Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Aldermanic President John Anglace called the meeting of the Board of Aldermen to order at 5:30 p.m. All those present stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call

Alderman John F. Anglace, Jr., President – present
Alderman Lynne Farrell - excused
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 - absent

1. Waiver of Bid – 2008 Tractor/Mower for Public Works

Alderman Papa MOVED, per the recommendation of the Purchasing Agent, to waive the bid and approve the purchase of a used 2008 New Holland tractor/mower for the Public Works Department at a cost of $59,900. SECONDED by Alderman Kudej.

Mr. Stachowicz of the Public Works Department stated, this is in excellent shape. It is actually in a rental fleet and the company is going out of business. This is 40 percent below cost. It is used. It’s overbuilt; it has 20 more horsepower than is required. The mower deck on it is T-1 steel. It’s a good product.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 5-0.

2. Materials for addition to Public Works Garage - LOCIP

Alderman Papa MOVED to add the purchase of materials for the addition to the Public Works Garage to the Capital Improvement Plan with funding in the amount of $14,000 to come from LOCIP; SECONDED by Alderman Kudej.

Alderman Anglace stated, if this is not LOCIP eligible, in order not to have to come back and start over from square one, we generally allow the money to come from Contingency General Account – in this case it’s $14,000. An amendment would be in order.
Alderman Papa MOVED TO AMEND the motion to state:

MOVE to appropriate $14,000 for the material for the addition to the Public Works Garage with funding to come from LOCIP or Contingency General Account; SECONDED by Alderman McPherson.

A voice vote was taken and the AMENDMENT PASSED 5-0.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED AS AMENDED 5-0.

[Alderman McGorty arrived at this point; 5:35 p.m. – 6 present]

3. **Purchase of Carts/Containers for Single-Stream Recycling and Trash Collection**

Alderman Papa MOVED to appropriate $500,000 as a partial payment for the purchase of the carts/containers for single-stream recycling and trash collection, funding to come from Aldermanic bonding per section 7.16 of the City Charter; SECONDED by Alderman Kudej.

Alderman Anglace explained that effective on or after July 1st we will go to single-stream and try automated trash collection throughout the entire city. That means the purchase of carts will be necessary. There are 94 gallon, 64 gallon – it will be a whole different way. The city will most likely realize a net savings doing it this way. We are hoping to, in working on the contracts, show a sign of good faith on the part of the city. We’re going to put some money up front and out of good faith we can start signing some contracts and get some things going.

Alderman Papa noted that the entire container system is $1.4 million. This $500,000 is up front and we’re going to pay the balance in the next fiscal year.

Alderman Anglace stated, the other costs will put into next year’s budget – the collection costs, just like we budget it now.

Alderman Finn asked some questions about the way the whole program is going to work. He noted that he has seen the program working in Trumbull and noted that it should be a vast improvement safety-wise.

Alderman Papa stated, we will have a spring clean up as well, that will probably be picked up by a City truck – the way we do it now. Our hope is that the garbage that we can recycle will save money instead of the garbage all going to RESCO and it costing $65 a ton. We’re trying to cut that back and get some money out of the recyclables.

Alderman Anglace explained that all of the details have not been worked out yet, but we would not expect to charge anybody for a cart that was broken. It is going to be automated pickup. The carts are on wheels, they will be rolled out to the curb and then rolled back. The details – the specifics - are being worked out now. There will be a
period of working out the kinks – we will expect downtown to have a lot of issues with congestion and multi-family houses. We’re not the first town to do it; these issues were in other towns and they worked them out. We’ve got a lot of cooperation from a lot of people and there’s a lot of interest. I think it will work. This is the start. If you want to do some research and get on the Internet, you can look up some of the other towns. There’s some pretty good information out there. We’re going to be working on it with Paul DiMauro. He and Counsel are working right now on the contracts.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 6-0.

4. Appropriation for Communications System – Fire Department

Alderman Papa MOVED appropriate $500,000 toward the purchase of a new communications system for the Fire Department, funding to come from Aldermanic bonding per section 7.16 of the City Charter. SECONDED by Alderman Kudej.

Alderman Finn asked if the $500,000 is toward continuing to upgrade the Police Department communications or will this actually be used for the Fire Department.

Alderman Anglace stated, to direct your attention to the motion, it reads “for the Fire Department”. The Police Department is different. This is not the entire expense; there is a lot more coming. We think it is going to be around $1.5 million. Nobody should expect 100 percent perfect communications; they are not promising that. But they are promising 95 percent and guaranteeing that.

In response to questions from the Aldermen, Fire Chief Fran Jones explained, this $500,000 is basically the seed money for the total package of the Fire Department and Public Safety Communications package. As you are all aware, it’s not just the Fire Department’s communications package – it’s Fire, OEM, Police and EMS – and they all work through the Police Department’s Dispatch Center. There will be components that intertwine to make up the entire package. A majority – 90 percent of it – will go to the Fire Department. This is the seed money for the build out of the greater communication package, which is primarily for the Fire Department. There is some integration of our system that correlates with the Police Department’s command center up there. This $500,000 is for Fire Department upgrades and is just one portion of the entire package as Alderman Anglace explained. There will be more to come as we build out the system.

It’s a Public Safety Radio System – being led by the Public Safety Council, which consists of the Police Chief, the Fire Chief, Fire Marshal, members of EMS, members of the Board of Aldermen and the Mayor. It’s a joint project for the City of Shelton and the Public Safety communications system. A majority will be for the Fire Department because the Fire Department has the greatest needs at this point in time. But it will be integrated – there will be interoperability of the communications systems. This, as Alderman Anglace mentioned, is the beginning of the process.

We secured a frequency last year and engineering studies have been delivered to the City. Member of the Public Safety Council will be reviewing those in detail and presenting
them shortly to the entire Public Safety Council. This seed money will allow us to build out the contracts and start building out the system. We are about at the end of the design phase and are about ready to transition into the build out phase. If everything goes right with the seed money and future installments, we are probably 40 to 50 weeks away – 10 to 11 months away – from going live with a new system. Once we complete the design phase, and once contracts are signed, it calls for a 40-50 week build out. There will be a transition period after that as well. This is the seed money we need to continue moving forward.

Alderman Anglace stated, let me talk about the financing and the reason why we’re taking this action now. The 2011-2012 Board of Aldermen bonding which comes to about $2 million, we had about $1,100,000 in there. Both of these projects are to the point where they need some seed money – what I call “confidence money” that we want to do this and we’re behind it. When we go to sign contracts there’s a sign a good faith. We are going to have to put more money into this and how we do it, whether from Aldermanic bonding next year or from another source, we will have to look closer to see what the total number comes in at and how much more we need. Money is not going to be a problem for either of these projects. We will be able to handle them with no problem.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Papa MOVED to adjourn; SECONDED by Alderman Kudej. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Bruder, Clerk

Date Submitted: ____________________________

Board of Aldermen

DATE APPROVED: ___________BY: _______________________________________

Mark A. Lauretti
Mayor, City of Shelton