Petition to rename White Street to "Connecticut Boulevard".

Councilman Gallo requested referral to the Public Works Committee.
Mayor Dyer so ordered.

- 05 - Withdrawn

- 06 - COMMUNICATION - Request from Sharon B. Hamilton, Purchasing Agent, for an additional Buyer's position to be added to the Purchasing Department's Table of Organization.

A motion was made by Councilwoman McManus and seconded by Councilman Boynton for the petition to be denied. Motion carried unanimously.

07 - COMMUNICATION - Request from property owners on Hospital Avenue for a 6 inch water main to be laid between First & Second Streets.

Councilman Torian requested referral to the Public Works Committee and Planning Commission. Mayor Dyer so ordered.

08 - Withdrawn

09 - COMMUNICATION & CERTIFICATION - Request from the Civil Service Commission for \$525.45 to pay for advertising for the recruitment process for Director of Health which took place in August, 1983.

A Certification in the amount of \$525.45 available in the Contingency Fund was submitted by the Comptroller, John P. Edwards, to be transferred to the Civil Service Commission's Legal & Public Notices Account.

The Communication was accepted and transfer of funds authorized by the Common Council on the Consent Calendar.

010 - COMMUNICATION - Request to designate Paul Estefan to testify concerning the deposition of the City of Danbury re: North Salem Ridgefield Environmental Improvement Association et al vs. Aviation Commission of the Town of Danbury et al.

The Communication was accepted and request granted by the Common Council on the Consent Calendar.

011 - COMMUNICATION - Request of S.N.E.T. Co. for a permanent easement agreement on Hayestown School Property.

Councilwoman McManus requested referral to the Public Works Committee, Planning Commission & Board of Education. Mayor Dyer so ordered.

012 - COMMUNICATION - Request from Connecticut Conference of Municipalities for Danbury to participate in opposing North East Utilities Rate Hikes.

Councilman DaSilva requested referral to an Ad Hoc committee. Mayor Dyer so ordered and appointed Council Members Gallo, Boynton and Torcaso to this committee.

013 - COMMUNICATION - Request from Peter Wyckoff, Chairman of the Danbury Commission on the Handicapped, for two alternates to serve on the Commission.

Councilman Gallo requested referral to an Ad Hoc committee. Mayor Dyer so ordered and appointed Council Members Cassano, Butera and Gallo to this committee.

014 - COMMUNICATION - Appointment of Gary Bohan - 8 Shannon Ridge, Danbury, as a Firefighter in the Danbury Fire Department. Appointment effective upon swearing in.

A motion was made by Councilman Evans and seconded by Councilman Charles for the Communication to be accepted and appointment confirmed. Motion carried unanimously.

015 - COMMUNICATION - Appointment of Captains & Lieutenants - Danbury Fire Department:

CAPTAINS:

John Murphy
Delaney Ryan
Thomas Morris

LIEUTENANTS

Paul Omasta
Ronald Scalzo
Charles Bonner
Jeffrey Tierney

Biographical briefs were submitted. All appointments will become effective upon swearing in.

A motion was made by Councilman Evans and seconded by Councilman DaSilva for the Communication to be accepted and promotions confirmed. Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Chief	Danbury Police Dept.
Fire Marshal	Aviation Commission
Housing Inspector	Building Inspector
Health Inspector	
Blood Pressure Program	
Equal Rights Commission	
Sealer of Weights	
Coordinator of Environmental & Occupational Health Services	

A motion was made by Councilman DaSilva and seconded by Councilman Torian to dispense with the reading of Department Reports as all members have copies which are also on file in the office of the City Clerk for public inspection. Reports to be accepted as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

017 - REPORT & CERTIFICATION - Funds for Dog Warden Account.

Councilman DaSilva submitted a report stating that the Public Works Committee studied a request for funds to repair the septic system at the City Dog Pound. Mr. Garamella Public Works Director, presented a plan of necessary repairs which include a larger holding tank, a roof over the cages, new drains and a new baffle.

The Public Works Committee agrees to the necessity of the repairs and the proposed plan for correction, and recommends the appropriation of \$7,000 for repairs to the septic system at the Dog Pound.

Certification #17 was submitted by Comptroller John P. Edwards in the amount of \$7,000 available in the Contingency Fund to be transferred to the Dog Warden Account #02-02-102 (the City Subsidy).

The Report was accepted and transfer of funds authorized by the Common Council on the Consent Calendar.

018 - REPORT - Sewer & Water for Equinox Assoc. - Driftway Road.

Councilman Gallo, chairman of the Sewer & Water Extension committee, submitted a report stating that the committee has met and reviewed the above petition with the City Engineer and has also reviewed a recommendation for approval, from the Planning Commission.

It is the recommendation of this committee that the petition be granted with the following conditions and restrictions:

1. The petitioner shall bear all costs relative to the installation of said sewer and water lines.
2. The petitioner shall submit as-built drawings of this extension, prepared by a licensed Connecticut Land Surveyor, for approval by the City Engineer.
3. Detailed Engineering Plans and specifications are to be approved by the City Engineer and the Superintendent of Public Utilities prior to the start of construction.
4. If required, a Warranty Deed in a form satisfactory to the Corporation Counsel shall be executed by the petitioner conveying to the City of Danbury, all right, title, interest and privileges required hereunder, and said Deed shall be held in escrow for recording upon completion of installation.
5. That upon completion of installation, title to said sewer and water line within City Streets, and any necessary documents be granted to the City in a form which is acceptable to the City Engineer and Corporation Counsel.

6. The petitioner shall convey ownership of and easements to all or such portions of the sewer and water lines as the City Engineer's office determines are of potential benefit to other landowners in the City.

Should another, other than the petitioner hold title to any land involved in the approval, then consent prior to any installation or hook-up shall be furnished in a form satisfactory to the City Engineer and Corporation Counsel.

7. No certificate of occupancy shall be issued until the above requested forms, documents, plans, etc. are received and the City owns the extended sewer and water lines.

A motion was made by Councilman Foti and seconded by Councilman Torian to add the following as "Item 8" to this report: Motion carried:

8. Sewer & Water for 28 two-bedroom units only.

A motion was made by Councilwoman McManus and seconded by Councilman Boynton for the Report, as amended, be adopted. Motion carried unanimously.

019 - REPORT - Request to lease city property on Plumtrees Road.

Councilman DaSilva submitted a report stating that the Public Works Committee reviewed a request to lease two to four acres of city property on Plumtrees Road. The petitioner desired the lease in order to add this property to an adjoining parcel to form a larger plt. This property is adjacent to the sewer treatment plant. It is presently being used for the storage of rock and sand by the Highway Department, and is slated for any future expansion of the Public Works Department.

Because of its present and future usefulness to the City, the Public Works Committee recommends the denial of the request to lease City property on Plumtrees Road.

The Report was accepted by the Common Council on the Consent Calendar.

020 - REPORT - Road widening strip on Middle River Road.

Councilman DaSilva submitted a report stating that the Public Works committee studied the offer of a road widening strip on Middle River Road. This piece of land is offered for any future plans for road widening in this area and was recommended to the petitioner by the Planning Commission.

The City Engineer reported that the acceptance of this strip of land would be beneficial to the City. The committee therefore recommends acceptance of the road widening strip on Middle River Road, from Mrs. Irene Lasica.

The Report and committee recommendation was accepted by the Common Council on the Consent Calendar.

021 - REPORT - B.A.C. Lease Easements.

Councilman Evans submitted a report stating that the committee formed to investigate B.A.C. easements to their 25 year lease on 5 acres of land at the City Airport, met in October, 1983.

In attendance were Councilpersons, Evans, Esposito and Torcaso; also Assistant Corporation Counsel E. Gottschalk, Atty. J. Maloney and Paul Estefan.

After much discussion, a motion was made at the meeting and seconded that the easement be approved:

- A. Reconfiguration of the 5 acres.
- B. Approve Taxi strip on Southerly side of property
- C. Drainage easement on Northerly side.
- D. Drainage easement on S.E. side.
- E. Electrical & access to property from N.E. corner of building to South-West corner of control tower. Pending the following:

1. Planning Commission reapprove the changes.
2. Engineering Department survey for the re-configuration of the property.
3. Aviation Commission will attend to the changes of the boundry lines per Mr. Estefan.
4. When all changes are made that the acreage will still be 5 acres.

The Report was accepted by the Common Council on the Consent Calendar.

022 - REPORT - Sewer & Water for D'Evegne - Tarrywile Lake Dr.

Councilman Gallo, chairman of the Sewer & Water Extension committee submitted a report stating that the committee has met and reviewed the above petition with the City Engineer and has also reviewed a recommendation for approval, from the Planning Commission.

It is the recommendation of this committee that the petition be granted with the usual 7 steps with an additional step number 8 as follows:

8. Extension approved for Five single family dwellings only.

The Report and committee recommendation was accepted by the Common Council on the Consent Calendar.

023 - REPORT - Women's Center request for Lease for Space.

Councilman Eriquez submitted a report stating that the Common Council ad hoc committee formed to consider the request of the Women's Center for a lease for space in the Old Library Building, met in September, 1983 in City Hall.

The following were present: Councilman Eriquez, Chairman; Councilman McGarry and Councilwoman Butera; Ruth Surak, then Director of the Center and a Women's Center Board Representative.

Mrs. Surak noted that the request for a lease was to formalize the agreement between the Women's Center and the City of Danbury for the use of space at the Old Library Building. She felt it was necessary for the Center and the City to have a lease agreement due to the possibility of a change in administration of both parties involved, in essence, for continuity purposes.

The Women's Center has been occupying the same space in the Old Library for some time and this request relates solely to the space currently being occupied.

The committee, after further discussion of possible terms of the lease, determined to recommend to the full Council that a lease be granted for a sum of \$1.00 rent per year. Presently, the Women's Center does not pay rent and is subsidized, in part, by the City's share of federal revenues sharing funds.

Mr. McGarry, at the committee meeting, moved to recommend that the City offer a five year lease at \$1.00 rent per year to the Women's Center, noting that the lease calls for certain provisions such as regular maintenance and others that the Women's Center has agreed to abide by, seconded by Mr. Eriquez and passed unanimously.

The Report and recommendation of the committee was accepted by the Common Council on the Consent Calendar.

A motion was made by Councilman Boynton and seconded by Councilman Eriquez to add another item to be known as #24, to the agenda. Motion carried.

024 - RESOLUTION - High Blood Pressure Program Grant Application.

Whereas, the Connecticut Department of Health Services through the Connecticut High Blood Pressure Program has made grant funds available to municipalities to be used for high blood pressure screening, referral and health education; and

Whereas, the City of Danbury through the Danbury Health Department has formulated a Danbury High Blood Pressure program for three target populations; and

Whereas, a grant request of up to \$16,500.00 with match requirements of \$5,000.00 provided by the City of Danbury Redevelopment Fund has been processed by the Danbury Health Department; and

Whereas, the Connecticut High Blood Pressure Program has approved and funded the grant proposal;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That the actions of the Danbury Health Department in applying for the said grant be and hereby are ratified; and

Be it further resolved that any and all further actions by the Danbury Health Department and the Mayor of the City of Danbury required to accomplish said program be and hereby are authorized.

A motion was made by Councilwoman McManus and seconded by Councilman Evans to adopt the Resolution. Motion carried.

The Resolution was adopted unanimously.

Council President C. McManus thanked the members of the Common Council for their cooperation during the past two years. Recognizing Doctor Repole Mrs. McManus stated that he has given us experience, insight and humor .

Referring to Councilman Evans Mrs. McManus noted that we will still see him on the Board of Education. Mrs. McManus also stated that Councilman Leopold will do a super job on the Zoning Commission.

Mrs. McManus wished them lots of luck in their future endeavors.

Mayor Dyer then appointed the following members to a committee to draft a Vendors Ordinance: Eriquez, Charles, McGarry

The Mayor also extended all committees until November 20th. Then, all committees will cease.

As there were no public speakers and there being no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion was made by Councilman Evans and seconded by Councilman DaSilva for the meeting to be adjourned at 8:20 O'Clock P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Richert
Assistant City Clerk

Attest:

Elizabeth Burdette
City Clerk