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CITY OF DANBURY COMMON COUNCIL
COMMITTEE THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES
Monday, November 24, 2008

President Joseph Cavo called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. on Monday, November 24, 2008. Mr Cavo asked for a roll call. Present were Council members: Louise McMahon, Shay Nagarsheth, James Johnson, Charles Trombetta, Michael Calandrino, Fred Visconti, Benjamin Chianese, John Esposito, Thomas Saadi, Paul Rotello, Jane Diggs, Mary Teicholz, Robert Arconti, Philip Curran, Jack Knapp, Warren Levy and Colleen Stanley.

Absent: Duane Perkins, Robert Riley, Gregg Seabury

PRESENT: 18, ABSENT: 3.

Also present were Lazlo Pinter, Corporation Counsel; Antonio Iadarola, Director of Public Works; Farid Khouri, City Engineer; David Day, Director of Public Utilities and interested citizens

Mr. Cavo asked the Director of Public Works, Mr. Iadarola to speak on item #1.

1. Danbury-Bethel Interlocal Utilities Agreement

Mr. Iadarola said the item has two parts, and spoke about the water portion first. He stated the Department of Public Health likes to have as many interconnections between water systems as possible. This is one of those interconnections. It will also involve Bethel building a water tank at a required elevation, without which Danbury will not benefit from the interconnection. The second interconnection is at Chelsea Heights, which would only be utilized in case of a major fire. There will also be upgrade to our Shelter Rock pump station and tank and we will be securing a \$205,000. payment from Bethel for those upgrades.

For the sewer portion Payne Road residents requested the City look into providing sewers for their properties. The most cost effective way is to send the sewage to Bethel and have them pump it back to us. This is the best and cheapest way to provide sewer to those who requested it. The cost is \$410,000. to be shared by property owners. The laterals have been already installed at a cost of \$22,000.

Mr. Calandrino moved to recommend the Council approve the extension of sewer services to the property owners on Payne Road and authorize the Mayor to approve the agreement with Bethel.

Seconded by Mr. Visconti.

Discussion followed. Mr. Rotello asked if this interconnection will allow Bethel to access our water not just for an emergency, but on a regular basis. Mr. Iadarola stated Bethel has plenty of water, but this interconnection is a starting point if they needed water.

Mr. Chianese asked about the results of the survey. Mr. Iadarola stated that it was up to the Council to authorize the project or to abandon it based on the survey and the public hearing. Mr. Saadi asked how many of the properties are residential. Mr. Iadarola said they are all commercial use.

Being no further discussion Mr. Cavo called for a vote on the motion. ***The motion passed unanimously.***