

City of Derby

Board of Aldermen / Alderwomen

First Ward

Barbara L. DeGennaro
Thomas J. Donofrio
Bev Moran

Second Ward

Joseph L. DiMartino
Evelyn Browning
Ronald M. Sill

Third Ward

Jim DiMartino
Louis Oliwa
Charles Sampson

Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen Meeting Minutes

Derby City Hall

1 Elizabeth Street, Derby, CT

July 11, 2019

1. Call to Order.

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Dziekan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

The Board of Aldermen / Alderwomen members present were Barbara DeGennaro, Thomas Donofrio, Bev Moran, Joseph DiMartino, Evelyn Browning, Charles Sampson, and Ronald Sill. Jim DiMartino and Louis Oliwa were excused.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

Mr. Sampson motioned to add item 9.4 Senior Center Monetary Fund and item 9.5 Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Refunding Bonds. Mr. Sill seconded and the motion carried.

5. Public Portion

Marc Garofalo – Spoke regarding item 8.3.2 and urged the Board to ask tough, detailed questions and not to rush to make a decision. This can have significant ramifications. He also spoke regarding item 9.5. He urged the Board to tread carefully. This was not on the agenda and no notice was given to the public. Public interest should be safe guarded.

6. Department Head Reports

6.1. Finance Director

Nothing was discussed.

6.2. Police Department

Nothing was discussed.

6.3. Fire Marshal

The Mayor thanked Mr. Hawks for his assistance with the fireworks.

6.4. Fire Department

Nothing was discussed.

6.5. Office of Emergency Management

Nothing was discussed.

6.6. Storm Ambulance Corps

Nothing was discussed.

6.7. Board of Education

Nothing was discussed.

6.8. Public Works

The bid was awarded to Red Tech (\$16,390) for the removal of the gas tank. They are scheduled to commence work on August 5th.

6.9. Water Pollution Control Authority

Nothing was discussed.

6.10. Building Department

Nothing was discussed.

6.11. Facilities Inspector

Ms. DeGennaro asked about 27 Academy Hill. Mr. Cota said that it will be put on the blight list if remediation is done within the next two weeks.

6.12. Parking Division

Mr. Sill asked about money for security issues. Patty said they are going out to bid for cameras for the stairwells and elevators.

6.13. Revolving Loan Fund

Nothing was discussed.

6.14. Chief of Staff

Nothing was discussed.

6.15. Economic Development Liaison

Nothing was discussed.

6.16. Corporation Counsel – Including Planning and Zoning, Labor Counsel, and Outside Counsel

Nothing was discussed.

6.17. Parks and Recreation

A special meeting will be held on Tuesday to discuss the maintenance for the Payden complex.

6.18. Cultural Commission

The Mayor stated they did a good job with Summerfest.

6.19. Website Report of tickets for the month

Mr. Sampson questioned the report as multiple requestors are listed as responders. Mr. Garofalo said it was just because we responded directly to the person and it was forwarded to someone else.

6.20. Athletic Complex Building Committee

Nothing was discussed.

6.21. Field House and Baseball Field Building Committee

Mr. DiMartino asked about the fence for softball. Mr. Conway said the committee has not been able to come up with a solution as multiple towns have advised against portable fencing. Mr. DiMartino said it's not fair that the girls were not taken into consideration.

7. Administrative & Appointments

7.1. Approval of Minutes

7.1.1. Move to approve minutes from Regular Meeting – June 13, 2019

Motioned to approve by Mr. Sill seconded by Mr. Sampson and the motion carried.

7.1.2. Move to approve minutes from Special Meeting – June 24, 2019

Motioned to approve by Mr. Sill seconded by Mr. Sampson and the motion carried.

7.2. Move to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$11,146.46 dated July 3, 2019.

Motioned by Mr. Sampson, seconded by Mr. Joe DiMartino and the motion carried.

7.3. Appointments to Boards and Commission:

7.3.1. Move to approve the appointment of Jack Walsh to the Board of Directors of the Western CT

Convention and Visitors Bureau, effective immediately as recommended by Mayor Richard Dziekan.

Motioned by Mr. Sampson, seconded by Mr. Joe DiMartino and the motion carried.

8. Committee Reports

8.1. Blight Committee

8.1.1. Move to remove 26 Camptown Road to the Blight List

Motioned to approve by Mr. Joe DiMartino, seconded by Mr. Donofrio and the motion carried.

8.1.2. Move to remove 435 New Haven Avenue to the Blight List

Motioned by Mr. Joe DiMartino, seconded by Mr. Donofrio and the motion carried.

8.2. Community Relations

8.2.1. Move to appoint Ron Sill, Chair, Mike Kelleher, Thomas Lenart, Sr., Melissa Laskowski, and Kelly Curtis as the Committee to recommend a procedure for the disposition of the decommissioned Derby Fire Alarm Boxes to the Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen.

Motioned to approve by Mr. Sill seconded by Mr. Sampson and the motion carried.

8.2.2. Move to approve vendor license applications of Doug Perry, Will McCann, Mike Deane, Thomas Huber, Mike Malkowski, and Myles Pompei Grove of the Power Home Remodeling Group for door to door sales of energy efficient retrofits of windows, siding, roofs, and doors.

Motioned to approve by Mr. Sill seconded by Mr. Sampson and the motion carried.

8.3. Operations and Procedures

8.3.1. Move to initiate litigation against the borrowers and guarantors of Benanto Real Estate to recover the non-payment of this revolving loan and empower Corporation Counsel to sign all necessary documents.

Motioned by Ms. DeGennaro, seconded by Mr. Sampson and the motion carried.

8.3.2. Sale of Tax Liens – RFP: Discussion and Possible Action.

After a lengthy discussion and review of the City's Eight Point Recovery Plan*, Mr. Sampson motioned to authorize Attorney Marino to enter into negotiations with this vendor for the sale of tax liens on real estate properties and bring it back to the Operations and Procedures Committee prior to bring it to the full Board. Mr. Joe DiMartino seconded. Ms. DeGennaro abstained. The motion carried.

***Eight Point Recovery Plan**

1. Debt Restructuring
2. Sale of Assets
3. Mil Rate Increase
4. Adjust Long Term Costs
5. Tax Sale
6. Structured Organizational Changes
7. Grand List Growth
8. Fund Balance Replenishment as % of Revenue

8.4. Road Bond Project

8.4.1. Move to release the retainage to Laydon Industries for Phase 5 of the Road Bond Project in the amounts of \$17,738.26 on Invoice 11738 and \$7,171.91 on Invoice 11734.

Motioned to approve by Mr. Sill seconded by Mr. Sampson and the motion carried.

8.4.2. Update on Replacement of Fencing on Derby Greenway Riverwalk

Ms. Finn stated that bids are due on July 29th.

9. New Business

9.1. Move to approve contract between the City of Derby and Central Maine Pyrotechnics dated June 17, 2019 in the amount of \$13,500.00 nunc pro tunc.

Motioned by Mr. Sampson and seconded by Mr. Joe DiMartino. Ms. DeGennaro voted no. The motion carried.

9.2. Move to accept donation for the 2019 Fireworks in the amount of \$14,449.96 nunc pro tunc.

Motioned by Mr. Sampson, seconded by Mr. Donofrio and the motion carried.

9.3. Agreement for access to the Housatonic River under Commodore Hull Bridge: Discussion and Possible Action

Mr. Sampson motioned for the Mayor to submit a letter to the State DOT requesting emergency access to the ramp for public safety only. Mr. Sill seconded and the motion carried.

9.4. Senior Center Monetary Fund

Mr. Sampson motioned to accept the funds for transportation usage and deposited into a specific line item which will carry over year to year. Mr. Sill seconded and the motion carried.

9.5. Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Refunding Bonds

Motion to accept the resolution authorizing the issuance of refunding bonds for payment of all or a portion of the outstanding principal of and interest and any call premium on the City of Derby's \$2,980,000 general obligation refunding serial note, dated March 15, 2013, \$3,880,000 general obligation refunding bonds, issue of 2015, series A, and \$8,580,000 general obligation bonds, issue of 2015, series B, and \$12,580,000 general obligation bonds, issue of 2018 and costs related thereto as recommended by the City Treasurer.

Seconded by Mr. Joe DiMartino

Ms. DeGennaro – Abstained

Mr. Donofrio – Yes

Ms. Moran – Abstained

Mr. Joe DiMartino – Yes

Ms. Browning – Abstained

Mr. Sill – Abstained

Mr. Sampson – Yes

Motion failed.

10. Old Business

10.1. No action items.

11. Executive Session –

11.1. Employment Contract for Derby Senior Center Director

11.2. Employment Contract for Derby Senior Center Assistant Director

11.3. Update on Collective Bargaining Negotiations with City Hall Union

11.4. Update on Collective Bargaining Negotiations with Derby Public Library Union

Mr. Joe DiMartino motioned to enter into executive session at 8:38 PM and invite Corporation Counsel Marino and Mr. Baklik. Mr. Sampson seconded and the motion carried.

The meeting reopened at 9:00 PM.

12. Regular Session Action from Executive Session

12.1. Employment Contract for Derby Senior Center Director

No action.

12.2. Employment Contract for Derby Senior Center Assistant Director

No action.

13. Adjournment

Mr. Sill motioned to adjourn at 9:02 PM, Ms. Moran seconded and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Kuskowski

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