

To: Mayor James E. Dyer, City of Danbury, Connecticut.

Re: Minutes of the Special Common Council Meeting held June 24, 1987.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Common Council President Constance McManus who led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The Prayer was offered by Councilman John Esposito.

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

PRESENT: Council Members Johnson, Sollose, DeMille, Godfrey, Zotos, Hadley, Rotello, McManus, Gallo, Esposito, Charles, Boynton, DaSilva, Eriquez, Smith and Torian.

ABSENT: Council Members Philip, Flanagan, Cassano, Butera and Farah.

16 Members Present - 5 Members Absent.

Mr. Cassano had a previous engagement; Mrs. Butera was at work; and Mr. Farah was out of town.

NOTICE OF THE SPECIAL MEETING - To be held on the 24th day of June, 1987 at 7:00 O'Clock P.M. in the Common Council Chambers in City Hall, for the purpose of acting upon the following:

01 - Report and Ordinance - Mobile Home Personal Property Tax.

02 - Report and Ordinance - Sewer Budget.

RETURN OF SERVICE - Notices were delivered by Police Officers of the Danbury Police Department.

A motion was made by Mr. Boynton and seconded by Mr. Charles for the Call and the Return of Service to be accepted. Motion carried unanimously.

01 - REPORT and ORDINANCE - Mobile Home Personal Property Tax.

Mr. Gallo submitted the following report:

The Common Council held a public hearing concerning the Mobile Home Property Tax Ordinance on June 16, 1987 at 7:30 P.M. in the Common Council Chambers.

The Common Council met as a committee of the whole immediately following the public hearing and unanimously recommends that the Common Council adopt the ordinance.

Mr. DeMille excused himself from the room as he has a personal interest in this ordinance.

Mr. Godfrey asked that the language of the new ordinance be read into the record.

Mr. Gallo submitted the following new language:

Be it Ordained by the Common Council of the City of Danbury:

The City of Danbury adopts the mobile home personal property tax option established by the 1987 Mobile Home Act (S.B. 623). Pursuant to said Act, the City of Danbury elects to assess mobile manufactured homes located within its boundaries as personal property. Said election shall be effective as of the October 1, 1986 assessment date.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, mobile homes shall be assessed as real property commencing with the first assessment date following the first sale of such mobile home occurring after October 1, 1986. As used herein, the term "first sale" shall have the meaning contained in subsection 12-63(d) (2) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Any adjustment or abatement of taxes due on July 1, 1987 which may be necessary as a result of the aforesaid election is hereby authorized.

01 - contined:

Mr. Charles made a motion to accept the report and adopt the ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Hadley.

Mr. Godfrey stated that the Senate bill is an enabling bill. He asked Assistant Corporation Counsel Eric Gottschalk if the bill had yet been signed and if not, can the Common Council ordain this presuming the act is signed.

Mr. Gottschalk stated that the bill does not become law until it is signed by the Governor. He stated that the Common Council can adopt the ordinance with the proviso that it not become effective until it is signed by the Governor.

Mr. Godfrey made a motion to adopt the Ordinance with the proviso that the effective date be contingent upon the act becoming law. Seconded by Mr. Smith. Amendment carried unanimously.

Mr. Charles made a motion to accept the report and adopt the ordinance as amended. Seconded by Mr. Eriquez. Motion carried unanimously.

02 - REPORT and ORDINANCE - Sewer Budget.

Mr. Hadley presented the following report:

The Common Council Committee appointed to review the Sewer Fund charges met on June 16, 1987 at 8:30 P.M. at the City Hall. Council Members Farah, McManus and Hadley were present. Also attending were William Buckley, Superintendent of Public Utilities; Dominic Setaro, Acting Director of Finance; Robert Ogden of the Public Utilities Department; Lazlo Pinter, Assistant Corporation Counsel and Councilman John Esposito.

Mr. Buckley explained the reason for the administration's request to raise the fees. Mr. Setaro added that the City is committed to spend \$1,308,000 in the coming fiscal year, according to the approved budget. Projected collection of sewer will fall short of what had been anticipated. The new projected sum is \$1,180,000 which leaves a deficit of \$128,000. The proposed increase in the fees will close the gap and balance the Fund's budget.

The proposed changes deal with the following sections of the Sewer Fund Ordinance:

- 16-4(b)1 - From \$500 per unit of residential connection to \$600.
- 16-4(b)2 - From \$500 per unit of non-residential connection to \$1,000 and from \$.30 per square foot to \$.40 per square foot of the same.
- 16-32(a) - The formula for calculating sewer charges will change from $\frac{.9 \times A \times .72}{1000 \text{ gallons}}$ to $\frac{.9 \times A \times .80}{1000 \text{ gallons}}$

"A" is the volume of water as measured through the customer's meter used during the past four billing quarters. This is expected to raise the annual charges by \$6.62 or \$0.55 per month per residential customer. Minimum annual sewer use charge will increase from \$20 to \$25.

- 16-32(b) - Sewer use charge to sewer customers provided with flat rate City water service will increase from \$64 to \$76.
- 16-32(c) - Sewer use charge for sewer customers who have no City water will increase from \$58 to \$65.

Section 16-14 dealing with septage rates is still under study.

Mrs. McManus moved to recommend the adoption of the proposal. Seconded by Mr. Hadley. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Boynton made a motion to accept the report and defer the Ordinance to public hearing. Seconded by Mr. DaSilva.

Mr. Godfrey questioned the use of different rates for residential and non-residential connections. Mrs. McManus stated that she was not sure if the use of different rates is correct or if there is an error in the report. This will be clarified at the public hearing.

Mr. Charles questioned the effective date of the sewer use charge.

Motion carried unanimously.

There were no members of the public wishing to address the Common Council.

There being no further business to come before the Common Council a motion was made by Councilman Godfrey for the meeting to be adjourned at 7:13 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTEST:

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