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 - absent
Alderman John “Jack” Finn – present
Alderman Stanley Kudej – present
Alderman Noreen McGorty – absent
Alderman John P. Papa – present
Alderman Eric McPherson - present
Alderman Anthony Simonetti – absent

Relocation of Meeting

Alderman Finn MOVED to adjourn the meeting from the Auditorium and reconvene in Room 104; SECONDED by Alderman Kudej. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 5-0.

1. Disposal of Public Works Surplus Equipment Vehicles Bid #33-04

Alderman Anglace MOVED, per Ordinance #747, to accept the recommendation of the Board of Apportionment and Taxation to dispose of Public Works Surplus Equipment/Vehicles as outlined in Bid #33-04 and summarized in a revised statement from Paul DiMauro dated August 30, 2012 subject to confirmation by the Board of Apportionment and Taxation; SECONDED by Alderman Finn.

Mr. DiMauro explained that the changes were simply that it was brought to my attention after I made up the first sheet that, one of the vendors called and said, “I think I was higher, and the one who was awarded the John Deere Crawler, which was #2”. I looked at it, and saw that yes, he really is higher. So I had to revise the sheet. I never looked at Kozowsky’s bid, which was actually higher. So we had to further revise it and bring Kozowsky into the picture, because he is paying $1,577.77 for what the other two were going to pay $810 and $501 for. So that was the biggest change that I was aware of. There may have been a minor one down below, but that was the major one. You all have the bids as they were submitted, and a summary list.
The Aldermen reviewed the bids with Mr. DiMauro. He explained that this is multiple times we’ve gone out to bid for surplus, and it’s been very difficult to get bidders for it. This time we went out a second time, sent it all over the place and got some very aggressive bids to get rid of junk.

Mr. DiMauro expressed his concern about the Ordinance. He stated, I think the procedure that the Purchasing Agent was following, and I thought was right, was that if it was less than $5,000 an item could be sold going through the procedure of advertising, receiving three bids, just like you would put out for a bid to buy something. So if it was under $5,000 we could do that, through the Purchasing Agent, say, “I’ve got this item that’s, I don’t know what it’s worth,” but if the value of it is $2,000 or $3,000, the ordinance says, under $5,000, obtain three bids, go to Board of Apportionment and Taxation and have it awarded. I don’t see an item on here that’s more than $5,000. Now I’ve been accumulating things so we grouped it together and sold it. It could have gone to 20 different bidders.

Alderman Anglace stated, the Ordinance does not talk about aggregate. In aggregate, this does come to more, it’s over. I told him, bring it here – we’ll take the extra step and just be sure.

Mr. DiMauro stated, and I’m glad, because we caught some mistakes this time. But quite honestly, I’ve got to get this stuff out of there because it’s taking up room where the trucks are going. That is where most of the stuff is, and I’m pushing to get rid of it.

Alderman Anglace stated, if the Board approves this, the next step is Apportionment and Taxation.

Mr. DiMauro stated, if you follow the ordinance, you say it’s aggregate – you’re stretching it as far as I’m concerned because no item here is worth more and they’re not all like items. I have a generator worth $200 – I can’t get rid of it? I still take exception, and only for the purpose that we’re going to do this again.

Alderman Anglace stated, the Ordinance should be revised, if necessary, to reflect that you go out to bid on items. The awarding of each item should be on it’s own merits. If it’s over $5,000, fine, you come to the Aldermen. If it’s not over $5,000 Apportionment and Taxation can award it. And even though you’re doing a bunch at one time, the Ordinance doesn’t require.

Mr. DiMauro stated, it doesn’t require it. We’ve done it before. It does not require us to do it nor does the Charter, which I am familiar with of course.

Alderman Anglace stated, I just want to send it back to Apportionment and Taxation, Paul, because they are not aware of the changes. They should be.

Mr. DiMauro stated, technically what you’re saying, the way it is right now, they could have just awarded the Zuber one for $4,600 and given Zuber his stuff. It’s not over $5,000. So are you telling me I can give him his stuff?
Alderman Anglace stated, I think you can move ahead, but I think you should go to Apportionment and Taxation. They have already acted on the fact that each of these, but the question came up from the Purchasing Agent because in the aggregate it’s over $5,000. I said, “do it just to be safe.”

It was noted that the Crown Victoria that nobody bid on will go as scrap – it will go in the metal bin and be sold. All it is, is the shell of a car. It will be crushed and sold as scrap.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman McPherson MOVED to adjourn; SECONDED by Alderman Kudej. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Bruder, Clerk  Date Submitted: _____________________________
Board of Aldermen

DATE APPROVED: ______________BY: _________________________________________
Mark A. Lauretti
Mayor, City of Shelton