Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Aldermanic President John Anglace called the meeting of the Board of Aldermen to order at 7 p.m. All those present stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call

Alderman John F. Anglace, Jr., President – present
Alderman Lynne Farrell - present
Alderman John “Jack” Finn – present
Alderman Stanley Kudej – present
Alderman Noreen McGorty – present
Alderman John P. Papa – present
Alderman Eric McPherson - present
Alderman Anthony Simonetti - excused

Administration: Mayor Mark A. Lauretti
                    Assistant Corporation Counsel Ramon Sous

Agenda Items

PUBLIC SESSION

Alderman Anglace asked if any member of the public wished to speak. Being none he declared the public session closed.

ADD ON

Alderman Papa MOVED to add to the agenda as Item 9.10 Funding for Above-Ground Storage Tank for Fire Department; SECONDED by Alderman McPherson. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 7-0.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Alderman Papa MOVED to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 14, 2011; SECONDED by Alderman Kudej. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 7-0.
5.1 FINANCE COMMITTEE

No items.

5.2 PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

No items.

5.3 STREET COMMITTEE

5.3.1 31-33 LONG HILL AVENUE SIDEWALK REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST

Alderman McPherson MOVED, per the recommendation of the Street Committee, to approve the sidewalk reimbursement in the amount of $861.67 to Aldo J. Gardella of 33 Long Hill Avenue per Ordinance #465 with funding to come from Engineering Account #001-3600-713.80-43. SECONDED by Alderman Kudej. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 7-0.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR

None presented.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

None presented.

6.0 LEGAL REPORT

6.1 Corporation Counsel Billing

Alderman Papa MOVED to authorize a total payment of $2,912.50 to Corporation Counsel Welch, Teodosio, Stanek and Blake, LLC, for services rendered per statement dated May 1, 2011 with funds to come from the Legal Fees Account 001-1900-411.30-03; SECONDED by Alderman Kudej. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 7-0.

6.2 Assistant Corporation Counsel Billing

Alderman Papa MOVED to authorize a total payment of $1,925 to Assistant Corporation Counsel Ramon Sous for services rendered per statement dated May 1, 2011 with funds to come from the Legal Fees Account 001-1900-411.30-03; SECONDED by Alderman Kudej. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 7-0.
7 LEGISLATIVE - OLD

7.1 ITEMS FROM PUBLIC HEARING

7.1.A AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VI PAWNBROKERS

Alderman Papa MOVED to adopt the amendment to Article VI Pawnbrokers, which is included by reference; and further,

MOVED that this Ordinance be published in summary form with a full copy available for review in the Office of the City Town Clerk; SECONDED by Alderman Finn.

Alderman Anglace noted that this item went through the Public Health and Safety Committee, went to public hearing, and was reviewed by the Police Department and Corporation Counsel.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 7-0.

8 FINANCIAL BUSINESS OLD

No items.

9 FINANCIAL BUSINESS NEW

9.1 Waiver of Bidding Process for Electrical Generation

Alderman Papa MOVED per the recommendation of the Purchasing Agent to waive the bidding process for municipal electrical generation needs; and further,

MOVED to authorize Mayor Mark A. Lauretti to sign any and all documents necessary to effectuate said agreement. SECONDED by Alderman Kudej.

Alderman Anglace explained, technically, the City is going out to bid, however we’re doing it as part of a consortium versus doing it ourselves. We are using a third party to coordinate it – Bay State Consultants. We have utilized this process in the past for the current agreement that is due to run out was done the same way.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 7-0.

9.2 Waiver of Bidding Process for Overhaul of Caterpillar 920 Engine

Alderman Papa MOVED, per the recommendation of the Purchasing Agent to waive the bidding process for the overhaul of Caterpillar920 engine; and further,
MOVED to authorize the Public Works Director to negotiate a price for the work to be performed per attached specifications in an amount not to exceed $19,000. SECONDED by Alderman Kudej.

Alderman Anglace noted that the City went to bid; but no bids were received. That is why we’re going in this direction.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 7-0.

9.3 Funding for Road Repairs

Alderman Papa MOVED to appropriate $20,000 for road repairs with funding to be provided by bonding, pursuant to Section 7.16 of the City Charter; SECONDED by Alderman Kudej.

Alderman Finn stated, the voters just approved $4 million in bonding for road repairs. Why do we need an additional $20,000?

Administrative Assistant Tom Taylor explained, this is different – instead of reclamation, it is normal maintenance to get us from this point on to the end of this fiscal year. The repairs will be done across the City to potholes, patches and items like that.

Alderman Anglace stated, we were working on a progress report on roads. I received the first draft and sent it to Street Committee Chair Eric McPherson and asked for his comments. As soon as he gets through with his comments, I will then circulate it to everybody and ask for feedback on how you would like the report to be received. Through you the public will know what is going to be done with the money.

Alderman Finn stated, I know I submitted Button Road and East Village Road up in White Hills. I also hear the residents saying how bad Mohegan Road is.

Alderman Anglace stated, our Board Clerk lives in that neck of the woods and we hear it from her every day. The Public Works Department is trying to format what they’ve got to do and how they’re going to use their equipment. Last I was told was that they’re waiting for more secure and warmer weather before milling and resurfacing the roads.

Alderman Finn stated, there are two areas of East Village Road, from East Village Park to Village Drive and from White Oak Road down to Sachem that need attention.

Alderman Anglace stated, the Public Works Director indicated to me that those should get top priority.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 7-0.
9.4  May Statutory Refunds

Alderman Papa MOVED that the report of the Tax Collector relative to the refund of taxes for a total amount of $6,437.27 be approved and that the Finance Director be directed to make payments in accordance with the Certified List received from the Tax Collector with funds to come from the Statutory Refunds Account 001-0000-311.13-00; SECONDED by Alderman Kudej. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 7-0.

9.5  Funding for Vehicles/Tractors/Mowers – Parks & Recreation

Alderman Papa MOVED to appropriate $150,000 for vehicles, tractors and mowers for the Parks & Recreation Department with funding to be provided by bonding, pursuant to Section 7.16 of the City Charter; SECONDED by Alderman Kudej.

Alderman Papa explained that they will be purchasing a 2011 Ford F450, a Ford F350 regular cab and chassis model for plowing the City properties, and a Toro Groundmaster which is worth $63,000 for lawns, grass, and fields.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 7-0.

9.6  Adoption of Tax Collector’s Suspense List

Alderman Papa MOVED that the Tax Collector’s Suspense List in the amount of $72,593.83 be adopted and transferred from the Grand Lists into Suspense per State Statute Section 12-165:

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SECONDED by Alderman Kudej. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 7-0.

9.7  Adoption of Budget for Fiscal Year 2011-2012

Alderman Anglace relinquished the Chair to Aldermanic Vice President John Papa. Alderman Papa recognized Alderman Anglace.

Alderman Anglace stated, the Board of Aldermen would like to thank all the City Departments, the Mayor, the Board of Apportionment and Taxation, the Finance Director and his staff and the public for their input into this budget process.
Very difficult economic conditions continue to dominate our City, our State and our Nation as we in Shelton meet tonight to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2011.

This is the fourth consecutive year where a poor economy has prevailed. Thousands of Connecticut people, many from Shelton, are without work with many having exhausted their unemployment benefits. Others, while employed, have had to take pay cuts and/or pay more to keep their medical insurance benefits thereby seriously eroding their family income and for many, even placing their home ownership in jeopardy.

In the free enterprise system within which we live, people continue to seek employment, but year after year we lose more and more Connecticut jobs, making our people more and more dependent upon Government for their subsistence. It almost appears that this is being done by design, since despite all the economic indicators Connecticut majority party legislators have failed year-after-year to address the fiscal problems.

The Federal Government thinks they have the answers. They pushed through sweeping entitlement legislation for those in need, included all others in their insurance plan (excepting favorite groups such as Congress itself and unions) and further pursuing redistribution of wealth to pay for it. This is the beginning of the Socialist state. They have created a system that is sure to destroy the fabric of America and the American Dream itself. Each of us who are working or living off our retirement savings as well as our children and grandchildren will bear the brunt of these new entitlements. And, the real bad news is that the Federal Government has yet to address their huge deficit and the increasing government debt created by spending more than they receive.

A little closer to home, the state government is still unfolding their plan to deal with a $3.3 billion state deficit. Under a new Governor, but the same old Democrat legislative majority who have ruled Connecticut for the last 20 years and dug all of us into this deep fiscal hole, the State Legislature has invoked typical Democrat party spend and tax policies as their answer to the state's fiscal crisis. They voted to raise spending a half billion dollars, increase existing taxes and create new taxes to finance the welfare state they are perpetuating. They talk about but have produced no verifiable spending cuts and have adopted a budget without resolving a $2 billion labor saving necessary to balance the budget as required by the Connecticut Constitution. They state that they are continuing municipal funding, will not cut ECS money, will continue the PILOT programs, have made the Conveyance tax permanent and have taxed everything that doesn't move.

They proudly state that the unbalanced budget they adopted has no "gimmicks" and is honest. Well, try this one on for size. The Sales Tax will increase from 6 to 6.35% and, they say municipalities will share in .1% of that. Here's how that works. The people of Shelton will pay 6.35% on their purchases. That money will go to the state. The state has decided to distribute the municipal share of the Sales Tax revenues according to a formula that will mirror population and the ECS distribution formula. Mirror the ECS formula? That means that the larger cities - Bridgeport, New Haven, Hartford, Waterbury - will get the money. Shelton will get peanuts.
Here's another brilliant idea. They have added a 20 percent tax surcharge to those who do business in Connecticut. Do you think putting a 20 percent surcharge on business in Connecticut will create more jobs? Do you think it will attract more business and industry to Connecticut? Will it provide additional revenues for the state? Do you think that such a business tax will create jobs and reduce our 9.1 percent unemployment rate? On the contrary, Connecticut is not business friendly and business is leaving Connecticut to go elsewhere. And, incidentally, people are also migrating south and west – just read the census figures. The democrats vilify the rich, but as the Governor knows well from his days as Mayor of Stamford, the rich are quite capable of leaving Connecticut and, if they do, who will we tax? The answer - the middle class.

With all this notorious bad news, Shelton stands out among Connecticut communities. Having been chosen nationally as the most affordable community to live and work in Connecticut for the second year running, we are an oasis of sorts. The state would do well to study and copy our progress. We have no un-funded pension liabilities. We have a record of fiscal progress over the last 20 years where we have grown our economic base, have rebuilt our education infrastructure and we pay for all this using an accelerated depreciation schedule.

Our Board of Education recently negotiated a three-year teacher's contract that was settled in binding arbitration. As part of the arbitration process, Shelton Board of Education negotiators presented a state of the Shelton economy. The subsequent binding arbitration award recognized the taxpayer economic plight and resulted in a very frugal settlement. Consequently, such action reinforces the need for a no frills approach to budgeting in the immediate future. On behalf of the taxpayers of Shelton, I want to recognize the Board of Education, especially the Superintendent of Schools and his negotiating team, but him in particular, for pursuing a negotiating course of action that recognizes the need for continued student achievement despite desperate economic times. Regardless of the perceived need, it would be hypocritical to add more education staff at a time when those who pay the bills are embroiled in state and federal government-initiated fiscal distress.

Alderman Anglace MOVED to adopt the following Resolution:

Be it resolved by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Shelton, in accordance with Section 7.6 of the Charter, that the budget documents submitted by the Mayor on February 22, 2011 and subsequently modified by the Board of Apportionment and Taxation, be adopted subject to the following amendments/adjustments and that they be accepted as the official budget for the City of Shelton for Fiscal Year 2011-2012.

[Mayor Lauretti arrived at this point, 7:30 p.m., and assumed the Chair.]

2011-2012 Board of Aldermen changes to Apportionment and Taxation Budget

REVENUES
### ACCOUNT NO. | ACCOUNT NAME | INCREASE | DECREASE
---|---|---|---
0000-321.17-00 | School Transportation (Pub 123,230; Pvt 27,594) | 4,457.00 | 
0000-331.17-00 | Pilot Mfg Machine & Equipment | 404,000.00 | 
0000-331.31-00 | Governors Retail Sales Tax | 152,884.00 | 
0000-331.32-00 | Governors Room Occupancy | 166,746.00 | 
0000-331.33-00 | Municipal Revenue Sharing | 325,636.00 | 
0000-331.34-00 | Manufacturers "Transition" Grant | 483,928.00 | 
0000-341.16-00 | Conveyance Tax | 121,455.00 | 
0000-381.39-60 | Community Gardens | 1,100.00 | 

**NET REVENUE CHANGE**  
$38,878.00

### Expenditures

| ACCOUNT NO. | ACCOUNT NAME | INCREASE | DECREASE |
---|---|---|---|
0100-411.50-04 | Dues & Subscriptions | 83.00 | 
0100-411.80-96 | EMS Appeals | 20,000.00 | 
0500-413.30-07 | Printing & Advertising | 4,000.00 | 
1000-622.40-03 | Field Supplies | 1,000.00 | 
1000-622.60-32 | Recreation Equipment Community Center | 1,500.00 | 
2000-519.60-03 | Surplus Equipment | 500.00 | 
2100-513.30-32 | Bundle Billing | 80,000.00 | 
2200-512.60-18 | Emergency Lights | 600.00 | 
2400-512.30-14 | Alarm Maintenance | 15,000.00 |
NET EXPENDITURE CHANGE

$38,878.00

Resulting in a total budget of $111,886,203 for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011. The mill rate shall be established at 18.57 mills, with a collection date for fiscal year 2011-2012 to be July 1, 2011 and January 1, 2012 for real estate, July 1, 2011 for personal property taxes less than $5,000 and July 1, 2011 and January 1, 2012 for personal property taxes greater than $5,000.01 and July 1, 2011 for the motor vehicle tax with the exception of those that carry their own collection date as determined by Statute under the Motor Vehicle Supplement. Any tax under $5 will be waived. Also be it Resolved that the Board of Aldermen officially accepts in principle the Capital Improvements Program as submitted by the Mayor. SECONDED by Alderman Papa. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 7-0.

9.8 Funding for Fire Department - Radio System and Turn Out Gear

Alderman Anglace MOVED to appropriate $150,000 for the radio system and turn out gear for the Fire Department with funding to be provided by bonding, pursuant to Section 7.16 of the City Charter; SECONDED by Alderman Kudej.

Alderman Anglace asked that the Mayor briefly explain how they’re going to break up the numbers between the radio system and the turn out gear.

Mayor Lauretti explained, I don’t have specific numbers but I know that it’s more skewed toward the radio system. That’s been an ongoing issue for a number of years. They’re going to need some seed money to implement the changes that are going to
take place when they switch to the new frequency. I want to make sure there is funding in place to do that, as well as have the funding for the turn out gear, particularly the amount of money that was mentioned during the budget hearings. With respect to the radio system, the Public Safety Council, which is made up of a variety of City personnel in the public safety sector, is going to oversee implementation of the radio system. The Chief of the Fire Department will be on board as well.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 7-0.

9.9 Funding for Police Cruisers and Car Equipment

Alderman Anglase MOVED to appropriate $150,000 for Police cruisers and car equipment for the Police Department with funding to be provided by bonding, pursuant to Section 7.16 of the City Charter; SECONDED by Alderman Papa.

Mayor Lauretti stated, this is a lump sum appropriation that’s made. The Police Department is out to bid on cruisers and may be back before you to firm up another number. I want to have money in place to start the process, because sometimes the lead time on getting vehicles is longer – but if something is available in stock and we can get another price, we’ve done that in the past too.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 7-0.

9.10 Funding for Above-Ground Storage Tank for Fire Department - LOCIP

Alderman Anglase MOVED to add the purchase of an above-ground storage tank for the Fire Department to the Capital Improvement Plan with funding in the amount of $29,762 to come from LOCIP; SECONDED by Alderman Kudej.

Mayor Lauretti explained, this is actually for the replacement of the diesel tank at the Police Department for the Fire Department to fuel up their trucks. The one we have is past it’s legal life and the one we’re going to purchase, which has already been bid, and already awarded, will be installed shortly and is state of the art.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 7-0.

10. - LEGISLATIVE - NEW

10.1 ITEMS TO PUBLIC HEARING

10.1A

No items
10.2 Small Cities Block Grant
Alderman Anglace MOVED to adopt the following Resolution:

Be it hereby resolved that the Board of Aldermen is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for State Assistance imposed by Part VI of Chapter 130 of the Connecticut General Statutes; and,

That the filing of an application by the City of Shelton in an amount not to exceed $300,000 is hereby approved, and that the Mayor of Shelton, Mark A. Lauretti, is hereby authorized and directed to file such application with the Commissioner of the Department of Economic and Community Development, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required by the Commissioner, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, rescissions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the City of Shelton.

SECONDED by Alderman Papa.

Mayor Lauretti stated, this item is pretty straightforward; it comes before the Board every year. Hopefully we’ll be successful this year with our Community Development Block Grant.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Anglace MOVED to adjourn; SECONDED by Alderman Papa. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 7-0. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Bruder, Clerk
Board of Aldermen

Date Submitted: ____________________________

DATE APPROVED: ___________________ BY: __________________________

Mark A. Lauretti
Mayor, City of Shelton