

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

January 24, 2012

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. Mayor Butler 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 10, 2012. Councilwoman Jones made the motion to approve the Minutes of January 10, 2012. Councilman Bennett seconded the motion. Motion so passed with all present voting in favor.

Mayor Butler then asked for any correspondence. City Manager Slatcher stated there were two thank you notes. One from the retired Seaford School District Superintendent, Dr. Russel Knorr, and one from Mr. Steve Rose of Nanticoke Health Services.

Mayor Butler then announced that he will not seek reelection for Mayor. He said, "All I can say is thank you for 25 good years. It's hard to believe I have been a part of the City for that long. I have lots to be thankful for. I've had health and strength and been able to serve with good people. I am thankful and I give the good Lord the credit and honor. I thank Jesus Christ for that. Thank you very much."

City Manager Slatcher presented New Business #1, a report on Community Water Quality Enhancement grant award for improvements to ponds on Virginia Avenue. She stated it is a \$60,000 grant. The cost of the project is approximately \$82,500, which includes design work and some improvements to the existing storm water ponds. The original project was downsized since we only received \$60,000 in the grant award and the rest is matching money.

City Manager Slatcher presented New Business #2, a request from ActivAir to purchase approximately 2.098± acres in the Seaford Industrial Park and the recommendation from the Economic Development Committee. She stated this is not a final acreage amount it is an estimated number based on splitting the parcel. There is an existing tank farm that sits on part of the lot. It is leased by ActivAir from the City of Seaford. The parcel would be subdivided and combine the tank farm with the ActivAir site and sell off the remaining acreage to ActivAir. She stated this is just the first step of many that will have to be taken in this process.

Mayor Butler called for a motion. Councilman Bennett made a motion to approve the process of selling approximately 2.08± acres to ActivAir as per the Economic Development recommendation. Councilman Shannon seconded the motion, motion so passed with all present voting in favor.

REMINDER OF MEETINGS & SETTING OF NEW MEETINGS:

- Police Awards Ceremony on Thursday, January 26th @ 6 p.m. at the Nanticoke Senior Center.
- Delaware League of Cities on Thursday, January 26th @ 6 p.m. at the Sheraton in Dover. (No one is attending.)
- Sussex County Association of Towns on Wednesday, February 1st @ 6 p.m. at The Clubhouse at Baywood Greens, Longneck.
- SVFD Banquet, Saturday, February 4th @ 5:30 p.m.

Annual Municipal Election Information:

Election date is Saturday, April 21, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Candidate filing deadline and Voter Registration deadline is March 23, 2012 by 5:00 p.m. All interested candidates must file with the City Manager before the filing deadline. The Mayor and Two Council Member's positions are up for election. These positions are currently held by Mayor Edward H. Butler, Jr., Councilwoman Grace S. Peterson and Councilman William G. Bennett.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Bennett reported that the Electric Department has been finishing the lights in Martin Farms and doing routine maintenance. He reported that the Fire Department has been busy with accidents. They will also be holding their annual banquet and hopes that everyone can attend.

Councilman Shannon wanted to remind everyone of the Awards Ceremony on Thursday.

Councilwoman Phillips-Lowe reported that work has begun on FY13 budget.

Councilwoman Jones reported that Scott has a year-end report that gives the participation for the different programs that were offered in 2011. She stated she would be forwarding that on to Mayor and Council.

Councilwoman Peterson reported that Gateway Construction has completed the demolition of four buildings (308 N. Front St., 525 N. Front St., the corner of King & Conwell Sts. and 720 Clarence St.). Stoneybrook has started on the Clubhouse and the foundation for the

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apartments. The WWTF are going to have the phones updated. Trisha is ordering computers for different departments. She also reported that the Washington Street contractor has now moved to North Street. They have finished on Poplar Street.

There being no other business, Mayor Butler called for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Shannon 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 7:15 p.m.

By: _____
Dolores J. Slatcher, City Manager

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