

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

February 8, 2011

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 Anderson, Assistant City Manager, were also present.

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

Mayor Butler solicited changes to the agenda. City Manager Slatcher stated there were none.

Mayor Butler called for a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting of January 25, 2011. Councilwoman Jones made the motion to approve the Minutes of January 25, 2011. Councilwoman Peterson seconded the motion. Motion so passed with all present voting in favor.

Mayor Butler asked if there was any correspondence. City Manager Slatcher read a note from Ms. Ginny Short, chairperson of the Associated Blades-Seaford Charities. She thanked everyone for their donations during the holiday season.

City Manager Slatcher then presented New Business #1, Present for approval the Street Dedication Agreement with SHIOBAIN-VI, LLC. City Manager Slatcher explained that this includes Mears Drive, Planters Drive and Pond View Lane. These streets have been completed and are ready to be turned over to the City. Councilman Bennett made a motion to approve the Street Dedication Agreement with SHIOBAIN-VI, LLC for Mears Drive, Planters Drive and Pond View Lane to the limits shown on the "Right-of Way Dedication" drawing as presented with a Tax Map and Parcel # 331-5.00-13.07. Councilman Shannon seconded the motion; motion so passed with all present voting in favor.

City Manager Slatcher presented New Business #2, Request approval to send Congressional Delegation letter of support for dredging the Nanticoke River. City Manager Slatcher explained that it has been requested for the Council to approve to do a letter under the Mayor's signature to support the project. Councilwoman Peterson made a motion to approve letters of support for the dredging of the Nanticoke River to be sent to the Delaware Congressional Delegation. Councilwoman Phillips-Lowe seconded the motion; motion so passed with all present voting in favor.

City Manager Slatcher presented New Business #3, Present Change Order #9 to add W. Ivy Drive and E. Arbutus Ave to renew water mains. City Manager Slatcher explained that the City borrowed \$2,729,048 in General Obligation Bonds approved by a public vote. These funds were provided through the American Recovery Act with a 52% principal forgiveness upon completion of the project. Due to competitive bids the City accomplished the original work and in addition has or is in the process of completing water mains to complete loops on School Lane, Nylon Blvd and Cypress Street. This change order would complete loops on W. Ivy Drive and Arbutus Ave. She added that this would allow two more streets to be finished with new water mains, fire hydrants, valves, meter pits and paving and it would also mean there would be no more dead ends in the City. This change order would use up the rest of the funding and the remaining money would be taken out of the Water Impact Reserve Fund in the amount of \$72,000. Councilwoman Peterson made a motion to approve change order #9 for water main renewal on W. Ivy Drive and Arbutus Avenue in the amount of \$363,653.85 to be paid for with the remaining ARRA funds and the balance of \$72,000 from the Water Impact Reserve fund to complete the project. Councilman Bennett seconded the motion; motion so passed with all present voting in favor.

Annual Municipal Election Information:

Election date is Saturday, April 16, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.
Candidate filing deadline and Voter Registration deadline is March 25, 2011
by 5:00 p.m. All interested candidates must file with the City Manager before the
filing deadline. Two Council Member's positions are up for election. These positions
are currently held by Councilwoman Pat A. Jones and Councilman J. Rhea Shannon.

REMINDER OF MEETINGS & SETTING OF NEW MEETINGS:

- Nanticoke Senior Center groundbreaking @ 1001 Locust Street, 2 p.m. on
February 11th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Peterson reported that departments are doing routine maintenance.
She said that a good report was given on the WWTF performance. The directional
signs for the golf course are in and will be going up on existing poles.

Councilwoman Jones reported that Scott is updating the money mailer for March.
Basketball is doing well, the parks department men are taking loads of trash from the
basement to the dump. She added that boot camp will be in the week after next to
assist Scott.

Councilwoman Phillips-Lowe reported that the FY12 budget meeting schedule is out.

Councilman Shannon reported that Officer Saylor is off of his training and is now out
on his own.

Councilman Bennett reported that the Electric Department has been doing routine
maintenance and working on the lights in Westview. Rick was out for four days at a
conference regarding renewable energy and plans to make a presentation at the next
DEMEC meeting. The fire department had their appreciation banquet Saturday night
and everything went well. The new officers have been sworn in for the year.

City Manager Slatcher added that the basement has been cleaned up from old things
that were accumulated during the years including old Riverfest items and old
Christmas party decorations. The items were taken over to the dump by the Parks
department.

There being no other business, Mayor Butler called for a motion to adjourn.
Councilwoman Jones 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 7:16 p.m.

By: _____
Dolores J. Slatcher, City Manager

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