

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CITY OF SEAFORD MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

February 9, 2010

7:00 p.m.

Mayor Edward H. Butler, Jr., called the Regular Meeting to order with the following present: Councilman J. Rhea Shannon, Councilwoman Leanne Phillips-Lowe, Councilwoman Pat A. Jones, Councilwoman Grace S. Peterson, and Councilman William G. Bennett. Dolores J. Slatcher, City Manager, and Charles D. Anderson, Assistant City Manager were also present.

Councilwoman Peterson offered the opening prayer and Mayor Butler led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Butler solicited changes to the agenda. City Manager Slatcher stated there were no changes to the agenda.

Mayor Butler called for a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting of January 26, 2010. Councilman Shannon made the motion to approve the Minutes of January 26, 2010. Councilman Bennett seconded the motion. Motion so passed with all present voting in favor.

Mayor Butler asked if there was any correspondence. City Manager Slatcher stated there was none.

City Manager Slatcher presented New Business #1, a request to add new signage on High St.-Sidewalk for Pedestrian Use Only. The signage would be placed beneath the existing parking signs. City Manager Slatcher stated Chief Morris spoke to Judge Hopkins at JP Court 4 to verify its enforceability and has confirmed it could be under state law. They are requesting Council's approval for the purchase and installation of the signage.

Mayor Butler called for a motion. Councilman Shannon made a motion to approve the request to add Sidewalk for Pedestrian Use Only signage on High St. Councilwoman Phillips-Lowe seconded the motion, with all present voting in favor.

City Manager Slatcher presented New Business #2, a request from Nanticoke Health Services for their property at 108 Park Avenue for relief from the Seaford Industrial Park Protective Covenants. She asked Assistant City Manager, Charles Anderson, to come to the podium.

Assistant City Manager Anderson introduced Barry Neal of Regional Builders, who is here to represent the request and answer any questions. Assistant City Manager Anderson stated they are requesting relief from the provisions of Section III (3) (d) of the Seaford Industrial Park Protective Covenants. He stated this is formerly the Southern Metals building in the Seaford Industrial Park. It was purchased by the Nanticoke Memorial Hospital and is going to be renovated for a tenant and part of the renovations is the expansion of the parking lot. In the renovations they would expand the parking lot to an "L" shape to accommodate additional parking and to improve drainage by adding a catch basin and drainage piping. Assistant City Manager said the relief specifically is that you can't have paving within forty feet of the front yard setback.

Mayor Butler asked, if this was going to be done soon? Barry Neal stated the tenant is hoping to move in sometime in May.

Councilwoman Peterson asked, how many parking spaces would be added? Mr. Neal stated there would be twelve additional spaces. He also stated the changes would improve accessibility.

Councilwoman Phillips-Lowe asked, if this would set a precedent for other tenants that we might not want? Assistant City Manager Anderson stated we did something similar for Bowie Bolt when they added additional parking. He stated this is not a

variance, but that Mayor and Council have the authority as a body to allow a change in the covenants. City Manager Slatcher stated this is an existing building and only the parking is changing. She stated it becomes a case by case and with the change it creates growth and jobs.

Councilwoman Jones asked, if there would be handicap parking? City Manager Slatcher stated that the Code would dictate the number of handicap spaces for the development.

Mayor Butler called for a motion. Councilman Bennett made a motion to approve the request from Nanticoke Health Services for their property at 108 Park Avenue for relief from the Seaford Industrial Park Protective Covenants, Section III (3) (d). Councilwoman Peterson seconded the motion. Motion so passed with all present voting in favor.

City Manager Slatcher presented New Business #3, present for approval the SALLE and EDIE grant requests for the Police department. The total SALLE grant is for \$7354.09 and the total EIDE grant is for \$5188.57.

Mayor Butler called for a motion. Councilwoman Phillips-Lowe made a motion to approve the SALLE and EDIE grant requests for the Police department. Councilman Shannon seconded the motion. Motion so passed with all present voting in favor.

REMINDER OF MEETINGS & SETTING OF NEW MEETINGS:

- Matt Denn, Lt. Governor and Councilwoman Jones to host a forum on Criminal Justice issues facing our State, Tuesday-February 16th @ 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.
- Riverfest Committee meeting, Wednesday-February 17th @7:30 a.m. at Pizza King.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- ♦ Councilwoman Peterson reported that all departments have done a good job during the snow storms.
- ♦ Councilwoman Jones had nothing to report.
- ♦ Councilwoman Phillips-Lowe had nothing official to report, but did want to let everyone know that she has received several good comments about the City during the snow storms.
- ♦ Councilman Shannon reported that everything is good at the Police Department. He also wanted to let everyone know that he has received good comments about the City during the snow storms.
- ♦ Councilman Bennett reported the Fire Department manned the firehouse during the storms and the Ladies Auxiliary prepared food for the firemen and City employees. The Electric Department worked all weekend during the storm.
- ♦ City Manager Slatcher reported that Larry McMullen is home with his daughter and would be returning to work soon.
- ♦ Mayor Butler had nothing to report.

There being no other business, Mayor Butler called for a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Phillips-Lowe so moved; Councilwoman Peterson seconded the motion. Motion so passed with all present voting in favor.

Mayor Butler adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

By: _____
Dolores J. Slatcher, City Manager

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