

TO: Honorable Mayor James E. Dyer - City of Danbury, Connecticut
RE: Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Common Council held on
June 12, 1986.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by the Honorable Mayor James E. Dyer 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 - Sollose, Torcaso, Flanagan, Zotos, Hadley, Rotella, McManus, Gallo, Esposito, Charles, Boynton, DaSilva, Eriquez, Smith.

ABSENT: Council Members - Johnson, Philip, Godfrey, Cassano, Butera, Farah, Torian.

14 Members Present - 7 Members Absent. **

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING - To be held on the 12th day of June, 1986 at 7:30 O'Clock P.M. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, for the purpose of acting upon the following:

01 - REPORT & ORDINANCE - Re: Water Rates.

02 - REPORT & ORDINANCE - Re: Sewer Rates.

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

A motion was made by Councilman DaSilva and seconded by Councilman Boynton, for the Call and Return Of Service to be accepted. Motion carried.

01 - REPORT & ORDINANCE - Water Rates.

Councilwoman C. Torcaso submitted a report stating that the committee appointed to review the need for water rate increases met on 6/5/86 and again on June 10, 1986. Present at the 6/5/86 meeting were C. Torcaso, P. Hadley, G. Eriquez, W. Buckley, D. Setaro and B. Friscia. Mr. Charles attended ex-officio as a member of the Common Council.

Messers Buckley and Setaro discussed the present rates as they related to the budget for the Water Dept. Mr. Buckley explained that in order to break even, a \$395,000 increase in rates was essential, and did not provide for Capital improvement that would lead to degeneration of the existing system.

The committee asked that Messers Buckley and Setaro calculate 3 formulas for developing the rate structure: 1. Using an across the board increase of 18% - 9% - 9%. 2. Hold 5/8" meter at present rate and increase other meters at the 18% - 9% - 9% rate increase. 3. Using a non-declining rate formula to charge all users the same.

At the meeting held on 6/10/86, C. Torcaso, P. Hadley, G. Eriquez, W. Buckley, D. Setaro, B. Friscia and E. Gottschalk were in attendance. Several exhibits of revenue producing methods were presented to the committee and discussed.

Subsequent to extensive discussion Mr. Eriquez moved to recommend that the Water rates be increased for the next 3 fiscal years utilizing the method detailed (for metered users only) on Exhibits 1, 1A and 1B for Section 21-46 of the Ordinances and that the same level of increase as in Section 21-46 noted above be applied to Section 21-42 for non-metered accounts; for section 21-47 for hydrant and fire use; and Section 41-49 for tank truck use. Motion seconded by Mr. Hadley and passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE - Water Rate Increases.

A motion was made by Councilwoman McManus and seconded by Councilman Flanagan for the Report to be accepted and Ordinance deferred for Public Hearing. Motion carried and Mayor Dyer so ordered.

02 - REPORT & ORDINANCE - Sewer Rates.

Councilwoman C. McManus submitted a report stating that the committee appointed to review sewer rates, met on March 13, May 28 and 6/10/86. In attendance at each meeting were Comptroller D. Setaro and Supt of Public Utilities William Buckley. Also in attendance at the June 10th meeting were Assistant Corporation Counsel Eric Gottschalk and Director of Public Works, Basil Friscia. Councilman Esposito was excused from the June meeting as he had a prior commitment.

After much discussion, the committee was of the opinion that sewer rates based on water usage would be a more equitable means of financing the sewer budget than would the present flat rate. Mr. Setaro & Mr. Buckley reported that the present flat rate would have to be increased to \$64.00 per unit in order to balance the budget adopted by the Common Council for fiscal year 1986-1987.

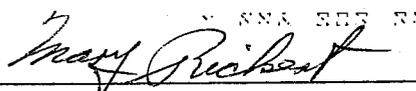
The average homeowner, based on an estimated average usage of 22,000 gallons of water would pay approximately \$58.00 if charges were based on water use.

Councilman Gallo moved to recommend to the Common Council that sewer rates be established by using 90% of the metered water gallons at a charge of \$.72 per thousand gallons with a minimum charge of \$10.00 per semi-annual billing. Water users not metered but with sewers would be billed a flat rate of \$64.00 annually. Sewer users who do not have City water would be billed \$58.00 annually. Bills in all cases would be mailed semi-annually, seconded by Councilwoman McManus. All voted in favor.

A motion was made by Councilman Boynton and seconded by Councilman Flanagan for the Report to be accepted and Ordinance deferred for Public Hearing. Motion carried and Mayor Dyer so ordered.

There being no public speakers and no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion was made by Councilman Flanagan and seconded by Councilman Hadley for the meeting to be adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted



Mary Rickert
Assistant City Clerk



Elizabeth Crudginton
City Clerk

** Following Roll Call it was reported that Beverly Johnson had a previous commitment and Janet Butera was recovering from surgery.