

To: Mayor Joseph H. Sauer, City of Danbury, Connecticut.

Re: Minutes of the Special Common Council Meeting held February 17, 1988.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Joseph H. Sauer who led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. 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 - Bourne, Gallo, Esposito, Godfrey, Flanagan, Zotos, Nimmons, Shaw, Cassano, Charles, Danise, DaSilva, Eriquez, Regan, Weiss.

Absent - Connell, Moran, Renz, Cresci, Fazio, Butera.

15 Present - 6 Absent.

NOTICE OF THE SPECIAL MEETING - To be held on the 17th day of February, 1988 at 7:00 P.M. in the Common Council Chambers in City Hall, for the purpose of acting upon the following:

1. Report - Danbury Bethel Intermunicipal Agreement.

2. Ordinance - Ordinance Appropriating \$44,600,000 for Improvements to the Wastewater Treatment System and Authorizing the Issuance of not exceeding \$44,600,000 Bonds of the City to meet said Appropriation and Pending the issue thereof, the making of temporary borrowings for such purpose.

Mr. Godfrey made a motion to accept the call and return of service. Seconded by Mr. Nimmons. Motion carried unanimously.

1 - REPORT - Danbury Bethel Intermunicipal Agreement.

Mr. Regan submitted the following report:

The Common Council Committee appointed to review the Intermunicipal Sewer Agreement with Bethel met at 7:00 P.M. on February 16, 1988 in Room 432 in City Hall. In attendance were committee members Regan, DaSilva, and Esposito. Also in attendance were Superintendent of Public Utilities William Buckley, City Engineer Jack Schweitzer, Assistant Corporation Counsel Laszlo Pinter and Comptroller Dominic Setaro.

Mr. Buckley explained that Danbury and Bethel are under State mandate to upgrade the Danbury Sewage Treatment Plant and turn the Bethel plant into a pump station to send sewage to the Danbury plant. Mr. Buckley went over each section of the agreement and explained that much time has been spent on this agreement and that he, Mr. Schweitzer, Mr. Setaro and Attorney Pinter feel it is a good one. Mr. Buckley stated that sewer rates will double or triple in cost if additional grant money is not received from the State. At this time the City is still working on this. The total cost of this project is approximately \$45,000,000. The State will grant approximately 20% and a low interest loan for the remainder of all eligible expenses which would be approximately \$3,900,000 at this time. The City is still working on this figure. Bethel is to pay 13.79% of the cost of the total project which is based on Bethel's proposed 13.79% useage of the facility.

Mr. Setaro explained that the reason we need approval now while the dollar amounts are still vague is that we are under court order to sign the agreement before April 6, 1988.

Mr. DaSilva made a motion to approve the agreement and send it to public hearing. Seconded by Mr. Esposito. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Godfrey noted that the report should read \$39,000,000 not \$3,900,000

Mr. Eriquez made a motion to accept the report and amended. Seconded by Mr. Godfrey. Motion carried unanimously.

2 - ORDINANCE - Ordinance Appropriating \$44,600,000 for Improvement to the Wastewater Treatment System and Authorizing the Issuance of not exceeding \$44,600,000 Bonds of the City to meet said Appropriation and Pending the issue thereof, the making of temporary borrowings for such purpose.

Mr. DaSilva submitted the following report:

The Common Council Committee appointed to review PAC v. Danbury met at 7:45 P.M. on February 16, 1988 in City Hall. In attendance were Committee Members Nimmons, Regan and DaSilva. Also in attendance were Superintendent of Public Utilities William Buckley, City Engineer Jack Schweitzer, Comptroller Dominic Setaro, Assistant Corporation Counsel Laszlo Pinter and Common Council Member John Esposito, ex-officio.

Mr. Pinter presented an ordinance for appropriating funding for the renovation project at the sewer treatment plant. He explained that the City is working hand in hand with the State to guarantee the approvals are granted in the time frame set in the court order. He said that the ordinance set for the bonding of \$44,600,000 for the renovation of the sewage system which is part of the interlocal agreement with Bethel. This is the total amount, not counting funding from Bethel or the State. This amount must be present to the public although much will come back in grants and loans. The financing must be in place by April 15, 1988. The referendum will be held on April 14, 1988. A public hearing must be held on March 8, 1988 in order to meet all deadlines.

Mr. Setaro stated that the \$44,600,000 cost was obtained by taking the total cost of 45 million, minus the cost of the demolition of the existing Bethel treatment plant. There are no set figures on State funding, but the gross amount (\$44,600,000) must be sent to referendum. If the referendum is defeated, the State will immediately go to Court to get an order for the legislative body to appropriate the funds and approve the building of the upgraded plant. City personnel are working with Rep. Lynn Taborsak to get additional funding from the State. They are also trying to get the State to give some concrete figures on funding before the public hearing.

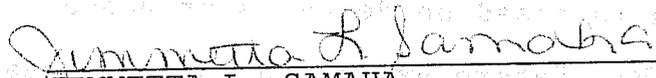
Mr. Regan moved 1. that the renovation project go to a public hearing before the Common Council, acting on the Water Pollution Control Authority and such renovation project also be referred to the Planning Commission; and 2. The appropriate ordinance be referred to a public hearing and subsequent adoption by the Common Council be obtained; and 3. The Water Pollution Control Authority approve the Renovation Project. Seconded by Mr. DaSilva. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Godfrey moved to accept the report. Seconded by Mr. Eriquez. Motion carried unanimously.

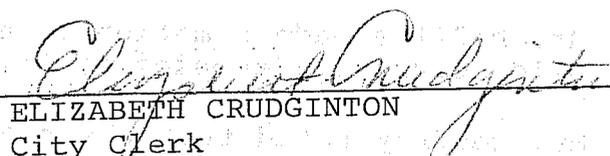
There were no members of the public wishing to address the Council.

There being no further business to come before the Common Council a motion was made by Mr. Nimmons for the meeting to be adjourned at 7:15 P.

Respectfully submitted,

  
JIMMETTA L. SAMAHA  
Assistant City Clerk

ATTEST:

  
ELIZABETH CRUDGINTON  
City Clerk