Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Alderman Anglace called the meeting of the Board of Aldermen to order at 7:00 p.m. All those present stood and all rose to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag:

Roll Call

Alderman John F. Anglace, Jr., President – present
Alderman Eric McPherson, Vice President – present
Alderman David Gidwani – present
Alderman Stanley Kudej – present
Alderman Noreen McGorty – present
Alderman Cris Balamaci - present
Alderman Jim Capra – present
Alderman Anthony Simonetti – not present

Administration:

Attorney Francis Teodosio, Corporation Counsel
PUBLIC PORTION:

Edwin Mojica – 150 Mulberry Street, Stamford, CT

The reason why I am here is because my son lives with his maternal family; they live on 15 Bridge Street, here in Shelton. I am very proud of my son and I can tell you and the City that they are lucky to have Dr. Clouet leading the educational system here. I want to let you know that he is doing a fantastic job with the entire educational system.

My son is also part of the educational system in Shelton, and the system has been beneficial to my son. The Special Education system works and now that he is a ninth grader, he has used a lot of services from the City, which I am thankful of. I will tell you that the after school programs are very useful for him. It is just as important as the morning programs for the kids. I will tell you that my son goes through a lot of difficulties, however he works and he is busy, he is energized. He is in the soccer program, and he is also in the marching band. The only other education that he had received in music was through your educational system, and I am very happy with Professor Keller and Professor Bilota in the middle schools. There are not a lot of parents here tonight because they are having the school meetings. I have to tell you that these programs work, and we have a lot of ninth graders. We have a lot of highly energized parents, highly motivated. I have a feeling that we are catching a large wave of students in the marching band, in the middle schools. They are coming into the high school and the band is going to grow; right now we have between 40-50 kids. I have a feeling within the next few years, we are going to have a magnificent band. When we go to competitions to have our kids represent the City of Shelton in front of other cities and schools, you are doing a fantastic job. However, we are getting more people and more kids. We can be a really fantastic program, and I would like to invite you to move forward for the budget proposals for the school system. They really need it, and if we have a lot of highly energized parents assisting and going to every competition going to all of CT, please help us out.

I was also at a meeting a couple of months ago, with the members of the Board of Education and the executives from all of the schools in the city. It moved me when the principals from each of the schools were choking when speaking to the Board of Education, saying they and their teachers are using their personal money to buy supplies for the kids. I am an immigrant, I grew up in a third world country when I was a kid, and it took me back to those days when teachers were putting their money into the education of the kids. Can we help them, and somehow provide the correct funding for the middle and elementary schools? It looks like they need supplies. Please help them out. Again, we want these teachers to be highly motivated like the kids. If we have a system that works for our teachers, we will eliminate the resentment that is created in adults so we can actually focus on the education for our kids. Even though I live far away, I am here most of the time. I am very proud of the things that you are doing, so please help us out by moving forward with the budget proposals for education, for the kids of Shelton.
Joanna Brooks, 32 Sycamore Drive

I am here tonight because of the education budget that is under review by the board. I did send emails to a number of people.

Alderman Anglace: We did not receive the budget yet.

Joanna Brooks: Well, it will be under review by the board. I did send emails to all of you individually, and I did have the pleasure of speaking with Alderman Gidwani, who called me in response to my email. I was very appreciative of that.

I am a new parent in the school system; my daughter is in first grade at Booth Hill School. I cannot tell you how thoroughly impressed I have been with the school and the education that she is receiving. It is absolutely wonderful, but I was alarmed at some of the statistics. I know that everyone in the room is aware of them, but I think that our schools can do much better and look to achieve that top 25% ranking in the state. When this does come to a vote, I hope that you strongly support Dr. Clouet’s budget.

Thank you for your time.

Diana Myer, 56 Maple Lane

I am here also to urge you, when you do receive the budget, to take a close look. I have a little less skin in the game than my friends here. My daughter is actually a Junior, so we are in the homestretch. I prepared a statement that I would like to read in the record:

I come here tonight, to urge you to fund the budget that is being requested by our school system. There has been past discussion that Shelton is being ranked 163 out of 166 in the State of Connecticut for student spending. Last year at this time when this was being presented, it was actually ranked a little bit higher: 162. I went back and read the minutes from that meeting. I wanted to read a quote that was said by the Mayor at that meeting: “There is no statistic out there that says more money that you spend on education, the better results that you will get.” It is quite the opposite in my view. I think years of budgeting will support this, and this is my position. We in Shelton do a much better job spending our money. Our results are good, if not better in my view.

I would agree with the Mayor that the Board of Education has done a really good job with allocating the money with the money that they receive, however, right now we have to look a little bit deeper because there is a nationwide focus on safety. My husband and I went to meetings from what the schools have offered on this topic. The first meeting that we went to we were told about an active shooter training that is in place. The key to this plan is the communications system in the high school. It will be able to tell you if there is an active shooter on the first floor so those people on that floor would go into lockdown, and tell the rest of the people to escape. What was ironic at that meeting was the intercom system was not working for two days. So if you had an event like what happened in Parkland that day, all of this wonderful training that has been put
into place would’ve done no good. At the second meeting, that I know some of you were there, the whole community came out: students, teachers, parents, and they had a breakout session from all of the different schools. The teachers that are there day to day see more than we see. They were upset there were issues in various buildings about the doors not shutting properly, the lack of bullet proof film on some of the entrances, lack of walkie talkies in the cafeteria when fights break out. This is a little bit of an example. Not only is it important to budget on an education perspective, but I think you need to think a little bit deeper and saying are we doing everything with our facilities to make these schools safe and is everything in its working order. I would hate for something as simple as an intercom system not working, to have a tragedy such as Sandy Hook happen, or Parkland, Florida.

I also wanted to tell you that I have lived in Shelton for 19 years, and I have seen tremendous commercial development. Normally this would translate into money for the schools, police, fire department, public service. However, that doesn’t seem to be what is going on over here. Right now there is a lot of overdevelopment and I really question what the vision is for our town. I want you to know that I work in the Scinto Towers, and I am one of the only Shelton residents on my floor. There are a lot of white collared workers; one of my co-workers has a young family and is interested in buying a home. He talked to me, what do you think about Shelton? I asked him what is important to him, and he said education is his number one factor. He grew up in Orange and went to the Amity school district, which from I understand is a really good school district. I told him to look at the education statistics, which he did and was astonished on how low Shelton ranks on the education spending. Especially since he sees all of the wonderful development that we have going on in town. Just today, he mentioned to me that he will not be looking to buy a home in Shelton. It is a shame that we have these people coming into our town to work 9-5, and would leave. If they were to come and buy houses and to help grow our community, I think this is a huge, missed opportunity. Tonight I put the question out there to the Mayor, I wish he was here tonight, and the Aldermen: What is the vision for Shelton? I really hope that you can give us some insight. I am from the Fourth District, so I think Jim and Noreen are my representatives. I do not know if you are allowed to talk to us, or how it works?

Alderman Anglace: We do not answer questions; we just listen to what you have to say.

Diana Myer: Okay, I emailed all of you. Some of you did get back to me, and I hope the rest of you will take seriously what I said tonight.

Jeannine Meeker, 59 Rocky Rest Road,

I have a daughter at Long Hill School, who is also in first grade. We have been residents of Shelton since December 2003. We had purposely chosen Shelton because at that time, it was one of the top school districts in the Fairfield County, which can no longer be said, which is rather tragic and sad. It is paramount that these budgets are seriously reviewed and approved because you are crippling the entire town’s fortune and future when you do not consider a line item of $800,000 for just computers. These are things that are just no brainers, in terms of the well-being of a school system. These things are
not astronomical, and I am not going to be continuing expenses. These are one time purchases that are not really ongoing expenses either, like maintenance. They should not be constantly reviewed. They are line items that are not fun, not glamorous but are not necessarily things that should be cut. The safety of the school isn’t just what Diana had pointed out; it is also the safety of the buildings themselves. Maintenance has done tremendous amount with very little money that they were given but it is not enough. These are things that should not be constantly battered about; being hammered into line items that need to be constantly fought for.

The other thing is the technology in the schools themselves; they are going to be continually needed. The fact that the world is changing to the point where everything is going to be needed in that whole entire realm. Most jobs are tied into tech at some point. I heard that Shelton does not have an HVAC program anymore. It also saddens me that there is not a Path Alternative Program, for children who are not capable going down those paths, technology and other advancements in careers that would benefit from those types of advancements. Shelton is a diverse workforce in its parentage; we do not just have CEO’s who live in this town. We have a very diverse set of parents in this town. I think that the high school and the SIS school need to reflect that. It is a shame that the Board of Education needs to keep fighting. Every year they put more in the budget, and every year it gets declined because we have a Mayor who refuses to increase our mill rate by 2 points. We have the lowest mill rate in all of Fairfield County; we are constantly being compared to Derby and Ansonia who are not in the same county as Shelton. It is rather frustrating for residents of this town who would like to see a budget approved once and for all for the education department. It never happens, and it is something that I am hoping this year has changed, and the Aldermen do what they are elected to do in this town and actually take into consideration the line items that are being asked of them to approve, and don’t look at it as not slashing a budget. Look at it holistically for the vast future of this city. The future is the children; I know that sounds so cliché but it is true. They are going to be the ones that will be taking care of us in our old age, they are going to be doing the work of your jobs in 20 years or so. This seriously needs to be considered, and to what tools are we providing for them now to be able to do their best jobs later. Thank you for your time, who took the school tours of the facilities.

*Jeremy Parkins, 15 Serene Drive*

I appreciate the time to address you. I would like to make comments on the forthcoming budget for the Board of Education.

I have been a Shelton resident my entire life. When I decided to start a family, the most logical place would to come back to Shelton. I now have a son in first grade at Elizabeth Shelton, a preschooler that is going to Kindergarten next year. I also have a wonderful wife, who is an educator in Shelton as well. I look at my success in my career, and the foundational education that I was given. I went to Shelton High School, and graduated in 1996. I look at that as the foundation for me going on to be the Director of Cybersecurity for a very large, regional bank that is headquartered in CT. I was in the
CISO, and the Director of Networking and Control Systems at UI, so I was literally responsible for keeping these lights on.

I then went to start my own corporation, a multi-state corporation, and it is headquartered in Shelton, CT as well. Again, I contribute a lot of these successes on the foundational education that I received in Shelton.

All of this talk and constant downward pressure on the budget from the Mayor, and year after year, the budget not getting approved has me extremely concerned and frustrated because my children will not be allowed to get the same education that I was privy to, which made me a successful individual. I read those comments about the Mayor, “spending per pupil vs. ranking, it is not necessarily a direct indication of education.” He referenced Bridgeport and New Haven sitting above us. I necessarily do not disagree with him, but I would say one of the things about the statistics that certainly prove we are so low on the list, we are certainly not in danger of overspending on our children. I think we can spend some more and still not be in danger of overspending.

When Dr. Clouet started, I sat down with Dr. Clouet. I took the time, met him and discussed his education plans and what he thought he was going to do for this town. I was thoroughly impressed. I think he has a great vision, and I think he is a great administrator. I think we finally have a strong administrator, and a strong leader in the education realm in this town. We might have been lacking for a little while, but I think Dr. Clouet is a phenomenal individual and has a great vision. I ask you, the Board of Aldermen and the Mayor, to draw from something I have learned from my career in Corporate America that the world’s best leaders surround themselves with great leaders. I think Dr. Clouet is that leader, and I ask you he has a great vision and one of the things that I have learned through my career is I always look to provide vision. I ask you to trust him; trust your leader that you picked and allow him to execute on his vision. Fund his vision and give him a chance. Cutting or not approving a budget is not enabling his vision. Let the man execute it as he sees fit. Lastly, I would ask you to approve his budget to continue to have this town educate its youth, in order to allow them successes that I have had and to continue to provide for this opportunities for the kids in Shelton. Thank you.

Sarah Wilbur, 37 Canfield Drive

I have a son who is a first grader at Booth Hill School, and I have another son who will be starting Kindergarten in the fall. As Diana has expressed, I was also impressed with the education that my son has received in the school. The teachers and principal are wonderful, and I have nothing but good things to say about Booth Hill School.

I will say though as I was recently informed, the lack of resources at the school was disheartening and it was somewhat embarrassing to think that we cannot provide the basic needs that our children need at these schools. I strongly urge you to support the educational budget that is forthcoming. I think it could do great things for our school. As I said, this school is wonderful and to think of the better things that could come with such funding is something that we need. My husband and I have numerous
conversations about what are we going to do when they graduate from fourth grade at Booth Hill School? Do we really want to put them in Perry Hill? SIS? Shelton High? We are not quite sure yet. I can tell you if the education budget were to be funded, I think we would be reassured more to want to say yes, to send our children through the school system in Shelton. I would much prefer to have my dollars go to fund the school here in Shelton, versus sending the dollars outside of Shelton to a private school which we are strongly considering due to the fact that we do not feel entirely comfortable on what the future for our children. I would strongly encourage you to support this budget that is upcoming.

Hilary Vojtek, 25 Hiawatha Trail

I am also here to talk in support of the Board of Education’s budget. I agree with many folks here, that foundationally we need a strong education system, we need security; all of that. I think teachers not having the resources they need is a problem. I just bought a pencil sharpener for my daughter to bring into Perry Hill because one did break. They had another one that was old, it broke also and the teacher said just use pens because we are not going to be able to get another pencil sharpener, which is ridiculous.

I have two daughters. One is in sixth grade at Perry Hill, and one is in third grade at Elizabeth Shelton School. My sixth grader is in the enrichment program. Last year she was able to go on a fantastic field trip with enrichment to Mystic, learning about whaling and things that are foundational for our state. It was enthusiasm for the kids to learn all about this and to be able to go. I asked her, what are you doing this year? She said, “there is not enough money mom; there are no field trips.” That is disheartening; I can see the lack of enthusiasm this year that they do not have the same kinds of plans as last year. This is not okay; you need to look at the education of our kids. Thank you.

Alderman Anglace: As I said earlier we do not debate; we just listen to what you have to say, and I know that you are speaking from the heart. I just want to say on behalf of the Board of Aldermen, there are a few things that you should know not in the way of disputing from some of your comments tonight, that you might be interested in knowing.

Those of you who think there are no resources in the school/lack of resources, I will give you an example of what happened last year and it started this year. The first day of school I got a call that there was no paper in the classroom; one of the parents called me. I called the Superintendent and said we are starting school off this way, what gives? How could they not have resources? John, he said timeout – we ordered the resources but they did not bring them in time for the first day of school. Everyone gets upset and everyone gets into an uproar. He said that they will be there. I said they better be there –the Board of Aldermen gave the Board of Education $250,000 last year just for that purpose.

Second thing, just by way of information, those of you who think that maintenance is not being addressed, we spent $1 million on a new roof at Sunnyside School. We put a new boiler in Sunnyside School. Last year the Board of Education received $1.4 million in
new money over the amount they received from the year before. Their budget was not cut. What they requested was not granted in total, but they received $1.4 million more.

Now I ask you to think about this: we go from year to year; we are working with the Board of Education. We are working with them now on the school bus bids; a lot of work needs to be done there. There is a possibility that the school bus bids could go a lot higher than what we are paying this year. The Mayor and I are working with them on that.

I was in there the other day, on behalf of the Board of Aldermen, with Dan DiVito, about technology. I sat on the Board of Education Technology Committee for 12 years. For 12 years we had a plan. We put in the Wide Area Network, and we had a plan. The City and the Board of Education worked hand in hand and we made tremendous progress in technology. Since that committee ended 12 years ago, there has been little communication back and forth, except annually when they come in and say we $400,000 for technology. We want to know what it is for; we want to be kept informed and we want to know what the objectives are and want to know that the money is being spent wisely. We want to be in agreement with them. Dan DiVito and I spoke this past week about where we are going in technology because that is one of the requests that they are making in the budget for next year. He laid out a pretty good plan but I told him we still need to communicate, we need to have better communication, we need to have some people beyond ourselves involved in the technology decision because technology is moving very fast and none of us could keep up with it.

We are talking to Dr. Clouet and we are talking with the members of his administration on various items, and we do talk throughout the year so it is not just at budget time. Unfortunately, people will come and get involved in the budget process and make statements that we should fully fund what they asked for. We do not have unlimited funding ourselves. In fact, the State of CT is taking from us this year $800,000 in Educational Cost Share funding. In the State of CT if you know the numbers, the State of CT funds 7% of our education costs and we fund 93%. So there is a big gap. They tell us what to do and give us all of these unfunded mandates and it is a difficult situation. It is constantly up in the air. Last year, they asked us to pay $3.2 million towards the teacher pensions, and they withdrew it because the governor was off the wall with that one – those are some of the things that we are facing. The important thing that you should know is that we are talking, we do have a dialogue and they are never going to get everything that they ask for. History shows that, so maybe what they are doing is saying we will ask for up here and we will get down there. I do not know. The process is going to take until May. We are going to do a lot of listening between now and May. The last thing we want to do is get involved in a lot of combative discussions because that gets nobody anywhere. We have talked to them, we will talk to them, we continue to talk to them to understand their needs and we will let them understand our abilities to fund. So I thank you very much for your comments. They are well taken, and we appreciate it.

Diana Myer: I would like to make one last comment. I agree with what you are saying; the state is trickling down to all of our towns, but I see towns like Monroe and Trumbull
that are close by. What they put in spending vs. what we are putting in spending, every
town is being affected. I do not think that any one of us wants to be combative; we want
to work with you too. We just all want the best is what we are here to tell you, and we
want to urge you to listen. You said sometimes they do not communicate, and
sometimes they do. Well, we are here tonight to communicate with you just to let you
know how passionate we are, and we want to work with you to get this done because
the state has put you in a position that is not great. They have also put Trumbull and
Monroe in that position too, but we are constantly being compared to them. When I see
people looking for homes and they say, “Oh you live in Shelton? Does your kid go to
Shelton High?” I swear, it really is true. I wish we could have more for the city.

Alderman Anglace: Thank you very much. I am glad to hear that you want to work with
us. I am going to ask you for a little help. Ask Dr. Clouet to outline for you and for us, all
of the alternatives that were considered before they made the decision to go into the
top 25 percentile and the only way to get there was to hire 8 teachers when there are
many alternative ways to achieve better SAT scores. None of them are cast in stone and
are perfect, but there are a lot of ways to get there. I do not know all of them, but it
would be interesting to hear what alternatives were looked at. I thank you very much for
coming and I appreciate it, the Board appreciates you coming. We are in this together.
We will do our best. Thank you.

Agenda Items

Add-ons:

Alderman McPherson MOVED to add on the following items to the January 11, 2018
Regular Meeting agenda:

9 – FINANCIAL BUSINESS – NEW
9.5 SOFTWARE AGREEMENT FOR THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

9 – FINANCIAL BUSINESS – NEW
9.6 AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF SHELTON AND LISA LOW & ASSOCIATES

SECONDED by Alderman Kudej. A voice vote was taken and the motions passed
unanimously.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

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

1. Regular Full Board Meeting – FEBRUARY 8, 2018
SECONDED by Alderman Balamaci. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed, with one abstention made by Alderman Anglace.

Minutes can be viewed on the city website: www.cityofshelton.org

5.1 FINANCE COMMITTEE

5.1.1 NO ITEMS

5.2 PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

5.2.1 REQUEST FOR STREETLIGHTS ON POLE #1076, #1077, #1078 – LANE STREET

Alderman McGorty MOVED to send this request back to the Public Health & Safety Committee to discuss further, due to new information that has been provided regarding LED lights, which would be more appropriate for this request.

SECONDED by Alderman McPherson. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

5.3 STREET COMMITTEE

5.3.1 NO ITEMS

REPORT OF THE MAYOR – NONE

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT –

The State of Connecticut defunded the state tax credits for the elderly and disabled. This a program where you sign up for two years, so what is happening is that they are not providing any more money from the state (and this is their program and had always funded it). Now we need to tell those people that have applied through us, that the program no longer exists. A letter is going out to that effect. What the City of Shelton is going to do and the Mayor advised me, is those people that had signed up for a two-year program last year, we will take our money and fund the second year of the program. The State is not going to do that, so we are going to fund that second year.

Also, I would like to tell you that Alderman Capra, Alderman Gidwani and I attended the Board of Education’s school bus tour of the schools. We saw teacher-student interaction, we saw some things that were very impressive. One of the things was the way they are using technology; Chromebooks and Smartboards. We had the chance to
talk to teachers about it. Got some insights to the needs. The students are learnings in small, collaborative groups – that was impressive. We saw some of the innovative learning that is going on in the STEM labs; there were some demonstrations that were illustrated very well, some very practical applications that they will take from the classroom and utilize in their lives. We saw the diminishing role of textbooks in the learning process; we had always funded textbooks but they are not using textbooks anymore. So that money that was placed for textbooks is going to something else. Once we give them the money, they can do whatever they want with it but we verified that textbooks are going to be a thing of the past very shortly.

One of the most impressive things is that teachers are getting younger and younger. I do want to say on behalf of Alderman Capra and Alderman Gidwani, that we certainly appreciate and thank our host, Superintendent Chris Clouet for the opportunity to bring everyone much closer in the learning process and I think it was a good experience.

I have spoken to Director of Technology, Dan DiVito, and they are thinking about introducing one-on-one Chromebooks into the fifth grade. The one-on-one Chromebooks would be assigned to the student and would remain with the student up to their remaining education career in Shelton. This was revealing and this is impressive. We have to understand that this is something that they would do every year, so the new fifth grade class would get populated with new Chromebooks; they would be staying with them. That is a transition from the carts that we presently have (40 Chromebooks on the cart and they wheel them around). These kids would take them home and have them 24/7 and be responsible for them. They are working out the details.

Alderman Capra: I will say, Mr. President, that I was impressed with the Intermediate and the High School. Sometimes there is this perception (and I had it too), my nephew will be going into the Intermediate and in the High School. Should he go to public? Should he go to private school? I will tell you that I was so impressed by the technology, with the teachers, the discipline of all of the kids. It was very structured; it is a phenomenal education that they are getting over there and they are getting college credits, which is amazing because you do not need to pay for them. I said to my mom, bring him to Shelton High School. He should be proud to graduate from here. I know there is that perception for some here tonight, but telling you from even when I was in school we are very blessed to have the system that we have in place right now. There are things that could be better as anywhere, but we are advanced and I think people should know that. Thank you.

Alderman Anglace: The other item that I need to report is the Stewardship Report on the insurance. This document is coming from Ned Miller Agency.

6.0 LEGAL REPORT

6.1 CORPORATION COUNSEL BILLING
No Corporation Counsel billing for the current month.

7 LEGISLATIVE - OLD

7.1 ITEMS FROM PUBLIC HEARING
7.1 A – NO ITEMS.

8 FINANCIAL BUSINESS OLD

8.1 NO ITEMS.

9 FINANCIAL BUSINESS NEW

9.1 MARCH STATUTORY REFUNDS

Alderman McPherson MOVED that the report of the Tax Collector relative to the refund of taxes for a total amount of $40,031.58 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 unanimously.

9.2 RESOLUTION FOR APPLICATION FOR SMALL CITIES BLOCK GRANT ON BEHALF OF SHELTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

Alderman McPherson MOVED to approve the following resolution:

Whereas, federal monies are available under the Connecticut Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program, administered by the State of Connecticut, Department of Housing pursuant to Public Law 93-383, as amended; and,

Whereas, pursuant to Chapter 127c, and Part VI of Chapter 130 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Commissioner of Housing is authorized to disburse such Federal monies to local municipalities; and,

Whereas, it is desirable and in the public interest that the City of Shelton make application to the State for $800,000 in order to undertake a Small Cities Community Development Program and to execute an Assistance Agreement therefore, should one be offered.
Now, therefore be it resolved by the Board of Aldermen:

1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for State Assistance imposed by Part VI of Chapter 130 of the Connecticut General Statutes; and,

2. That the filing of an application by the City of Shelton is an amount not to exceed $800,000 is hereby approved, and that Mark A. Lauretti, the Mayor of the City of Shelton is hereby authorized and directed to file such Application with the Commissioner of the Department of Housing, to provide such additional information to execute such other documents as may be required by the Commissioner to execute and Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance is 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 Kudej.

Discussion:

Alderman Anglace: Does this say subject to approval of the Mayor and Corporation Counsel?

Alderman McPherson: No.

Alderman Anglace: We received a grant for Helen DeVeaux, and we are currently well underway with renovations down there. Lisa Low will oversee this project.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

9.3 WAIVER OF BID – HIGH PERFORMANCE ROLLER FOR HIGHWAYS & BRIDGES AND PARKS & RECREATION

Alderman McPherson MOVED, per the recommendation of the Purchasing Agent, to waive the bids for the purchase of a used high-performance roller for Highways & Bridges and Parks and Recreation Departments.

SECONDED by Alderman Kudej.

Discussion:

Alderman Anglace: The money is coming from both of these departments; they each have money in their budget to pay for this item 50/50, so we do not need to appropriate any money.
A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

9.4 AGREEMENT FOR 223 CANAL STREET

Alderman McPherson MOVED to approve the contract by and between the City of Shelton and Standard Demolition Services, LLC in the amount of $127,347.00 for the removal and disposition of soil at 223 Canal Street and further authorize Mayor Mark A. Lauretti to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the same.

This expense will be posted against the city’s Capital Projects Account #401-0000-950-80.75 and then applied for reimbursement from the CT/DECD Office of Brownfield Remediation and Development grant award in the amount of $875,000.

The Shelton Economic Development Corporation, the implementing agency for the City of Shelton, is authorized to provide management services on behalf of the City of Shelton.

Further, authorize Mayor Mark A. Lauretti to execute any and all documents to effectuate same.

SECONDED by Alderman Kudej.

Discussion:

Alderman Anglase: I had asked Paul Grimmer to provide a summary page, so everyone is aware of what is going on with this project. Below is what Paul Grimmer wrote in his request from President Anglase:

As you are aware, the City of Shelton has been awarded a $875,000 Grant by the State of Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development. As part of this grant, the Shelton Economic Development Corporation has managed a two-part remediation effort for the subject parcel.

Phase 1 included the successful demolition of a $40,000 SF Building Structure and numerous outbuildings. The contract in the amount of $510,509 between the City of Shelton and American Environmental Inc. for this first phase was successfully concluded. A balance of funds totaling $364,491 remains to be used toward Phase 2.

Phase 2 requires the excavation and disposal of primarily lead contaminated soils at 223 Canal Street. Bid #38-50 for this work is scheduled to be awarded to Standard Demolition Services in the amount of $127,347. This expense will be applied against the remaining DECD Grant balance of $364,491.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

9.5 SOFTWARE AGREEMENT FOR THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT
Alderman McPherson MOVED to approve the following:

A. Move to rescind the resolution made at the February 8, 2018 Regular Full Board Meeting, Item 9.3 Funding for Software for the Building Department.

B. Move to approve the agreement between Municity Software Consulting Associates and the City of Shelton for purchase and servicing of software for the Building Department subject to review and final approval of the Mayor.

Further move to appropriate an amount of $85,120 for the purchase of Building Department software with funding to come from Aldermanic Bonding pursuant to Section 7.16 of the City Charter.

Further, authorize Mayor Mark A. Lauretti to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate same.

SECONDED by Alderman Capra.

Alderman Anglace: The reason why we are rescinding the earlier motion is because the earlier motion asked us to spend $102,000, and now we got it down to $85,000, so we saved $16,880.

A voice vote was made and the motion passed unanimously.

9.6 AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF SHELTON AND LISA LOW ASSOCIATES

Alderman McPherson MOVED to approve the agreement between the City of Shelton and Lisa Low and Associates to provide administrative and technical support, on behalf of the Housing Authority for Sinsabaugh Heights, in relation to the 2018 Small Cities Community Development Program Application subject to review and final approval of the Mayor and Corporation Counsel.

Further authorize Mayor Mark A. Lauretti to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate same.

SECONDED by Alderman Capra. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

10 – LEGISLATIVE - NEW

10.1 ITEMS TO PUBLIC HEARING

10.1A NO ITEMS
EXECUTIVE SESSION

11.A REQUEST TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 8:03 PM, Alderman McPherson MOVED to enter into Executive Session to discuss the following items:

11.1 PURCHASE OF PROPERTY

and invited Corporation Counsel Francis Teodosio to remain in the auditorium during the Executive Session; SECONDED by Alderman Balamaci. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

At approximately 8:15 p.m. Alderman McPherson MOVED to return to Regular Session; SECONDED by Alderman McGorty. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

It was noted that no votes were taken in Executive Session

11.1 PURCHASE OF PROPERTY

Alderman McPherson MOVED to appropriate an amount of $135,000, for the purchase of 35 Old Town Road, 2.7 acres with funding to come from Aldermanic Bonding, pursuant to Section 7.16 of the City Charter.

SECONDED by Alderman McGorty. A voice was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Kudej MOVED to adjourn; SECONDED by Alderman Balamaci. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brittany Gannon

Brittany Gannon, Clerk