

City of Derby

Board of Aldermen

First Ward

Barbara L. DeGennaro
Stephen Iacuone
Felicia Monaco

Second Ward

Arthur T. Gerckens, President
Ronald M. Sill
Joseph DiMartino

Third Ward

David J. Anroman
Carmen T. DiCenso
Peter M. Olenoski, Jr.

Board of Alderman Minutes
Aldermanic Chambers, City Hall
1 Elizabeth Street, Derby, CT
August 27, 2015

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Dugatto called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Dugatto led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was held for the recent tragedies within the valley communities.

3. Roll Call.

Mayor Dugatto requested roll call. Present were Ms. DeGennaro, Mr. Iacuone, Ms. Monaco, Mr. Gerckens, Mr. Sill, Mr. DiMartino, Mr. Anroman, Mr. DiCenso, and Mr. Olenoski.

4. Additions, Deletions, Corrections and Adoption of Agenda

Mr. Gerckens motioned to make the following changes:

- Correct Item 9.9 - Parking Authority should read "Parking Garage"
- Delete Item 11.1
- Add Item 11.1 Treasurer's Report to discuss Bond Upgrade
- Correct Item 11.4 to read
"249 Hawthorne Avenue. Move to accept the sum of \$27,250 as a full payment of the blight lien relative to 249 Hawthorne Avenue, provided the blight conditions are remedied on or about October 31, 2015. If said blight conditions are not remedied by said date, the full amount of the blight lien shall be due and payable and continued to accrue on a daily basis."
- Correct Item 11.5 to read
"Agreement for installation of Non-Standard Illuminations Appurtenances. Move to approve the agreement by and between the City of Derby and the State of CT relative to the Route 34 over the Naugatuck River Agreement for Installation of Non-Standard Illumination Appurtenances on Bridge No. 00947 and further authorize Mayor Anita Dugatto to sign any and all documents necessary to effectuate same."
- Add Item 11.9
Adopt resolution authorizing the Deputy Director of the Community Development Office for the City of Derby to sign any and all documents in order to apply for a \$200,000 maintenance improvement grant for the Derby Public Library through the FY2015-2016 State Public Library Construction Grant.

Mr. DiMartino seconded and the motion carried.

5. Public Portion

Jacqueline Quiroz of 8 Monaco Circle – Spoke regarding the Gilbert Street parking permit issue. She asked if it was mandatory for everyone to buy the permit. Ms. DeGennaro stated that it was not mandatory.

Ed Dicamillo (on behalf of his mother Theresa who owns 29, 31, and 33 Gilbert Street) – Spoke about the Gilbert Street parking permit ordinance as well.

The Board stated that they will reopen the public portion during the discussion of the Gilbert Street ordinance.

Fredrick Picroski – spoke about the fire on Derby Avenue. He hopes the media reporting was incorrect. He saw the fire then heard the car accident. At that time he went back to his home and called 911 to report the fire as well as the accident. The newspaper stated that the police noticed the fire upon responding to the reported car accident. He is also asking for the building to come down because the stench is horrible. His wife is ill and he will not tolerate the unbreathable air.

6. Approval of Minutes

6.1. Regular meeting – June 25, 2015

Mr. Iacuone motioned to table the minutes because even though Mr. Gerckens and Mr. Sill made the motions, they are not listed in the roll call. He also asked that the documentation that was submitted to the Board by the WPCA be attached to the minutes. *City Clerk will be contacted for said documentation. Mr. Anroman seconded and the motion carried.

6.2. Regular meeting – July 23, 2015

Mr. Gerckens asked that the word “date” after “later” be added to item 8.2.4.

Ms. DeGennaro motioned to amend Mr. Gerckens motion and make the following corrections:

- Item 8.2.9 should say “waived the fee with the exception of the payment of the security deposit”.

*Upon listening to the recording it was determined that Ms. DeGennaro’s requested amendment was not added due to the fact that it was stated that they had already payed the security deposit.

- Item 9.5 “addressed” should state “addresses”
- Item 12.1 should read “update” not “updated”
- Item 13.2 add the word “number” after each word “list”

Mr. Iacuone asked that the sentence under Item 6.3 be separated into two sentences.

The current sentence states that “A resolution and absentee votes need to be added to the minutes.” The minutes will be changed to state “A resolution needs to be added to the minutes. The absentee votes need to be added to the minutes.”

Mr. Iacuone also requested that the correspondence from the absentee voters be added to the minutes.

Mr. Gerckens accepted the changes. Mr. Sill seconded and the motion carried.

Ms. Monaco abstained.

7. Administrative and Appointments

7.1 Refund of excess taxes paid through August 18, 2015 in the amount of \$247.03 as recommended by Denise Cesaroni, CCMC, Tax Collector

Mr. Sill motioned to approve the refund of the excess taxes in the amount of \$247.03. Mr. Anroman seconded and the motion carried.

8. Sub-Committee Reports

8.1. Blight Committee

8.1.1. No action items this month

8.2. Community Relations

8.2.1. No action items this month

8.3. Operations & Procedures

8.3.1. Request for salary increase from Registrar of Voters to \$9,500 per year per registrar effective July 1, 2015 based upon newly instituted mandatory certification by the State of Connecticut. Discussion and possible action.

Ms. DeGennaro stated that the current salary is \$7,250 and the State of CT is requiring extensive certification. Ms. DeGennaro motioned to increase the salary to \$9,500 as requested. Mr. DiMartino seconded and the motion carried.

8.3.2. Proposed new ordinance, City of Derby Code, Chapter 186 Vehicles and Traffic Article X §186-58 et. Seq. entitled Gilbert Street Residential Parking Lot” for use of city owned 40-42 Gilbert Street as off street parking lot. Discussion and possible action.

The Board and Commissioner DeFala discussed the ordinance at length.

Ms. DeGennaro motioned to “enact new ordinance as address with the correction that item 186-60 should say issuance instead of insurance, under that section the correction to read a permit shall be issued upon application only to those who are residents or proprietors as defined herein as well as one last correction under 186-62 Use of Permits Item G the last sentence I would proposed that it be corrected to read the display of a parking permit not entitled to such parking permit shall constitute such a representation of this section.” Mr. DiCenso seconded and the motion carried.

8.3.3. Proposed new ordinance, City of Derby Code, Chapter 21, Fire Department, §21-27 entitled “Fire Department Safety Officer” for position created within the Derby Fire Department. Discussion and possible action.

Ms. DeGennaro motioned to adopt the new ordinance with the following three corrections: Item 21.17, grammatical corrections, subsection B five years “experience”; section C two periods one should be deleted; item D should say “investigate all line of duty”. Mr. DiMartino seconded and the motion carried.

8.4. Road Bond

8.4.1. No action items this month.

9. Department Reports

9.1. Board of Education

9.2. Cultural Commission

Ms. DeGennaro stated that the report was just a copy of the greenbar with no actual reported revenue. She asked that they include revenue items on the next report.

9.3. Public Works

Mr. DiCenso commended Commissioner DeFala on his work throughout the city.

Commissioner DeFala said that his employees are working hard and are doing a great job.

9.4. Building Department

Ms. DeGennaro asked what the plan is for Derby Avenue where the fire was. Mr. Cota stated that an engineering study will be conducted. Mr. Iacuone stated is hasn't been posted.

9.5. Facilities Inspectors

Ms. DeGennaro asked what the lien amount is for 249 Hawthorne Avenue. Mr. Cota stated he believed it was around \$100,000.

9.6. Fire Marshal

The fire marshal stated that he couldn't be prouder of his department and Orange, Ansonia, and Shelton fire departments.

9.7. Fire Department

Chief Lenart thanked Mr. Picroski for providing water to the firemen on scene.

9.8. Office of Emergency Management

Nothing was discussed.

9.9. Parking Authority Garage

Nothing was discussed.

9.10. Police Department

There was no report.

9.11. Water Pollution Control Authority

Mr. Iacuone distributed a photograph of the Camptown Road modifications. *Attached.

Mr. Gerckens asked Mr. McLiverty to explain why the WPCA fee did not need to be paid this year. In short, Mr. McLiverty stated that they redesigned the cash flow because the bids were delayed and they did not need the funds at that time.

9.12. Finance Director

The report was not discussed.

9.13. Corporation Counsel Update

Ms. DeGennaro asked if there was an update on Minerva Street and Derby Avenue regarding the motions they made last month to send letters. Mr. DiCenso said that a meeting regarding Minerva will be held soon. Attorney Welch stated that quotes are being received for 182 Derby Avenue and letters were sent out for the other Derby Avenue addresses.

9.14. Storm Ambulance Corp

Nothing was discussed.

9.15. Parks and Recreation

Mr. Sill stated they are still waiting to hear about the turf fields. A resident of Derby, Mark Searles 14 Cedric Avenue, is asking about starting a co-ed 9-12 year old lacrosse team. Mr. Sill will update the Board when further information is received.

9.16. Revolving Loan Fund

Nothing was discussed.

10. Other Committee Reports

10.1. O'Sullivan Island Committee

No meeting was held.

10.2. Capital Planning Commission

No meeting was held.

10.3. School Building Committee for Roofs

Nothing to report.

10.4. WPCA Infrastructure Committee

No meeting was held.

11. New Business

~~11.1. Move to authorize Derby Elks Lodge #571 to conduct a block party on Elizabeth Street in honor of their 100th Anniversary on Saturday, September 26, 2015 from 1:00 PM until 5:00 PM and to recommend the LTA to close Elizabeth Street from Thompson Place to Fifth Street during that time.~~

Treasurer's Report to discuss Bond Upgrade

Mr. McLiverty updated the Board that the city's bond rating has been upgraded from AA- to AA.

11.2. Move to approve sidewalk reimbursement to Brian Calvert of 34 Lewis Street in the amount of \$933 as recommended by the Street Commissioner Anthony DeFala.

Motioned by Mr. Gerckens, Mr. Sill seconded and the motion carried.

11.3. Move to approve sidewalk reimbursement to Rogelio Garcia of 149 Minerva Street in the amount of \$1466 as recommended by the Street Commissioner Anthony DeFala.

Motioned by Mr. Gerckens, Mr. DiCenso seconded and the motion carried.

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Motioned by Mr. Gerckens and Mr. Sill seconded and the motion carried.

11.6. Naming of DHS Weight Room. Move to name the DHS weight room after Michael J. Regan as requested and recommended by the DHS Athletic Hall of Fame Committee and the Derby BOE.

Motioned by Mr. Gerckens and Mr. Olenoski seconded.

Dr. Conway asked that the motion be revised to say "Fitness Center" not weight room. Mr. Searles spoke regarding Mr. Regan and said he's never missed a game despite his injury and medical issues. He would like Mr. Regan's jersey displayed in the fitness center and asked if funding could be provided. Ms. DeGennaro stated that the Board does not decide appropriations. Several members of the audience stated they would offer donations.

Mr. Gerckens and Mr. Olenoski approved to amend the motion change to state that the Fitness Center be named after Michael J. Regan. The motion carried.

Mr. Gerckens added that the Derby Hall of Fame Committee did a great job.

11.7. Youth Lacrosse Program. Discussion only.

Mr. Searles will attend the Parks and Recs committee meeting to discuss this further.

11.8. Request to use the Derby Green by the Derby Boy Scout Troop 3. Motion to allow the use of the Derby Green by the Derby Boy Scout Troop 3 on Saturday, September 26, 2015 from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM for Ed Strang Day. Approval will be pending the receipt of a certification of insurance and notifying Derby Police, Fire, and Storms Ambulance.

Motioned by Mr. Gerckens, Mr. Sill seconded and the motion carried.

11.9. Adopt resolution authorizing the Deputy Director of the Community Development Office for the City of Derby to sign any and all documents in order to apply for a \$200,000 maintenance improvement grant for

the Derby Public Library through the FY2015-2016 State Public Library Construction Grant.

Motioned by Mr. Gerckens, Mr. Sill seconded and the motion carried.

RESOLUTION:

Be it resolved by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Derby that the City of Derby Community Development Office, acting by and through its Deputy Director, is authorized to apply for \$200,000 for maintenance improvements for the Derby Public Library through the FY 2015-2016 State Public Library Construction Grant. The Community Development Office is further authorized to act on behalf of the City and enter into agreements in connection with this application.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen at its regular meeting held on August 27, 2015.

Approved by Mayor Anita Dugatto on August 27, 2015.

Attest: Marc J. Garofalo, Town & City Clerk

12. Old Business

12.1. Derby Feed Update. Regular and Executive Session – Strategy and Negotiation – Pending Litigation.

13. Executive Session

13.1. Derby Feed Update – Regular and Executive Session – Strategy and Negotiation – Pending Litigation.

Mr. Sill motioned to enter into executive session after a short recess and invite Attorney Teodosio, Brian Washburn from HRP and Attorney Welch. Mr. Gerckens seconded and the motion carried at 8:26 PM.

The meeting reopened to the public at 9:29 PM.

No action was needed for Item 13.1.

14. Adjournment

Mr. Sill motioned to adjourn at 9:30 PM. Mr. Anroman seconded and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Kuskowski

These minutes are subject to the Board's approval at their next scheduled meeting.