**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

Mayor Mark A. Lauretti  
Corporation Counsel Tom Welch

**Public Session**

Beth Gabriel, 77 Cedarcrest Court

As a parent of a 3rd Grader at Long Hill School I was at the last Board of Education meeting and I know there is progress being made on school security. I understand some RFPs are to going to be put out to the public very soon. It’s all good; it sounds like we’re moving in the right direction. I also understand that the Public Improvement Building Committee is kind of running all the improvements. They canceled last week’s meeting. Then the rescheduled it for this past Monday at which time Carla Bucherati and myself both were there. And we stood there waiting and waiting and waiting and the custodian was able to find out that the meeting was actually canceled. There’s word that it’s going to be rescheduled for next Monday. My concern and the reason I’m bringing it up to the Board is, if these meetings are continually canceled or postponed, how are things getting done. That’s all I have to say. I want to see action in the community for our schools and security of the schools. Thank you very much.
Lou Dagostine, 14 Greenfield Drive

I am a member of the Board of Apportionment and Taxation; I’m not here as a member of the board but as a member of the public and more importantly the parent of an elementary school child at Booth Hill. I echo the concerns of the prior speaker. Parents are very concerned at the pace in which the school security is being addressed. Having some sort of timeframe where the bids go out and are awarded I think would help alleviate our concerns. I know you all have our child’s care of utmost concern. I know that. I think pushing this forward and with your help we might be able to get answers and action quicker. Thank you.

Julie Chase, 12 Lucille Drive

I was wondering, the money that was stolen from the City, how are we going to get the money back and who would be responsible for that. Thank you.

Carla Bucherati, 34 Falmouth Drive

I wanted to reiterate some of the things that Beth had said. I went to meeting on Monday night that apparently was canceled but was not posted on the Internet nor on the door. We’re concerned about security and we hear, the first time I heard about the upgrades were at the beginning of the year and it’s 11 months later. I think a timeframe and maybe speeding up the process is good. I understand that we all have a commitment. You have committed to it, the Mayor, and we’ve heard a lot of commitments but we’d like to start seeing some action and some progress being made. Thank you.

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

Add-Ons

Alderman Anglace MOVED to add the following items to the agenda:

9.4 Waiver of Bid for Purchase of Promethean Boards
10.1.B Pension Board Ordinance

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

Agenda Items

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Alderman Anglace MOVED to waive the reading and approve the following meeting minutes:

1. Regular Meeting – November 14, 2013
2. Organizational Meeting – November 19, 2013

SECONDED by Alderman Kudej. 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

5.3.1 Sidewalk Reimbursement Request – 10 Hull Street

Alderman McPherson MOVED, per the recommendation of the Street Committee, to approve the sidewalk reimbursement of $1,456 to Robert Deptula, 10 Hull Street, Shelton, CT 06484 per Ordinance No. 465 with funding to come from Sidewalk Reimbursement Account 001-3600-713.80-43; SECONDED by Alderman Papa. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

5.3.2 Sidewalk Reimbursement Request – 419 Coram Avenue

Alderman McPherson MOVED, per the recommendation of the Street Committee, to approve the sidewalk reimbursement of $3,367.50 to King Hiram Lodge #12, Masonic Temple Association, Inc. c/o Ned Miller, Treasurer, of 158 Main Street, Ansonia, CT 06401 per Ordinance No. 465 with funding to come from Sidewalk Reimbursement Account 001-3600-713.80-43; SECONDED by Alderman Kudej. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

5.3.3 Request to Abandon a Portion of Westminster Avenue

Alderman McPherson MOVED, per the recommendation of the Street Committee, to abandon a portion of Westminster Avenue from Coram Road westerly, 132 feet more or less, subject to the conditions outlined by the City Engineer in the attached letter dated October 10, 2013 in which the City’s right-of-way is protected and the entire abandoned street is subject to an easement for future public utilities, both overhead and underground; the abandoned street shall not be established as a building lot for a new residence. SECONDED by Alderman Kudej. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR

None presented.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT
None presented.

6.0 LEGAL REPORT

6.1 Corporation Counsel Billing

Alderman Anglace MOVED to authorize a total payment of $1,850 to Corporation Counsel Welch, Teodosio, Stanek and Blake, LLC, for services rendered per statement dated December 1, 2013, with funds to come from the following Legal Services Accounts:

- Legal Fees 001-1900-411.30-03 $1,612.50
- Foreclosure Fees 001-1900-411.50-01 $237.50

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

6.2 Assistant Corporation Counsel

Alderman Anglace MOVED to authorize a total payment of $225 to Assistant Corporation Counsel Ramon Sous for services rendered per statement dated December 1, 2013 with funds to come from the following Legal Services Accounts:

- Legal Fees 001-1900-411.30-03 $225

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

7 LEGISLATIVE - OLD

No items.

8 FINANCIAL BUSINESS OLD

8.1 R-SAR, Inc. License Agreement

Alderman Anglace MOVED, per the recommendation of the Conservation Commission, to approve the license agreement as amended between the City of Shelton and R-SAR, Inc. to gain access and utilize designated parcels of Shelton open space for the purpose of training dogs for a “Canine Search and Rescue Team”; and further,

MOVED to authorize Mayor Mark A. Lauretti to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the same. SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

9 FINANCIAL BUSINESS NEW
9.1 December Statutory Refunds

Alderman Anglace MOVED that the report of the Tax Collector relative to the refund of taxes for a total amount of $1,154.15 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 Inauguration Expenses

Alderman Anglace MOVED to pay inauguration expenses in conjunction with installation night held on Tuesday, November 19, 2013 with funding in an amount of $2,476.72 to come from Contingency General Account #001-9900-900.99-00. SECONDED by Alderman Papa. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

9.3 Merit System Increases

Alderman Anglace MOVED to increase the total compensation for non-union Merit System Employees by an amount not to exceed $23,610 which is to be allocated pursuant to Section 5.6 of the Merit System and Personnel Rules, retroactively to July 1, 2013; and further,

MOVED to amend the Merit System Salary Schedule for non-union employees by an increase of 2.3 percent applied to the minimum and maximum rates for all classes effective July 1, 2013; SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

9.4 Waiver of Bid for Purchase of Promethean Boards

Alderman Anglace MOVED, per the recommendation of the Purchasing Agent, to waive the bidding process for the purchase and installation of Promethean Boards for the schools; SECONDED by Alderman McPherson.

Alderman Finn stated, the Board of Education put this on the agenda tonight. I don’t see any reason why we are doing a waiver of bids for these boards. It’s not like the school buses that came in front of them, they had a time frame, they had to get them into the City. They’re basically telling us in their backup documentation they don’t believe they can get anything lower than what they have in front of us tonight. How do they know that if they don’t go out to bid?

Mayor Lauretti stated, from my standpoint I don’t necessarily disagree with you. I think you can actively research the marketplace and price this stuff out. We bought a bunch of Promethean Boards for Shelton High School and the Intermediate School last year. We’ve been at this for a couple of years and we’re following the market in terms of cost of it. I
suppose they could go out to bid. It’s a question of time – how much time will pass. That seems to be, you know, the public doesn’t understand the public process in terms of procurement of things. It’s just time.

Alderman Finn stated, if they go out to bid they’ll have the answer by the end of January.

Alderman Anglace stated, one of the things – the original bid process which was less than a year ago was taken off the State bid. The current discussions between the Director of Technology and that initial supplier will guarantee that they will supply the same Promethean Boards, no change, at 13 percent less cost than they paid a year ago. That’s a pretty good price.

Alderman Finn stated, so basically they’re going to be doing business with the same company they did business with a year ago.

Alderman Anglace stated yes, it’s the same. Unfortunately, I didn’t ask this question but it’s not a proprietary product so I can’t assure you of that. But it seemed to me that in the interest of saving time and getting the boards in there, and getting them in place, that we a lower price than last year’s price. That was their motivation to seek the bid waiver.

Mayor Lauretti stated, and you know, the procurement process is less than a year old so I suppose they could piggyback off the same bid. We’ve done that in the past. They may not even need a waiver for this if they operate off the same bid.

Alderman Anglace stated, they’re operating off the same bid with the same supplier but it’s 13 percent less. We don’t want to pay the same price we paid last year.

Mayor Lauretti stated, as long as they’re using the initial bid, in my mind they’re covered. They don’t even need an action.

Alderman Papa stated, you said that we bought these boards from the same vendor. Did we go out to bid at that time?

Mayor Lauretti stated, we got it off the State bid.

Alderman Papa stated, okay, so the State bid has all the vendors that quoted on this and this vendor was the lowest.

Alderman Anglace stated yes, and they’re 13 percent lower now.

Alderman Finn stated, yeah, but they’re not piggybacking off of the State bid; they are requesting a bid waiver. They’re two different things.

Alderman Papa stated, so there are other people that could supply these boards.

Alderman Finn stated, there’s a possibility, yes.
Mayor Lauretti stated, if they are using the same vendor they bid less than a year ago, it seems to me that I don’t think they need a waiver and I don’t think they need to go out to bid because they’ve already done that. They could just use the same unit pricing and if the vendor wants to discount it, so be it. They’re fulfilling the requirements under the Charter as I see it.

Alderman Finn MOVED to TABLE; SECONDED by Alderman McPherson. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

Mayor Lauretti asked the Clerk to notify them tomorrow and ask them to look at the date of when the last purchase was made and the last bid was done. If it’s within the year then they’re okay and they don’t need to do anything, just make the purchase.

10. - LEGISLATIVE - NEW

10.1. Amendment to Code of Ordinance Section 2-145 – Hiring of Police Officers

10.1.B Pension Board Ordinance

A. The Pension Board shall consist of five voting members, who shall be the following: the Mayor, The Finance Director and three members shall be appointed by the Mayor which members shall have experience in financial services and pensions. Such members appointed by the Mayor shall serve for terms of two years.

B. All action taken by the Pension Board shall be by majority vote.

C. The Pension Board members shall serve without compensation and shall have charge of the general direction and management of the pension and retirement funds managed by the City. The City shall furnish such advisors, brokers, clerical, legal, or actuarial as the Pension Board members shall consider necessary to carry out the purpose of this article, subject to such appropriations as shall be made in the manner provided for other City appropriations.

Public Hearings are set for January 2, 2014.

10.2  Reappointments to the Water Pollution Control Authority

Alderman Anglace MOVED to reappoint the following people to the Water Pollution Control Authority for a term of four years, effective immediately.

Regis J. Dognin (R) of 342 Long Hill Avenue; Joseph Frolish (D) of 32 Birchbank Road; Todd S. Dowty (R) of 129 East Village Road; Stephen K. Morse (R) of 8 Willard Road.

SECONDED by Alderman Papa. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.
10.3 Constitution / Mas Property

Alderman Anglace MOVED, that pursuant to Ordinance #853 Procedure to Sell City Property, the Board of Aldermen hereby determines that it is in the best interest of the City to exclude the property known as “Constitution Park” or the “Mas Property” and contiguous parcels from said process, and the Board shall determine the process to be used taking into consideration the most practical and reasonable process for disposition; SECONDED by Alderman Papa.

Alderman Finn asked, have we received a letter from any parties interested in purchasing the property?

Mayor Lauretti replied no, we have not.

Alderman Finn asked, what is the intention of trying to sell the property at this time?

Mayor Lauretti replied, number one, it is an Economic Development piece. Secondly, the extension of Constitution Boulevard has always been a high priority for the City for a variety of different reasons and I think you’re well aware of what those reasons are. And thirdly, if you don’t position yourself to meet the economic cycle and you just sit here and do nothing, we won’t open up another opportunity for Economic Development. I believe that there is interest in the site by a couple of different developers for a variety of different uses and we need to start entertaining that.

Alderman Finn stated, so financially this will be a benefit to the City. As well as, yes, we’d like to see Constitution Boulevard extended all the way up to the White Hills Shopping Center, and this is the last piece of property we have to have somebody to own in order to put Constitution Boulevard in. Constitution Boulevard goes all the way to Old Dairy with the new development of five homes, we have the right-of-way through there. Constitution Boulevard is in then we just have down Nells Rock Road all the way down to Bridgeport Avenue. This covers the vast majority of property that can be constructed for Constitution Boulevard. I just want to make sure Constitution Boulevard is going to go in, that we’re going to have an easement through there, that they’re going to know that an extension is going to exist for Constitution Boulevard that we have up to White Hills.

Mayor Lauretti stated, the whole purpose of exploring this is to establish the creation of the road. You can’t do any Economic Development on it if you don’t have a road. You have got to have both; you can’t have one without the other.

Alderman Finn stated, the first thing you have to do is get an appraisal, is that correct?

Alderman Anglace stated, what we’re asking is to attempt to go out and get this piece developed. That is bound by the procedure to sell City property that we’ve got in place. The procedure to sell City property that we’ve got in place will not yield the appropriate results. Example – 470 Howe Avenue. We followed the procedure. We’ve gone all through it. We got no bids. That’s not going to do it. We have to position ourselves so
that we position the Administration to do the talking, the negotiating, and then get this to the point where if it makes sense to them, bring it to the Board of Aldermen. We will have the final say. We will make the final decisions as a group. We’ll get to ask all the question. But you’ve got to have a point person to get out there and talk to interested parties, see what their proposals are, and then bring back what you think makes sense.

Alderman Finn stated, I’m in agreement with Economic Development to keep the tax base low in the City and I’m also in agreement with extending Constitution Boulevard. Thank you for the explanation.

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

11 - EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 7:30 p.m., Alderman Anglace MOVED to enter Executive Session to discuss the following:

11.1 G&L Huntington Point, LLC v. City of Shelton
11.2 The Real Estate Shelton Inc. v. City of Shelton
11.3 Giordano Worker’s Compensation
11.4 Zielinski Worker’s Compensation

and invite Mayor Lauretti and Corporation Counsel Welch to remain in the Auditorium during the Executive Session; SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

At approximately 7:40 p.m. Alderman Anglace MOVED to return to Regular Session; SECONDED by Alderman Papa. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

11.1 G&L Huntington Point, LLC v City of Shelton

Alderman Anglace MOVED to approve the stipulation for judgment in the tax appeal titled G&L Huntington Point, LLC v City of Shelton as presented; SECONDED by Alderman Papa. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

11.2 The Real Estate Shelton Inc. v City of Shelton

Alderman Anglace MOVED to approve the stipulation for judgment in the tax appeal titled The Real Estate Shelton Inc. v City of Shelton as presented; SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.
11.3 Giordano Worker’s Compensation

Alderman Anglace MOVED to accept the sum of $66,666.67 as a full payment in the third-party workers compensation reimbursement; SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

11.4 Zielinski Worker’s Compensation

Alderman Anglace MOVED to approve the permanent partial disability rating as set forth by Dr. Anad relative to the workers compensation matter of William Zielinski; SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Bruder, Clerk

Date Submitted: _____________________________

Board of Aldermen

DATE APPROVED: ____________ BY: _____________________________

Mark A. Lauretti
Mayor, City of Shelton