

Special Meeting

Board of Aldermen

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 26, 2013

5:30PM in the auditorium

at Shelton City Hall

54 Hill Street, Shelton, Ct. 06484

MINUTES

Call of the Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 5:34pm by Chairman Stanley Kudej.

The members present were:

Alderman Kudej, Chairman

Alderman Anglace

Also in Attendance:

Alderman John "Jack" Finn

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Kudej led the assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Portion

Judson Crawford

8 Jordan Avenue

Shelton, Ct. 06484

Mr. Crawford addressed the Committee. He asked, "What information did you receive that is being applied to the agenda this evening?"

Agenda Items

Alderman Anglace: This goes back to the September 12th Board of Aldermen meeting where it was referred to the Finance Committee so that the Committee could look into and oversee the sale process according to the ordinance in place.

The Finance Committee needs to get opinions from Parks and Recreation and an 8-24 referral from Planning and Zoning as well as an appraisal and money for the appraisal. This is required by ordinance. The Committee needs to determine if a public hearing is needed and we need to determine if we want to deed restrict the property. For instance, there's a possibility that a multi-story dwelling might not be wanted but a two-family house could work.

We are currently keeping congestion down and that property won't add that much tax to the rolls. We should probably deed restrict to no more than a two-family dwelling and advertise for bids and vote. We need to start the process and see.

Chairman Kudej: Our normal procedure is to ask all the Commissions and groups first to see if they want it. We also need to get an assessment of the property.

Alderman Anglace: We will do that with the appraisal.

Alderman Finn: The reason that the property was originally purchased was to build an entrance ramp onto route 8 from downtown. Is there any interest in doing this?

Alderman Anglace: He hasn't heard anything about that and that it is a considerable task. He went on to say that no one has signified any interest but the 8-24 from Planning and Zoning will bring out this issue.

We would have to hold a public hearing and see what the public has to say about it. The Finance Committee has to say whether or not we are going to put a deed restriction on it. I would not have a problem with a 2-family house but anything beyond that I would.

Alderman Finn: He would go along with deed restrictions.

Alderman Anglace: We own the property. We don't have to sell the property. We can deed restrict and keep the density down. We should at least recommend to Council to deed restrict and if it is legal then do it.

Chairman Kudej: Wasn't the ramp found to be too costly? We would need to acquire 2-4 homes to put a ramp in.

Alderman Anglace: It would be a State problem but it would be put back onto Shelton in all likelihood.

We should refer the issue to Council. Jane Dowty will handle all the details.

1. Status Discussion- Ordinance #869/Code Section 4-36 –Surviving Spouse Benefit- Fire Personnel

Alderman Anglace: This issue was discussed at a recent Board of Aldermen meeting. Alderman McGorty, while fully supporting the amendment, wanted the April 11th motion amended. She stated that she would like to amend the motion to go back to the Finance Committee for further review.

We are gathering information from the following:

- 1-The Board of Fire Commissioners is gathering information. They have been asked for their data.
- 2- Connecticut Conference of Municipalities
- 3- Broker of record will provide report

Alderman Finn: Has anyone contacted the local municipalities?

Alderman Anglace: He responded that the local municipalities haven't been contacted because the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities has been contacted.

Alderman Finn: The information was requested in April. Why is nothing complete yet?

Alderman Anglace: He responded that we are waiting for completion because he's getting information from various companies.

Alderman Finn: Alderman Finn explained that a gentleman that has since passed away had addressed the Board of Aldermen. He felt that the low figure of \$150.00 if killed in the line of duty was an insult.

Alderman Anglace: Responded that we are still trying to gather information. It is premature to talk about it now until all the information is in. The Town of Easton was contacted but they might not be the norm.

Alderman Finn: Commented that there is a bill at the Federal level that pertains to this issue.

Chairman Kudej: We know that there is a lot to do. The information is slow in coming but we are dealing with the issue. We would like to make it equal for all the firehouses.

Alderman Anglace: Commented that he wasn't sure if now was the time for objectives but he would like to gather more information.

Adjournment

John Anglace made a motion to adjourn. Stanley Kudej seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Anglace, clerk