

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

April 13, 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, Charles D. Anderson, Assistant City Manager and Rick Garner, Director of Power, 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 was one change. She stated the addition of New Business #3, to appoint Sharon Drugash as the contact for dealing with Public Assistance applications with DEMA and FEMA.

Mayor Butler called for a motion. Councilwoman Phillips-Lowe made a motion to accept the change to the agenda. Councilwoman Peterson seconded the motion, with all present voting in favor.

Mayor Butler called for a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting of March 23, 2010. Councilman Bennett made the motion to approve the Minutes of March 23, 2010. Councilman Shannon 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 then asked Mayor Butler, Councilman Bennett and Rick Garner to come to the front to be presented with a special recognition award from the American Public Power Association. The award recognizes the City of Seaford Electric Department for its Reliable Electric Operations. She stated the City of Seaford Electric Department was one of 94 of the nation's more than 2,000 public power utilities to earn Reliable Public Power Provider recognition.

City Manager Slatcher presented New Business #1, a request from Berley Mears, Director of Public Works, to set annual clean-up week for May 10 through May 14, 2010.

Mayor Butler called for a motion. Councilwoman Peterson made a motion to accept the request from Berley Mears, Director of Public Works, to set the annual clean-up week for May 10 through May 14, 2010. Councilman Bennett seconded the motion. Motion so passed, with all voting in favor.

City Manager Slatcher presented New Business #2, a request to expend non-budgeted funds to replace the leaking roof on the recreation building as an imminent need. She stated that Charles Anderson, Assistant City Manager, obtained two quotes to replace the damaged roof. The quotes were from Tri-State Roofing Co., Inc., in the amount of \$4560.00 and R.L. Ewing Company, in the amount of \$4721.00. The recommendation is to award this bid to Tri-State Roofing as the low bidder in the amount of \$4560.00 as a non-budgeted expense this year.

Mayor Butler called for a motion. Councilwoman Jones made a motion to award the bid to Tri-State Roofing as the low bidder in the amount of \$4560.00. Councilwoman Peterson seconded the motion. Motion so passed, with all voting in favor.

City Manager Slatcher presented New Business #3, a request to appoint Sharon Drugash as the contact for dealing with the Public Assistance issues.

Mayor Butler called for a motion. Councilwoman Leanne Phillips-Lowe made a motion to appoint Sharon Drugash as the contact for dealing with Public Assistance issues in making applications with DEMA and FEMA. Councilman Bennett seconded the motion, with all present voting in favor.

City Manager Slatcher presented Old Business #1, to announce the Municipal Election to be held April 17, 2010 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. in Council Chambers.

- The Mayor and one Council position are up for election – Mayor Edward H. Butler, Jr. is the only candidate for Mayor and Councilwoman Leanne Phillips-Lowe and Douglas Lambert have filed for the one Council seat.

REMINDER OF MEETINGS & SETTING OF NEW MEETINGS:

- Chamber Mixer @ County Bank @ 5:00 p.m. – 7 p.m., April 15th
- Nanticoke Senior Center Anniversary Celebration with special speaker Mayor Edward H. Butler, Jr. @ 10:30 a.m., April 22nd
- Delaware League of Local Governments, Sheraton, Dover, DE @ 6 p.m. on April 22nd
- Opening Day, Nanticoke Little League, May 1st @ 7:45 a.m.
- Blessing of the Fleet, Nanticoke Yacht Club @ 10:00 a.m.
- Community Walk @ Seaford High Track from 9 a.m. – 10 a.m. on April 17th

Mayor Butler then asked Councilman Bennett to give a report on the races. Councilman Bennett wanted to let everyone know that at the race track out in Middleford they have a youth motocross race 3 times a year. The age of the racers is from 4 – 17 years old. This past weekend they had about 500 participate and about 1500 people. They also race in Maryland at Budd's Creek and Cecil County. They race on Saturday and Sunday, so they are coming to Seaford and spending time in the area and spending money. The people at the race track wanted to let everyone know and encourage all to attend.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

♦ Councilwoman Peterson reported that there are 5 houses down on Market St. and one house on Pine St. The street sweeper should be back in service by the end of the week. Eddie Kaye is doing clean up at the leaf and limb area to get ready for clean-up week. Berley Mears needs employee assistance with clean-up week. Trisha Newcomer has been working with real estate agents and they are now advertising on the City website.

♦ Councilwoman Jones reported that there will be a Haiti Relief Concert on April 16th at 7:00 p.m. at Seaford High School. It was postponed due to the snow storms. Monday, April 19, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. there will be a block watch meeting. The Recreation Department's Annual Easter Egg hunt went well. The Recreation Department has started sign ups for their spring programs and will have a trip to see the Orioles and Yankees game on September 17th.

♦ Councilwoman Phillips-Lowe reported that Administration has been working on the FY11 Budget and have been reviewing employment applications.

♦ Councilman Shannon reported all was good at the Police Department.

♦ Councilman Bennett reported that the Electric Department has been working on routine maintenance. The ambulance has been busy and the Fire Department participated in Bridgeville Fire Department's 100 Year Anniversary Celebration last weekend.

There being no other business, Mayor Butler called for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Bennett made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Peterson seconded the motion. Motion so passed with all present voting in favor.

Mayor Butler adjourned the Regular meeting at 7:26 p.m.

By: _____
Dolores J. Slatcher, City Manager

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