

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

March 13, 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 and Councilwoman Grace S. Peterson. Dolores J. Slatcher, City Manager, and Charles Anderson, Assistant City Manager, were also present.

Mayor Butler 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 was one addition. A request to approve the dates set for the annual clean up week.

Mayor Butler called for a motion to accept the change to the agenda. Councilwoman Phillips-Lowe made a motion to accept the change. Councilwoman Jones 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 February 28, 2012. Councilwoman Jones made the motion to approve the Minutes of February 28, 2012. Councilwoman Peterson seconded the motion. Motion so passed with all present voting in favor.

Mayor Butler then asked Chief of Police, Gary Morris, to come to the front. Chief Morris introduced the newest dispatcher, Megan Sinclair. He stated she comes to us with dispatch experience and has started her new position.

City Manager Slatcher presented New Business #1, the request from Seaford Community Swim Center to share the cost of repainting the pool. She stated the paint color would be white. The cost is \$3800.00 and both parties would benefit by splitting the cost. Normally we pay for painting and they agreed to pay half. The white paint will extend the life of the painting for an extended period.

Mayor Butler called for a motion. Councilman Shannon made a motion to approve \$1,900.00 as a 50/50 split of the cost to repaint the Seaford Community Swim Center pool in the amount of \$3,800.00 as a non-budgeted expense. Councilwoman Phillips-Lowe seconded the motion. Motion so passed with all voting in favor.

City Manager Slatcher then presented New Business #2, information to set a Public Hearing on April 10, 2012 at 8:05 p.m. for the purpose of sharing information on the borrowing of \$1,903,812 to install residential water meters and pits.

Mayor Butler called for a motion. Councilwoman Jones made a motion to set the Public Hearing on April 10, 2012 at 8:05 p.m. for the purpose of sharing information about

borrowing \$1,903,812 to install the residential water meters and pits. Councilwoman Peterson seconded the motion.

Mayor Butler then called for a Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Shannon voted in favor.
Councilwoman Phillips-Lowe voted in favor.
Councilwoman Jones voted in favor.-
Councilwoman Peterson voted in favor.

City Manager Slatcher presented New Business #3, a report on acquiring State of Delaware Strategic funds for Davis Drive in the Seaford Industrial Park. She stated Trisha Newcomer, Charles Anderson and herself attended the DEDO Strategic Funds meeting last week. The purpose of that meeting was to support Donald Hollenbeck of Craig Technologies. She stated he was the applicant and the City was the sponsor for the extension of Davis Dr.

City Manager Slatcher presented New Business #4, a request to set the dates for the annual clean up week as May 14th – May 18th.

Mayor Butler called for a motion. Councilwoman Peterson made a motion to set the dates for the annual clean up week as May 14th – May 18th. Councilman Shannon seconded the motion, motion so passed with all present voting in favor.

REMINDER OF MEETINGS & SETTING OF NEW MEETINGS:

- Chamber Business Candidate forum, Pizza King @ 8:00 p.m., March 28th.
- DE League of Local Governments dinner meeting, Sheraton @ 6 p.m., Thursday, March 22nd.
- Mayor's Prayer Breakfast @ 6:30 a.m., March 29th.

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.

Candidate filings to date are:

Mayor - Councilman William G. Bennett and Councilwoman Pat A. Jones
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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Peterson reported Mearfield is back on board as a project. The Public Works department is cleaning catch basins. They are also replacing water valves on North Street. She wanted to remind everyone that the Riverfest fundraiser is March 19th at Pizza King. She also wanted to remind everyone to support Burton Bros. on March 17th.

Councilwoman Jones reported that money mailer is out with information on spring activities. The Recreation department is currently holding sign-ups for spring basketball. The boot camp has been working on cleaning up and mulching Soroptomist Park. She also reported Scott is working on the budget.

Councilwoman Phillips-Lowe reported that Administration is working on FY2013 budget and FOP negotiations. She also wanted to report that there is a new utility bill format. The new bill contains more information for the customer.

Councilman Shannon reported that Megan Tavares and Kyle Linville were promoted to Corporal.

There being no other business, Mayor Butler called for a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Phillips-Lowe 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 7:25 p.m.

By: _____
Dolores J. Slatcher, City Manager

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