Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Alderman Anglace called the meeting of the Board of Aldermen to order at 7:05 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 –present

Administration:

- Attorney Francis Teodosio, Corporation Counsel

PUBLIC PORTION

Judson Crawford, 8 Jordan Avenue

Merry Christmas to all members of the Board of Aldermen and to our Corporation Counsel. The main reason I am addressing you – I was on my way up to the Senior Center to do some work for, and I’m responsible for, and I went by Echo Hose and I know you gentlemen and ladies are probably already aware of this but I am coming to say boy, not to say it’s about time, but I got out of the car and walked over to look inside the building, there are the three slots that have been drilled and the gentleman who is the head of the workforce down there came over to me and said, this job, and I quote “should have been done 20 years ago, per the engineer who came and did the inspection on the Echo Hose.” Other than that, that is all I have to say to you gentlemen and ladies. Thank you.

Alderman Anglace stated, the flooring is completely gutted and what you see is the supporting reinforcement wire rods in there – they’re well underway.

Alderman Anglace asked if anyone else wished to address the Board.

Being none, he closed the public session.
MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Alderman McPherson MOVED to waive the reading and approve the meeting minutes of the November 8, 2018 Regular Full Board Meeting; SECONDED by Alderman Balamaci. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

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 NO ITEMS

5.3    STREET COMMITTEE
5.3.1 NO ITEMS

REPORT OF THE MAYOR

No report.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities – you are all familiar with that, we’re members. They ran a contest for kids across the state asking them to submit an essay, a video, a poem or a painting something telling why the local government is great for kids of my age. A young lady by the name of Mallory Doyle, an 8th Grader from Trinity Catholic School won the contest, and she’s from Shelton. For her essay titled, “Vision to See, Faith to Believe, Courage to Do, she received a $1,000 scholarship and a certificate that was presented to her at the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities Annual Meeting on October 30, 2018. I would like to congratulate her on behalf of the Board of Aldermen and read her essay into the record:

The motto for the City of Shelton, Connecticut is not only inspirational, but promises great things. “The Vision to See, Faith to Believe, Courage to Do” is not only a statement that is supported by those living in Shelton but clearly
embraced by local government. It is easy to see that they not only offer cool activities and programs, but they really care about the residents of Shelton.

Our longstanding Mayor, Mark Lauretti, has worked tirelessly to transform the City. Because we have a small government, improvements and decisions can be made quickly. At one time, there were lots of abandoned and empty buildings with nothing to do. With his vision and plans for our City and those elected in office and volunteers all working together, it makes our City a great place to live with plenty to do.

Our City is known for low taxes, a fantastic school system, two libraries, recreation facility, and sports programs. With plenty of open space and farms in our town, the gushing waters of the Housatonic River serves as a colorful background. It is clear to see that not only can you enjoy peaceful living in Shelton but thanks to our local government, enjoy a number of activities. I never really paid much attention before, but there is so much provided to the residents. I am so impressed on what is available for my age group.

The City of Shelton website, www.cityofshelton.org, is a great place to start. You can see what our City offers and with one quick click it is easy to check out what is going on, look at the event calendars, get details or contact information. For me, the summer highlights are the Music Under the Stars series, Family Outdoor Movies, and the annual Shelton-Derby Fireworks. Not only are these activities free, but they bring together families, friends, and neighbors together with the opportunity to meet others my age.

Shelton also has a special department just for children. Shelton Youth Service Bureau was established in 1988 by the City of Shelton for the purpose of developing, planning and coordinating services for youth. They offer everything from babysitting courses, life skills, workshops, peer advocacy, youth-to-youth group, and they also host dances and social events.

Not only are they doing great things, but our local government officials aren’t always sitting behind a desk. They are everywhere. I have seen them go door-to-door and speak to residents. They have come to my school to participate in City activities with their families, marched in parades, or just taking time to speak to residents on Shelton Day. This is not only appreciated, but we know that they aren’t just doing the job but they are committed by believing, and doing for us. Simply, they are #locoolgov.

Alderman Anglace continued, I thought that was remarkable, an eighth grade student, and I think it was just insightful and wonderful. We can send her a letter and have her come down to one of our future meetings, or you can write to her directly yourselves and tell her how much it meant to you. I’m sure she would be glad to hear it, and she didn’t know that we were going to read this into the minutes. She won the whole state; I thought it was amazing.
6.0  LEGAL REPORT

6.1  CORPORATION COUNSEL BILLING

Alderman McPherson MOVED to authorize a total payment of $990 to Corporation Counsel Teodosio Stanek, LLC, for services rendered per statement dated December 3, 2018, with funds to come from the Legal Fees account 001-1900-411.30-03; SECONDED by Alderman Kudej.

Alderman Capra asked about the status of Hush it Up v City of Shelton? Attorney Teodosio replied that the pleadings are all done. The briefs have been filed. We had a pre-trial with a judge during November. The case is scheduled for oral arguments sometime last January or February 2019. After that, the judge has six months to render a decision. He or she could render a decision from the bench after the oral argument, or within that six-month period.

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

6.2  ASSISTANT CORPORATION COUNSEL BILLING

Alderman McPherson MOVED to authorize a total payment of $839.50 to Assistant Corporation Counsel Thomas Galvin Cotter for services rendered per statement dated December 6, 2018, with funds to come from the Legal Fees account 001-1900-411.30-03; SECONDED by Alderman Kudej. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

7  LEGISLATIVE - OLD

7.1 ITEMS FROM PUBLIC HEARING
7.1 A – NO ITEMS.

8 FINANCIAL BUSINESS OLD

8.1  OVERRUN FOR FENCING AT CORNER OF WHITE STREET AND CORAM NEAR ECHO HOSE FIREHOUSE (LOCIP PROJECT #126-18-090)
Alderman McPherson MOVED to approve an overrun in an amount of $500 for LOCIP Project 126-18-090 “Fencing at Corner of White Street and Coram (near Echo Hose Firehouse) which was added to the Capital Improvement Plan at the October 11, 2018 Board of Aldermen Regular Full Board meeting for a total of $4,700 to come from LOCIP; SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti.

Alderman Anglace stated, this is not an overrun; it’s a quote revision due to the extension of time from the approval of project to the commencement of the project. During that time, the cost of the raw materials went up $500. For the purposes of LOCIP funding, the State wants it written this way, as an overrun. We’ll do as they want because they’re going to reimburse the project.

In addition, I want to be sure we understand that the additional money you’re approving, we’re also adding to the Capital Improvement Program.

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

9. FINANCIAL BUSINESS NEW

9.1 DECEMBER STATUTORY REFUNDS

Alderman McPherson MOVED that the report of the Tax Collector relative to the refund of taxes for a total amount of $10,522.71 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 Simonetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

(Supporting documentation from the Tax Collector is on file with the BOA Clerk or Town Clerk’s Office)

9.2 FUNDING FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR UNDERGROUND UTILITIES ON CANAL STREET

No action.

9.3 SHELTON FIRE DEPARTMENT AFG GRANT FOR INSTALLATION OF VEHICLE EXHAUST REMOVAL SYSTEMS

Alderman McPherson MOVED to appropriate an amount of $22,175 for the installation of Vehicle Exhaust Removal Systems at all fire stations with funding to come from Contingency General Account #001-9900-900.99-00. This amount consists of
$16,300, which is the City’s matching share of the approved FEMA Grant, and $5,875 which is not included in the FEMA Grant and is needed to complete the project.

Further be it resolved, that the Board of Aldermen authorize Mayor Mark A. Lauretti to sign any and all necessary documents to effectuate same. SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti.

Alderman Anglace stated, this is an outstanding piece of work by the grant writers and the Fire Department. They pursued this and the total cost of this project is in the vicinity of $168,875. All we have to pay with the grants we’re getting is $22,175, which is 13.1 percent. That’s a good deal. It ensures the engine exhaust from any of the fire apparatus in the garages will go out the doors and not stay inside the building impacting anybody’s safety. I really applaud them for this.

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

### 10 – LEGISLATIVE - NEW

10.1 ITEMS TO PUBLIC HEARING

No items.

10.2 REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD OF ETHICS

Alderman McPherson MOVED to approve the following reappointments to the Board of Ethics effective immediately for terms of three years each.

- Dr. Jeff Forte – D  
  125 Nells Rock Road, Shelton  
  Term expires on September 7, 2020

- Kenneth G. Olin – R  
  6 Gene Drive, Shelton  
  Term expires on February 10, 2021

- Frank Carroll – D  
  499 Elk Run, Shelton  
  Term expires May 14, 2021

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

### 11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

11.A REQUEST TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

No items.
ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Trish Bruder

Trish Bruder, Clerk
Board of Aldermen

DATE APPROVED: _____________ BY: _________________________________

Mayor Mark A. Lauretti