Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Mark A. Lauretti 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 - present

Administration: Mayor Mark A. Lauretti
Corporation Counsel Tom Welch
Administrative Assistant Tom Taylor

Agenda Items

PUBLIC SESSION

Mayor Lauretti asked if any member of the public wished to speak.

Chief Joel W. Hurliman, Shelton Police Department

I’d like to speak regarding an issue that was brought up by a citizen at the previous Board meeting about the Officers on private duty not paying attention to traffic, texting, backs turned towards, that sort of thing. Regarding private duty jobs, the policy and procedures on how to conduct yourself on private duty jobs was reissued and the supervisors were asked to, actually ordered to, inspect the jobs much more frequently. I think if you’ve been driving around recently you’re not going to find any instances of that at any of the private duty jobs. I’d like to say that the officers also did a very nice job directing traffic for the storm and the cleanup afterwards.

And also, one of the things that’s an agenda item that’s going to be coming up has to do with the requested funds for the communication room at the Shelton Police Department. That is a benefit to the whole City and all its emergency services, not just...
the Police Department because the radio systems of the Fire Department, the EMS, the Public Works as well as the Police Department are all controlled from that one particular station. Part of the funds requested is part of Bid 31-60 that was already awarded to Motorola – that’s all radio equipment, and the other parts of the funds is the furniture and cabinetry, when I say furniture I mean racks, radio racks, computer racks, to hold all of the equipment. The other part is a digital upgrade because at some point we’re going to get off of analog and go to digital since the clarity and quality of transmission is much better.

Mayor Lauretti asked, how old is the existing system?

Chief Hurliman replied, well the existing console that we have dates back to 1989 and we put a new heart, liver and gizzard in it if you will back a couple years ago. But it’s becoming outdated and it won’t support the new radio systems that we’re going to be installing in the Fire Department and even some of the features of the Police radio system, this won’t support it.

Mayor Lauretti asked, is there anything else that they should know about the system? It is a major capital expenditure. We did a little bit a year, year and a half ago, we did about $100,000.

Chief Hurliman stated, yes, well what we replaced at that point was the two transmitters, two of the receivers, and at some point we do have to add one more receiver but we’re not going to do that right at this juncture but this is not only the heart, liver and gizzard but also the brains of the radio system if you will. It’s not just ours, in other words it’s yes, the Police radio system but it’s also the heart, liver, gizzard and brains of the Fire, EMS, and Public Works.

Mayor Lauretti stated, the entire Emergency Services Communications System.

Chief Hurliman replied, correct.

Alderman Anglace stated, I am interested in knowing if this would respond to some of the inquiries that we’ve had in the past like, firemen can’t communicate with other firemen that are inside the buildings in a fire, and stuff like that.

Chief Hurliman stated, certainly it will not only help firemen communicate with other firemen, but without this, the way the current console is, if you happen to be a fireman on your radio, and I see you walking and you’re about to be hit by a car, and I’m on my police radio, I can’t talk to you. With the new system, we’ll be able to do that.

Mayor Lauretti stated, and the Fire Department system is part two. That’s coming. In the coming months it will be before the Board, so don’t get the two confused – they work together but there’s an upgrade coming for the Fire Department as well.
Alderman Simonetti asked, how about the need for repeaters? Are you covering the whole area now? Are you missing any areas in particular? Is it being engineered? Do you know what you’re going to do?

Chief Hurliman replied, there’s one more area that we do need to address. It’s being engineered and we have a pretty good idea at this point.

Mayor Lauretti asked, repeaters for what system? Police?

Alderman Simonetti replied, I guess for all of them. Is OEM connected to this too?

Chief Hurliman stated, OEM will be connected as well.

Alderman Simonetti stated, outstanding job during the storm, thank you.

Mayor Lauretti asked, Chief, are you finished?

Chief Hurliman replied, yes I am. Thank you.

Mayor Lauretti asked if any other member of the public wished to address the Board. Being none, he declared the public session closed.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Alderman Anglace MOVED to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 11, 2011; SECONDED by Alderman Finn. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

ADD ONS

Alderman Anglace MOVED to add to the Agenda Items 9.2 Funding for Communication Center Upgrade Project – Waiver of Bid and 9.3 Funding for Demolition – 23 Woods End Road; SECONDED by Alderman Finn. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

5.1 FINANCE COMMITTEE

No items.

5.2 PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

No items.

5.3 STREET COMMITTEE

No items.
REPORT OF THE MAYOR

None presented.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Alderman Anglace stated, I would like to read a resolution.

Volunteers have always been the lifeblood of every community. Here in Shelton we are blessed to have people doing special things to achieve a better quality of life for our citizens. The story I am about to share with you confirms that volunteer community service is alive and well, and in fact is growing in Shelton.

On August 8, 2011 Teresa Gallagher, Conservation Agent, City of Shelton wrote telling me that Perkin-Elmer had launched a program titled, "FOR THE BETTER DAY." This company-wide program was designed to provide a full day of worldwide voluntary community service to demonstrate their commitment to making a difference in the communities in which they live and work.

In Shelton, Perkin-Elmer organized five full days of volunteer service involving a total of 50 employees. They provided over 300 hours of community service to our City. Two days were devoted to picking up 40 bags of litter on Isinglass and Booth Hill Roads. Because of this effort Perkin-Elmer was awarded the Clean Sweep Volunteer of the Year Award from the Shelton Anti-Litter Committee. They then spent three more days beautifying and protecting the newly constructed Recreation Path by spreading wood chips along the edges.

This is an excellent example of how individuals and companies can make a difference and improve living conditions for everyone.

Shelton recently enjoyed a visit from Chinese students who were impressed with the cleanliness of our streets and the number and diversity of volunteer activities throughout our City. Perkin-Elmer's "FOR THE BETTER DAY" program was one of activities that made this impression possible.

Alderman Anglace MOVED that the Board of Aldermen adopt this resolution commending Perkin-Elmer for their community actions as enumerated above and that we extend our sincere gratitude to them and their employees for together they have set a new standard for what it means to be an outstanding community organization; SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.
6.0 LEGAL REPORT

6.1 Corporation Counsel Billing

Alderman Anglace MOVED to authorize a total payment of $2,209.26 to Corporation Counsel Welch, Teodosio, Stanek and Blake, LLC, for services rendered per statement dated September 1, 2011 with funds to come from the following Legal Services Accounts:

- Legal Fees 001-1900-411.30-03 $1,937.50
- Foreclosure Fees 001-1900-411.50-01 $100.00
- Court Costs 001-1900-411.80-84 $171.76

SECONDED by Alderman Papa. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

6.2 Assistant Corporation Counsel Billing

Alderman Anglace MOVED to authorize a total payment of $1,387.50 to Assistant Corporation Counsel Ramon Sous for services rendered per statement dated September 1, 2011 with funds to come from the following Legal Services Accounts:

- Legal Fees 001-1900-411.30-03 $1,387.50

SECONDED by Alderman Kudej. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

7 LEGISLATIVE - OLD

No items.

8 FINANCIAL BUSINESS OLD

No items.

9 FINANCIAL BUSINESS NEW

9.1 September Statutory Refunds

Alderman Anglace MOVED that the report of the Tax Collector relative to the refund of taxes for a total amount of $21,413.47 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 8-0.
9.2  Funding for Communication Center Upgrade Project – Waiver of Bid

Alderman Anglace MOVED to appropriate funding in the amount of $170,000 to be provided by bonding pursuant to Section 7.16 of the City Charter for the Communication Center Upgrade which includes radio system for Police, Fire EMS and Public Works, and cabinetry, racks and associated work area equipment; and further,

MOVED per the recommendation of the Purchasing Agent to waive the bidding process for cabinetry, racks and associated work area equipment; SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti.

Alderman Anglace stated, I’d like to note for the record that the reason for a waiver of bid is that they are on the State Contract.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

9.3  Funding for Demolition – 23 Woods End Road

Alderman Anglace MOVED to appropriate an amount not to exceed $15,000 from the General Fund for the demolition of 23 Woods End Road per Bid #32-01; and further,

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

Alderman Anglace stated, I want to note that the money is coming from the General Fund; I expect that when we are reimbursed that these funds will go back into the General Fund.

Corporation Counsel Welch stated, correct. We’re still waiting back from the agreement with the mortgage holder on the property but we anticipate and we’re told that we’re going to get it.

Mayor Lauretti stated, I think for the money to go back into the General Fund the motion has to include that. But you can’t do that until, would it be the last month, would that be considered a transfer because it would come in as unanticipated income or miscellaneous income, one of those two, and then back into the General Fund. Or just lapses and then goes into the General Fund. Maybe you don’t need to do anything.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

10. - LEGISLATIVE - NEW

10.1 ITEMS TO PUBLIC HEARING

No items.
10.2 Acknowledgement of Partnership between the City of Shelton and the Derby-Shelton Rotary Club (Shelton Day)

Alderman Anglace MOVED to authorize Mayor Mark A. Lauretti to sign an agreement between the City of Shelton and the Derby-Shelton Rotary Club to acknowledge the partnership between the City of Shelton and the Derby-Shelton Rotary Club during the Shelton Day activities to be held on Sunday, October 2, 2011; SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

10.3 Resolution Commemorating the 10th Anniversary of September 11, 2001

Alderman Anglace MOVED to adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION

National Moment of Remembrance of the 10th Anniversary of September 11th Attacks

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City of Shelton, Connecticut expresses their support of the United States Senate regarding coming together as a Nation and ceasing all work or other activity for a moment of remembrance beginning at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on September 11, 2011; and

WHEREAS, at 8:46 a.m. on September 11, 2001, hijacked American Airlines Flight 11 crashed into the upper portion of the North Tower of the World Trade Center in New York City, New York; and

WHEREAS, 17 minutes later, at 9:03 a.m., hijacked United Airlines Flight 175 crashed into the South Tower of the World Trade Center; and

WHEREAS, at 9:37 a.m., the west wall of the Pentagon was hit by hijacked American Airlines Flight 77, the impact of which caused immediate and catastrophic damage to the headquarters of the Department of Defense; and

WHEREAS, at approximately 10:00 a.m., the passengers and crew of hijacked United Airlines Flight 93 acted heroically to retake control of the airplane and thwart the taking of additional American lives by crashing the airliner in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, and, in doing so, gave their lives to save countless others; and

WHEREAS, nearly 3,000 innocent civilians were killed in the heinous attacks of September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, tens of thousands of individuals narrowly escaped the attacks at the Pentagon and World Trade Center and, as witness to this tragedy, are forever changed; and
WHEREAS, countless fire departments, police departments, first responders, governmental officials, workers, emergency medical personnel, and volunteers responded immediately and heroically to those horrific events; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department of New York suffered 343 fatalities on September 11, 2001, the largest loss of life of any emergency response agency in United States history; and

WHEREAS, the Port Authority Police Department suffered 37 fatalities in the attacks, the largest loss of life of any police force in United States history in a single day; and

WHEREAS, the New York Police Department suffered 23 fatalities as a result of the terrorist attacks; and

WHEREAS, the impact of that day on public health continues through 2011, as nearly 90,000 people are at risk of or suffering from negative health effects as a result of the events of September 11, 2001, including 14,000 workers and 2,400 community residents who are sick, and tens of thousands of others whose health is being monitored; and

WHEREAS, 10 years later, the people of the United States and people around the world continue to mourn the tremendous loss of innocent life on that fateful day; and

WHEREAS, 10 years later, thousands of men and women in the United States Armed Forces remain in harm's way defending the United States against those who seek to threaten and harm the United States; and

WHEREAS, on the 10th anniversary of this tragic day, the thoughts of the people of the United States are with all of the victims of the events of September 11, 2001 and their families; and

WHEREAS, the lives of Americans were changed forever on September 11, 2001, when events threatened the American way of life; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, Congress and the President joined together to designate September 11 as a National Day of Service and Remembrance under the Serve America Act (Public Law 111-13; 123 Stat. 1460); and

WHEREAS, in September 2009 and 2010, the President issued Proclamation 8413 (74 Fed. Reg. 47045) and Proclamation 8559 (75 Fed. Reg. 56463) proclaiming September 11, 2009 and September 11, 2010 respectively as Patriot Day and Nation Day of Service and Remembrance; and

WHEREAS, September 11 will never, and should never, be just another day in the hearts and minds of all people of the United States;
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Aldermen of the City of Shelton, Connecticut

(1) Recognizes September 11, 2011, as a day of solemn commemoration of the events of September 11, 2001, and a day to come together as a Nation; and

(2) Offers its deepest and most sincere condolences to the families, friends and loved ones of the innocent victims of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks; and

(3) Honors the heroic service, actions, and sacrifices of first responders, law enforcement personnel, state and local officials, volunteers, and countless others who aided the innocent victims of those attacks and, in doing so, bravely risked and often gave their own lives; and

(4) Recognizes the valiant service, actions and sacrifices of United States personnel, including members of the United States Armed Forces, the United States intelligence agencies, the United States diplomatic service, homeland security and law enforcement personnel and their families, who have given so much, including their lives and well-being, to support the cause of freedom and to defend the security of the United States; and

(5) Reaffirms that the people of the United States will never forget the challenges our country endured on and since September 11, 2001, and will work tirelessly to defeat those who attacked the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on the 10th anniversary of this tragic day in United States history the Board of Aldermen of the City of Shelton, Connecticut calls upon all of the people and institutions of the United States to observe a moment of remembrance on September 11, 2011; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Aldermen of the City of Shelton, CT encourages the observance of the moment of remembrance to last for 1 minute beginning at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Aldermen of the City of Shelton, Connecticut encourages everyone to display the flag of these United States of America to honor those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001 and those who still suffer the effects of that terrible day in the history of our great country. We also call upon everyone to remember the days, weeks and months following September 11, 2001 when our country was bathed in American Flags as citizens mourned the incredible losses and stood shoulder-to-shoulder against terrorism. Sadly, those flags have all but disappeared. Our American flag is the fabric of our country and together we can prevail over terrorism of all kinds; and finally

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the blessings of almighty God be with those who perished, those who still suffer and those who mourn.

GOD BLESS AMERICA!
SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 7:23 p.m. Alderman Anglace MOVED to enter into Executive Session to discuss the following item:

11.1 Pireaux v. City of Shelton

and invited Corporation Counsel Welch and Mayor Lauretti to remain in the Auditorium; SECONDED by Alderman McPherson. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

Return to Regular Session

At approximately 7:27 p.m., Alderman Anglace MOVED to return to regular session; SECONDED by Alderman Farrell. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

Mayor Lauretti noted that there were no votes taken in Executive Session.

MOTIONS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Finn MOVED to accept the permanent partial disability rating in the heart and hypertension case of Terry Pireaux as set forth in the report of Dr. Steven Harowitz; SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Anglace MOVED to adjourn; SECONDED by Alderman Papa. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Bruder, Clerk

Date Submitted: _____________________________
Board of Aldermen

DATE APPROVED: ________________________ BY: _____________________________
Mark A. Lauretti
Mayor, City of Shelton