

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

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Common Council Meeting held on January 3, 1984

The Meeting, in the absence of Mayor Dyer, was called to order at 8:00 O'Clock P.M. by the President of the Common Council Constance McManus who led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Common Council Prayer was offered by Councilman Bernard Gallo.

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

PRESENT: Council Members - Johnson, McGarry, Foti, Torcaso, Esposito, Godfrey, Flanagan, Zotos, Chianese, Skoff, McManus, DaSilva, Gallo, Cassano, Charles, Butera, Durkin, Eriquez, Farah, Torian.

ABSENT: Councilman Boynton, who was reported to be ill.

20 members present - 1 member absent.

#### NOTICES FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Mrs. McManus extended best wishes for Happy Holidays and a Pleasant New Year.

Birthday greetings were extended to the following:

Councilman Charles for January 2, reporting to be 73 years old.

Councilman Farah for January 11th.

Councilman Gallo for January 26th.

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- 02 - Resolution - Grant for Commission on Aging.
- 03 - Communication - Transfer of funds for the Commission on Aging.
- 07 - Communication - Route 7 Reconstruction Project.
- 013- Communication & Certification - Funds for traffic signal - Fry's corner.
- 016- Communication - Appointment of a Director of Health.
- 019- Report - Two-way radios for Airport Vehicles.
- 020- Report - Easement on Overlook Road.
- 021- Report & Certification - Funds for braking system on Fire Dept. Engine #21.
- 022- Report & Resolution - Increase in Grant Application for runway lighting system at the Danbury Airport.
- 023- Report & Resolution - Acceptance of Lily Drive.
- 024- Report & Resolution - Maintenance Easement, WestConn. Campus.
- 025- Report - Granting of back pension for Mrs. Alton Spencer.
- 027- Report - Antenna for Ridgefield.

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

MINUTES - Minutes of Common Council meeting held on December 6, 1983.

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

01 - CLAIMS - Mario Felix - Alma Jean Lewis - Nancy Johnston - Peter Manning.

Councilman Charles requested referral to the Claims Committee and Assistant Corporatin Counsel for Claims. Council President Mrs. McManus so ordered.

02 - RESOLUTION - Grant for Commission on Aging.

WHEREAS, the Administration on Aging of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services through the Connecticut Department on Aging and the Northwestern Area Agency on Aging has made available funds to public agencies in accordance with Title III of the Older Americans Act and Sections 17-137(a-e) of the Connecticut General Statutes; and

Whereas the Danbury Commission on Aging has developed an elderly day care program which will include: activities, meals, medical attention, volunteer assistance, and outreach; and

Whereas, a grant application of \$25,000 with a local cash match of \$9,961 has been processed by the Danbury Commission on Aging;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the past actions of the Danbury Commission on Aging in applying for said Grant be and hereby are ratified, and that any and all additional acts by the Commission on Aging and Mayor James E. Dyer necessary to effectuate the purposes hereof be and hereby are authorized.

The Resolution was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

03 - COMMUNICATION & CERTIFICATION - Request from the Commission on Aging for a transfer of funds in the amount of \$7,961 from the Contingency Account to the 1983-1984 Commission on Aging Budget for the purpose of operating the Adult Day Care Center (Interweave) at 198 Main Street.

These funds are part of the City's cash match to a Title III (Older American's Act) grant of \$25,000.

This is the second year that we are being awarded "seed money" for the development of the day care center. The reasons for the increase at this time is 1- we are on a different budget schedule from the City, beginning a new "grant year" on Feb. 1, 1984 and that they are increasing this day care program from three days to five days a week.

Certification #24 was previously submitted by the Comptroller Mr. John P. Edwards in the amount of \$7,961.00 available in the Contingency Account to be transferred to the Commission on Aging for the City's share of the Title III (Older American's Act) Grant.

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

04 - COMMUNICATION - Request from the Director of Public Works. D. Garamella for \$30,000 for the purchase of a Poweray Asphalt Heater and Infrared Unit.

Councilman Gallo requested referral to the Public Works Committee. Council President C. McManus so ordered.

05 - COMMUNICATION - Request from the Assessor, Evo J. Butera for assistance in processing the annual applications of the elderly renters under the State program.

During the 1982 Session of the General Assembly, Public Act #82-322 "An Act Concerning Technical Amendments to Re-Application Procedures in State Tax Relief Programs for Elderly Homeowners and Renters", was passed and signed into law.

Section (4) subsection (b) provides that a municipality may provide, upon approval by its legislative body, that the duties and responsibilities of the Assessor could be transferred to (1) The officer in such municipality having responsibility for the administration of social services or (2) the coordinator or agent for the elderly in such municipality.

Councilman Gallo requested referral to an Ad Hoc committee.

Council President McManus so ordered and appointed the following committee: Cassano, Boynton, Charles.

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06 - COMMUNICATION - Road name confusion - Bronson Drive, Boulder Ridge Drive East and Snug Harbor Drive.

Councilman DaSilva requested referral to the Public Works Committee. Council President C. McManus so ordered.

07 - COMMUNICATION - Request from the firm of Seelye Stevenson Value & Knect consulting engineers working for the State of Connecticut on the Route 7 South (Sugar Hollow Road area) reconstruction project relative to their subsurface investigation program.

They are asking that the City of Danbury authorize them to enter City owned properties as warranted for surveying, inspection, test hole and other related purposes.

Request for the Mayor to be authorized to sign the agreement with the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation.

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

08 - COMMUNICATION - Request from Mayor Dyer for the Common Council to take action concerning the Cross Street Bridge.

The previous administration committed the City to design costs for a new bridge. This may cost \$120,000, payable to the State of Connecticut.

Our additional match for a new, widened structure, would also be about \$120,000.00. It will cost us \$93,000 to \$100,000 to repair the present structure.

The Mayor stated that he may have to order the bridge closed very soon due to it's structural deterioration.

Councilwoman C. Torcaso requested referral to the Public Works Committee. Council President McManus so ordered.

09 - COMMUNICATION - Drainage problems on Roger Avenue.

Councilman Torian requested referral to the Public Works Committee. Mrs. McManus so ordered.

010 - COMMUNICATION - Drainage problems on Old Shelter Rock Road.

Councilman Gallo requested referral to the Public Works Committee. Mrs. McManus so ordered.

011 - COMMUNICATION - Flooding Problems - Middle River Road.

Councilwoman B. Johnson requested referral to the Public Works Committee. Mrs. McManus so ordered.

012 - COMMUNICATION - Request for sewer line connection for Advent Christian Church - Request to hook into the sewer line serving the F.C.I.

Councilman Chianese requested referral to the Sewer & Water Extension Committee and Planning Commission. Mrs. McManus so ordered.

013 - COMMUNICATION & CERTIFICATION - Request for \$7,050, funds for a traffic signal at Fry's Corner.

Certification #22 was submitted by the Comptroller, John P. Edwards in the amount of \$7,050 available in the Contingency Account to be transferred to Capital Budget Item #840005 for the traffic signal at Fry's Corner.

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

014 - COMMUNICATION - Procedural Regulations Governing Purchasing.

Councilman Eriquez requested referral to an ad hoc committee.  
Mrs. McManus so ordered and appointed the following committee:  
DaSilva, McManus and Gallo.

015 - COMMUNICATION - Request from the Comptroller for the Common Council to appoint the City Auditor. The current accountant, Ernst & Whinney has shown interest in doing the next audit for the fiscal year ending 6/30.1984. The fee is broken down as follows:

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| City Audit ( includes City, Sewer Fund, Water Fund, Landfill & Bd. of Education) | ---   | \$32,000.00 |
| School Lunch Program   | ---   | 2,500.00    |
| Special Education Grants   | ---   | 4,200.00    |
| ED 001 Report  | ---   | 1,700.00    |
| Revenue Sharing  | ---   | 1,600.00    |
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|  | Total | \$42,000.00 |

Councilman Godfrey requested referral to an ad hoc committee.  
Council President C. McManus so ordered and appointed the following committee: Torian, Eriquez, Skoff.

016 - COMMUNICATION - Appointment by Mayor Dyer of William Patrick Quinn as the new Director of Health for the City of Danbury. Mr. Quinn's curriculum vitae was also submitted. His starting date is Fe. 13, 1984. The Communication was accepted and appointment confirmed by the Common Council on the Consent Calendar.

017 - DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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| Fire Chief                   | Health Inspector      |
| Police Dept.                 | Non-Profit Dev. Corp. |
| Aviation Commission          |                       |
| Housing Inspector            |                       |
| Equal Rights & Opportunities |                       |

A motion was made by Councilman J. DaSilva and seconded by Councilman R. Foti to dispense with the reading of Department Reports which are to be accepted as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

018 - REPORT - Firewood Sale.

Councilwoman McManus, President of the Common Council submitted a Report stating that the Common Council held its second annual firewood sale on Dec. 11th and Dec. 18th 1983 at the Danbury Landfill.

A total of \$1,515.00 was raised and checks for \$757.50 each, were given to the Dorothey Day Hospitality House and the Marine Corps League for the purpose of purchasing Christmas presents for Danbury Children.

On behalf of the Common Council, Mrs. McManus expressed appreciation to Dan Garamella, Byron Johnson and the members of the Forestry Department without whose help the firewood sale would not have been possible.

A motion was made by Councilman Godfrey and seconded by Councilwoman Torcaso for the Report to be accepted. Motion carried unanimously.

019 - REPORT - Two-way radios for Airport Vehicles.

Councilman Esposito submitted a report stating that the Common Council committee appointed to review equipping Airport vehicles with two-way radios in reference to Sec. 3 procedures in a letter of agreement between the F.F.A. control tower and the City of Danbury, met on Dec. 14th at 8:P.M.

Present were Councilmen Esposito and Gallo. Councilwoman Torcaso was absent due to illness. Also in attendance was the chairman of the Aviation Commission, Paul Estefan.

Mr. Estefan stated that as required in the letter of agreement with the control tower, the Aviation Commission has purchased and installed portable radios in the airport vehicles and have been in service since Nov. 3, 1983.

Motion was made at the committee meeting by Councilman Gallo and seconded by Councilman Esposito that the addition of portable radios be noted in the wording of the Letter of Agreement. Motion passed.

The Report was accepted and the two-way radios authorized by the Common Council on the Consent Calendar.

020 - REPORT - Councilman DaSilva submitted a report on the Easement on Overlook Road. The Public Works Committee reviewed a request from Mrs. Althea Benedict for an easement on City property for her well. It was discovered that her well was put in by the City a number of years ago after her original well was contaminated by the pond at the Old Quarry Nature Center. The well, however, was placed on City property. Mrs. Benedict asks that an easement be given, allowing the maintenance of the well and assuring a water supply.

The Public Works Committee voted to recommend the approval of an easement, as described above, the details of which are to be drawn up by Mrs. Benedict's attorney, James E. Ryan, Assistant Corporation Counsel Eric Gottschalk and City Engineer, John Schweitzer.

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

021 - REPORT & CERTIFICATION - Funds to replace braking system on Fire Dept. Engine #21.

Councilman Esposito submitted a report stating that the Common Council Fire Department Liaison committee met on Dec. 14, 1983 at 8:15 P.M. at City Hall to discuss the above request. Present were Councilmen Esposito, DaSilva, Boynton, Chianese McGarry and Councilwomen Skoff and Butera. Also attending were Chief C. Monzillo, Ass't Chief A. Lagarto, Dept. Mechanic Tomanio, Comptroller J. P. Edwards, Ass't Comptroller, D. Setaro and Purchasing Agent S. Hamilton.

Chief Monzillo stated that Engine #21 lost its braking system responding to a fire and ran into the rear of a building causing considerable damage to the Fire Engine, mostly covered by insurance. However, there are no funds available to replace the braking system. The Department Mechanic Tomanio stated that approximately \$13,000 is being spent to repair the damaged Engine and that the present hydraulic brake system is inadequate for safety and cost reasons.

Chief Monzillo expressed his concerns for the safety of the Fire-fighters operating Engine #21 with the present braking system and proposed the system be replaced with air brakes at a cost of \$8,500.

Comptroller J. Edwards stated that the necessary funds could possibly come from the Contingency Account. Councilman Boynton moved to recommend an appropriation of \$8,500 for brake repairs on Eng. #21, seconded by Councilwoman Skoff. Motion passed by a vote of 6 Ayes and 1 Nay. Mr. McGarry voted Nay.

In reference to the waiver of bid procedure, should the department purchase a new pumper, Mr. McGarry moved to deny the waiver of bid procedure and to process the request through the normal bidding procedure on a lease-purchase basis. Mrs. Butera seconded the motion which was defeated by a vote of 4 to 3. Esposito, Boynton, Chianese, Skoff voted No. McGarry, DaSilva and Butera voted Yes.

Councilman Boynton moved to have the Chief present a formal letter from each bidder with specs to come in, in one week and the committee to meet the following week. Motion seconded by Councilman DaSilva and was passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 9:43 P.M.

CERTIFICATION #23 - A Certification in the amount of \$8,500 was submitted by the Comptroller Mr. John P. Edwards as being available in the Contingency Fund to be transferred to the Fire Department for brake repairs on Engine #21.

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

022 - REPORT & RESOLUTION - Increase in Grant Application to update runway at Danbury Airport.

Councilman Esposito submitted a report stating that the Common Council committee appointed to review the above Resolution, met on Dec. 21, 1983. Present were Council Members Esposito and Chianese. Mrs. Torcaso was unable to attend due to illness. Also in attendance was Paul Estefan Aviaition Commission Chairman.

Mr. Estefan stated that the preliminary cost estimate on the run-way lighting system is \$118,000.00 more than the Resolution allows and requested the Resolution be amended from \$200,000 to \$318,000. In addition he requested an additional \$3,000 to add to the \$5,000 currently in the Airport Budget as our matching grant. A Certification as to the availability of \$3,000 from the Contingency Account was attached to the request.

Motion at the committee meeting was made by Councilman Chianese and seconded by Councilman Esposito that the reading of the Resolution be amended to read "Not to exceed \$318,000 with a local match of 2½% not to exceed \$8,000. Motion passed and committee meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

RESOLUTION - (Amended to read -

Whereas, the City of Danbury will make application for a Federal and State Grant in an amount not to exceed \$318,000 with a local match of two and one-half (2½%) percent equaling an amount not to exceed \$8,000..

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

023 - REPORT & RESOLUTION - Acceptance of Lily Drive.

Councilman DaSilva, Chairman of the Public Works Committee submitted a report stating that the committee studied a request from Mr. Charles Williams for the acceptance of Lily Drive as a City highway. A recommendation for approval was received from the Planning Commission as well as a communication from the City Engineer stating that all specifications had been met for acceptance.

The Public Works Committee recommended that Lily Drive be accepted as a City Highway.

RESOLUTION - RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Danbury that LILY DRIVE be accepted as a public highway in the City of Danbury subject to the following conditions:

That a Deed and Certificate of Title, in form satisfactory to the Office of the Corporation Counsel, be delivered to the City of Danbury.

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

Councilman DaSilva submitted a Report stating that the Public Works Committee reviewed a petition for an easement on the West side Campus of Western Connecticut State University. This easement will allow the City of Danbury to maintain a water line that is in place across the campus.

The Public Works Committee feels that this easement is quite necessary for the proper maintenance of the City's water line and therefore recommends the approval of a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the easement as described.

RESOLUTION - Resolved by the Common Council of the City of Danbury:

Whereas, the State of Connecticut has offered the City of Danbury a permanent easement to lay, maintain, operate, construct, use, inspect, alter, repair and replace water mains and appurtenances thereto in, through, on and over property situated on the West Side Campus of Western Connecticut State University in the City of Danbury, together with the right to pass and repass over an existing access road from Mill Plain Road for said purposes; and

Whereas, said easement is in the best interests of the City of Danbury;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Common Council of the City of Danbury that Mayor James E. Dyer be and hereby is authorized to accept said easement and to perform any additional acts necessary to accomplish the purposes hereof.

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

025 - REPORT - Granting of back pension for Mrs. A. Spencer.

Councilman Boynton submitted a report stating that the committee appointed to review the request for pension funds for Ruth Spencer, met on Dec. 15th. Committee members present were, Chairman E. Boynton, Cassano and J. Butera. Also attending the meeting was Phil Curran, Chairman of the Fire Pension Board.

After a review of the facts of this case, it was evident that the Fire Pension Board made an error in awarding the widow only 1/2 pension in 1976.

The Pension Fund - Sec. 245 "Payments to widows, surviving children" states that if a member should die from the proximate effects of any injury or exposure received in the actual discharge of such duty that his widow shall receive a pension equal to the pension of such member at the time of his death if retired.

Mr. Spencer was retired from the Department at the time of his death, 1976 under the provisions of State Statute #433c Heart & Hypertension Act; and did die according to his doctors, from a job related heart condition.

Councilwoman J. Butera made a motion at the committee meeting to recommend payment of the back pension funds owed to Mrs. Spencer in the amount of \$54,138.89. The funds are to be paid from the pre-1967 pension fund, as the funds needed are currently available in that pension fund. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cassano and passed without further discussion.

The Report was accepted and back pension granted by the Common Council on the Consent Calendar.

026 - REPORT - Purchase of a Pumper Truck for Danbury Fire Department.

Councilman Esposito, chairman of the Common Council Fire Department Liaison Committee met on December 21, 1983 to discuss the request from Chief Monzillo of the Danbury Fire Department for the purchase of a pumper for the Fire Department and also to consider his request for a waiver of the bid procedure on the purchase of the Fire Engine. Councilmen Esposito, DaSilva, Boynton, Chianese, McGarry and Councilwoman T. Skoff attended the meeting.

Also in attendance were Chief Monzillo, Assistant Chief Lagarto, Dept. Mechanic Tomanio and Purchasing Agent S. Hamilton.

Chief Monzillo read a statement giving the need for a new pumper and of his opinion that the request is an emergency. Ass't Chief Lagarto explained the fire coverage patterns of the City for each engine and the necessity of a new engine for House No. 23.

Chief Monzillo stated that the department solicited six bids from the following truck manufacturers: A.M. LaFrance, FMC, Hahn, Mack, Pierce, Grumman. Based on comparison and his professional opinion for the needs of the Department, he recommends the purchase of a Mack Pumper as expeditiously as possible at a price of \$130,000 and further recommends that it be acquired through a lease purchase agreement.

Councilman McGarry questioned how the Hahn Trucks match with the Mack in equipment. Mr. Tomanio stated the difference, in the over all length and pumping capacity which is a necessity for the Department's need. McGarry stated he believes a need exists for new equipment but is not in favor of waiving bids. Also that there is an approximate \$15,000 difference between the Hahn and Mack Trucks. Mrs. Hamilton stated the various items besides price in an award, such as need, delivery, service and maintenance.

Councilman Boynton asked about repair on the Mack and Hahn Truck. Mr. Tomanio stated although the Hahn could be serviced in Danbury, Mack has four distributions in Connecticut and also manufactures their own parts which most others do not.

Mrs. Skoff asked about the performance of the Mack Truck Company to others. Chief Monzillo answered that he has worked with many and in his professional experience and opinion, the Mack Truck best meets the Department's needs at this time.

Councilman Chianese asked about truck guarantees. Mr. Tomanio said all are about the same. Mr. Boynton asked about funding. It was answered that capital funds can provide the \$30,000 for the first year of a lease-purchase agreement.

Mrs. Skoff stated that she believes an emergency exists and that we should purchase a truck now because of safety problems that could arise.

Mr. Esposito gave the number of trucks in the City, paid and volunteer companies and stated that in case of real emergency the volunteer units will be out to cover. Mr. Esposito read a statement of a report of the Fire Department Task Force in 1981 that the Fire Department needs two class A pumpers to meet the department current needs.

Councilman Boynton moved at the committee meeting to recommend that we purchase a Fire Pumper and that because an emergency exists, the waiver of bids be granted. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman T. Skoff. Motion passed by a vote of 4 Ayes and two Nays. Committee members - Esposito, Skoff, Boynton and Chianese voted Aye in favor of the motion. Committee members McGarry and DaSilva voted No.

A motion was made by Councilman Torian and seconded by Councilman Charles that the Report be accepted and request granted.

Councilman McGarry spoke in opposition to the report & motion stating that it is not a dire need and that an emergency does not exist. Also stating that we should not waive the bids and suggested the members not vote for it.

Councilman Farah also spoke in opposition questioning the nature of the emergency.

Councilman DaSilva stated that this pumper is a new one and is needed because of the status of the old one, but also questioned the status of an emergency at this time.

Councilwoman Skoff replied with statistics on normal response time to fires and stated that the Chief and Assistants have declared an emergency and we should go with their expertise.

Councilman DaSilva spoke to state that he is not opposed to this purchase but is opposed to the waiver of bids. The \$15,000 difference is a discrepancy and we owe it to our citizens to save money. Besides, Engine #21 will be back in line.

Councilman Esposito stated that the pumper is over 19 years old and there is an emergency to purchase a new one. According to the City Charter, the Common Council has the authority to waive bids. The Public Works spent \$200,000 without bids and it turned out to be the best piece of equipment the City has. Mr. Esposito remarked that we should put confidence in the leadership of the Fire Department.

Mr. Esposito referred to the deaths of city firefighters a few years ago and stated that such a tragedy could again occur without proper equipment.

Mr. McGarry took exception to the referral stating that it was a horrendous statement and "he should have to answer for that".

Councilman Cassano wanted to know if we vote to purchase the truck or do we vote to waive the bids.

Councilman Foti remarked that waiving of bids is a euphuism for poor planning and that he can never see waiving of bids.

Mrs. Skoff stated that we have a potentially hazardous situation.

Following further discussions, a roll call vote was taken on the motion for acceptance of the Report and request granted.  
Motion carried by a vote of 12 Ayes and 8 Nays.

Council Members - Johnson, Torcaso, Esposito, Flanagan, Zotos, Chianese, Skoff, McManus, Cassano, Durkin, Eriquez and Torian voted AYE. 12 votes.

Council Members - McGarry, Foti, Godfrey, DaSilva, Gallo, Charles, Butera and Farah voted NAY ( 8 votes).

A motion was made by Councilman Foti and seconded by Councilman Godfrey for the City Clerk to notify Department Heads that a request for a waiver of bids is to come from the Purchasing Agent instead of Department Heads in the future. Motion carried with Councilman Zotos voting Nay.

Councilman Farah remarked that he does not like so much authority to be placed with the Purchasing Agent.

The motion was amended by Councilman Farah and seconded by Councilwoman Skoff to read that a waiver of bid request from Department Heads should be submitted with an opinion from the Purchasing Agent.

Motion carried with Council members Godfrey & Butera voting Nay.

027 - REPORT - Antenna for Ridgefield.

Councilman Gallo submitted a report stating that the committee met to review the request from the Town of Ridgefield Police & Fire Department to locate an antenna on our rotating beacon site on Spruce Mountain. The committee met on Dec. 20th 1983. Members present were B. Gallo, J. McGarry. J. Butera was working.

Representing the Police Department was Officer J. Holt, The Fire Dept. Chief C. Monzillo, The Aviation Commission, Chairman P. Estefan.

Because of the following reasons, Councilman McGarry made a motion granting Ridgefield permission to place receiver system on requested site. Councilman Gallo seconded the motion and all were in favor.

1. Motorola Communications & Electronics Inc. guaranteed in writing there would be no interference. Guarantee attached to original Report.
2. The Danbury Aviation Commission voted in favor of the request.
3. The Police & Fire Department had no problem with the receiver being installed on said site.

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

028 - Withdrawn

029 - REPORT & CERTIFICATION - Request for additional funds for the Civil Service Commission

Councilman Eriquez submitted a report stating that the ad hoc committee appointed to consider the request from the Civil Service Commission, met on Dec. 22, 1983. Chairman Eriquez, Councilman Godfrey and Chief Examiner N. Nero were present. Councilman Boynton was excused due to a work related commitment.

Mr. Nero presented the committee with an explanation of the request for \$10,000. The following represents a breakdown of those items for which this funding is needed:

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| Item #1 - To complete the psychological and physical examinations for police officers. | \$125.00 per candidate - psychological exam |             |
|  | \$107.00 per candidate - physical exam      |             |
|  | \$232.00 per candidate                      |             |
| \$232.00 x 25 candidates -   | -----                                       | \$5,800.00  |
| Item #2 - Sergeant exam for Police Dept.   |   | 1,000.00    |
| Item #3 - Dispatcher exam for Police Dept.   |   | 750.00      |
| Item #4 - Ambulance Supervisor exam - Fire Dept.                                       |   | 100.00      |
| Item #5 - Physical exam for appointees to P.W.Dept.                                    |   | 1,000.00    |
|  | Sub Total                                   | \$8,650.00  |
| Item #6 - Funding for job announcements  |   | 1,350.00    |
|  | Total Request                               | \$10,000.00 |

Mr. Nero noted that the present situation (need for additional funds) was a result of the demands of the litigation involving the previous fire-fighters exam and subsequent eligibility list. A new list had to be established per Judge's order which meant testing costs were duplicated for the firefighter's exam. There has also been an increase in testing activity for various positions within the City over the last several months.

Based on this information, Councilman Godfrey moved to recommend to the full Council that this request for \$10,000 be approved noting that the balance of \$1,350 for probable job announcements may not be sufficient which could possibly require an additional appropriation at a later time. The motion was seconded by Councilman Eriquez and passed unanimously.

CERTIFICATION #19 - Mr. John P. Edwards, Comptroller, submitted a certification in the amount of \$10,000 available in the Contingency Account to be transferred to the Civil Service Commission for various recruitment testing and examination requirements.

A motion was made by Councilman Charles and seconded by Councilman DaSilva for the Report to be accepted and transfer of funds authorized. Motion carried unanimously.

As there were no public speakers and there being no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion was made by Councilman Torian and seconded by Councilman Godfrey for the meeting to be adjourned at 9:00 O'Clock P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

*Mary Risker*  
Assistant City Clerk

Attest:

*Elizabeth Crudginton*  
Elizabeth Crudginton  
City Clerk