

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

November 9, 2010

7:00 PM

Mayor Edward H. Butler, Jr., called the Regular Meeting to order with the following present: Councilwoman Grace S. Peterson, Councilwoman Pat A. Jones, Councilwoman Leanne Phillips-Lowe, Councilman J. Rhea Shannon and Councilman William G. Bennett. Dolores J. Slatcher, City Manager, and Charles 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 that there were two changes. The Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations was to be removed. Also, New Business # 2, Presentation of annual audit prepared by Pigg, Krahl, Stern and Co., was to be moved to the next Council Meeting on November 23, 2010.

Mayor Butler called for a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 26, 2010. Councilwoman Jones made the motion to approve the minutes of October 26, 2010. Councilwoman Peterson seconded the motion. The motion so passed with all present voting in favor.

Mayor Butler called for a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 12, 2010. Councilwoman Peterson made the motion to approve the minutes of October 12, 2010. Councilwoman Phillips-Lowe seconded the motion. The motion so passed with all present voting in favor.

Mayor Butler read a proclamation, declaring November as "National Health Care Month."

Mayor Butler read a proclamation, declaring November 11<sup>th</sup> as "Buddy Poppy Day."

Mayor Butler asked if there was any correspondence. City Manager Slatcher stated that there were two press releases that will be going out. The first press release announces the Community Food Drive. There will be boxes at City Hall where non-perishable goods may be donated through December 17, 2010. At that time, the goods will be taken to the Food Closet, where they will be divided and distributed to local families in need for this holiday season. The second press release announces the City's Holiday Decorating Contest. The Mayor invites city residents to participate and festively decorate their homes. Cash prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place winners. Anyone wishing to participate must complete a registration form.

New Business # 1 – City Manager Slatcher presented New Business # 1, Faith Robinson, President of Western Sussex Farmers' Market to present report on 2010 Farmers' Market operations. Faith Robinson came forward, along with Linda Peters and Bunny Williams, members of the Farmers' Market Board of Directors, to extend their gratitude for the City's support of the

Farmers' Market's 2010 season. Linda Peters read a letter thanking Mayor and Council, as well as all City Officials and Employees for support and assistance given, which helped to make the Market a success. She said that the first day of the 2011 season will be June 25. Mayor Butler asked if the Market had to close any days due to inclement weather. Faith Robinson said that there was one Saturday that the Market closed early because of rain, but that it was still a successful day, because customers came early to beat the weather.

New Business # 3 – City Manager Slatcher presented New Business # 3, Mr. Charles Butler, President, representing Board of Governors for Seaford Golf and Country Club to revisit sign options on golf course. Mr. Butler was not present, but had given City Manager Slatcher some pictures of possible options for a sign. City Manager Slatcher showed the pictures to Mayor and Council, but did not think that a decision should be made without Mr. Butler present to discuss the matter. She recommended that Mayor and Council invite Mr. Butler to the next Council Meeting. They agreed to do so.

### Reminder of Meetings

- Veterans Day Service – Kiwanis Park at 11 a.m.
- Downtown Main Street Meeting – SVFD Banquet Hall, Tuesday November 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Bennett reported that the Electric Department has been working on right of way clearing and tree trimming. The induction street lighting in Westview is under way, and the Christmas lights will be hung soon to prepare for the Thanksgiving lighting. There was an RTU update completed at the Ross Substation. He reported that the Fire Department had a busy month in October. To date this year, they have responded to 455 fires and 2,061 ambulance calls.

Councilman Shannon reported that everything is running smoothly at the Police Department. He said that the new officer Will Saylor is in his 18<sup>th</sup> week at the Police Academy.

Councilwoman Phillips-Lowe had nothing new to report for Administration, but stated that she was glad to see the leaf machine running throughout town.

Councilwoman Jones asked City Manager Slatcher what is going on within the Parks and Recreation Departments. City Manager Slatcher explained that there is interim management within the departments. Scott has been working on finishing up the football program, as well as trying to establish a new dodgeball program. The Parks employees

have been working on the fields at the Sports Complex. Councilwoman Jones had nothing else to add.

Councilwoman Peterson reported that the leaf machine is up and running, so residents can rake their leaves into the street instead of bagging them. Trisha has been working on the Downtown Main Street meeting, and will soon be getting Gateway Park decorated and ready for the holidays. The Code Department has been working with property owners to take care of violations. She reported that the Seaford Block Watch Cleanup was a success. Volunteers were able to clean up all of the streets from the railroad tracks to Frederick Douglass Elementary School.

With no further comments, Mayor Butler called for a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council. Councilwoman Jones so moved. Councilwoman Peterson seconded the motion and the motion so carried with all present voting in favor. Mayor Butler closed the Regular Meeting at 7:25 p.m.

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Dolores Slatcher, City Manager

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