

TO: Mayor Gene F. Eriquez and Members of the Common Council

Re: Minutes of the Common Council Meeting held October 4, 1994

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Mayor Eriquez. The Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer were recited. The members were recorded as:

Present - Levy, Scalzo, Falzone, Yamin, Arconti, Boynton, Dennehy, Gallagher, Machado, Outlaw, DaSilva, Esposito, Coladarci, Charles, Beck Setaro, Trocolla, Valeri

Absent - Gomez, Cappiello, Scozzafava

18 Present - 3 Absent

Mr. Gomez was absent due to illness

The Mayor held a moment of silence for former Council Member Dyer
PUBLIC SPEAKING

1. Tom Morris, 1 Devonshire Drive - Assistant Fire Chief. Item 5 On August 16, 1974 he helped to open the Osborne Street Fire Station. The living conditions are not conducive to modern day service for the City. It needs a new roof and there is no insulation. Only one truck will fit in the building. Please vote for the extra funds. Item 12 - This truck was set to be refurbished 16 months ago. It is thirteen years old. This truck is needed as soon as possible. The same truck would cost a half million dollars today. Item 13 - This firm is reliable. The pumper meets all the specifications. This will take the pressure off the repair department.

2. Robert Fand, 79½ North Street - Everyone shares responsibility for the accountability of the Danbury Housing Authority. He asked for a sub-committee to monitor and advise the Authority in its time of need. He complimented the Mayor and the News Times for their support on this issue. He thanked the Mayor for summoning Bernard Fitzpatrick to his office and telling him to get on the ball. However, more can be done. Suggested that Mr. Fitzpatrick step aside. He feels that Sam Deibler is way off base. Lease agreements should be enforced. Members of the Housing Authority should be screened for conflicts of interest. There is a realtor on the Board. He is asking the State and Federal Housing Authorities to investigate the Danbury Housing Authority. There should be available lists of all tenants with criminal records and records of minors should not be closed. Also, Wooster Manor should be for the elderly, not for retarded people.

(At 7:43 P.M. Mr. Cappiello arrived and was marked present.)

Mayor Eriquez responded that he never summoned Mr. Fitzpatrick to his office but has worked with him. The Danbury Housing Authority works with federal and state funded housing. The Common Council has no jurisdiction. All appointments have been scrutinized for conflicts.

3. Sam Diebler, Chairman, Danbury Housing Authority - he stated that he was not here to defend the Housing Authority. The Authority meetings are open to the public. Dr. Fand has never presented a petition to the Authority. He has never been to a meeting. You need not be a resident or taxpayer to address the Authority. The next meeting of the Danbury Housing Authority is Thursday, October 6th at 7:30 P.M. at 2 Mill Ridge Road.

4. Glenna Pierpaoli, 28 Meadowbrook Vista - supports item 1 and 2 reduction of sewer and water connection fees. Please vote yes.

5. Kevin Kassner, 22 Meadowbrook Vista - supports items 1 and 2. The current rates are prohibitive. Deferred and lower taxes will attract development.

6. George Wright, 16 Dibble Street - Danbury Housing Authority has been negligent. There are only four members of the Board.

The Common Council Committee appointed to review the request for sewer extension to Cannon Drive met on August 30, 1994 at 7:00 P.M. in Room 432 in City Hall. In attendance were committee members Levy and Boynton. Mr. Cappiello was absent. Also in attendance were City Engineer Jack Schweitzer, Superintendent of Public Utilities William Buckley and the applicant Paul Salamon and his son.

The Planning Commission in a letter gave a positive recommendation on this request. Mr. Schweitzer and Mr. Buckley reviewed and explained the different options to Mr. Salamon. They both approved the request.

Mr. Boynton made a motion to approve the sewer extension subject to the City Code of Ordinances and the required eight steps. Seconded by Mr. Levy and passed unanimously.

The report was accepted on the Consent Calendar.

43 - REPORT - Request from SNET for Easement on Middle River Road

Miss Dennehy submitted the following report:

The Common Council Committee appointed to review the request from SNET for an easement on Middle River Road met on August 24, 1994 at 5:40 P.M. in Room 432. In attendance were Council Members Dennehy and Charles. Also in attendance was G. Misus (resident) and Shirley Bosley from SNET.

After two informational meetings regarding the request on Middle River Road, the committee was in favor of granting the request to SNET. The Planning Commission made a positive recommendation and the value of the land in question was assessed at \$2,500 by Tax Assessor Robert Coyne. SNET's representative agreed to pay this amount.

Mr. Charles made a motion to grant the easement to SNET for the amount of \$2,500. Seconded by Miss Dennehy. Motion carried unanimously.

The report was adopted on the Consent Calendar.

Mr. Trocolla thanked the Mayor and his staff for the work they did on the Grainger Project. The Mayor stated that the true credit goes to the Corporation Counsel, the Assistant Corporation Counsel and the City Engineer.

At 9:34 P.M. Mr. Setaro made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss item 38. Seconded by Miss Dennehy. Motion carried unanimously.

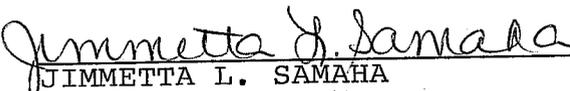
At 9:50 P.M. the Common Council reconvened in open session.

38 - Mr. Boynton made a motion to accept the negotiated settlement as outlined in Executive Session. Seconded by Mr. Setaro. Motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor extended all committees.

There being no further business to come before the Common Council a motion was made by Mr. Falzone for the meeting to be adjourned at 9:51 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


JIMMETTA L. SAMAHA
Assistant City Clerk

Attest:


Elizabeth Crudginton
City Clerk