

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

July 10, 2012

7:00 p.m.

Mayor William G. Bennett called the Regular Meeting to order with the following present: Councilman J. Rhea Shannon, Councilwoman Pat A. Jones, Councilwoman Grace S. Peterson, and Councilman David Genshaw. Dolores J. Slatcher, City Manager was also present.

Councilman Genshaw offered the opening prayer. Mayor Bennett led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mayor Bennett called for a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting of June 26, 2012. Councilwoman Jones made the motion to approve the Minutes of the June 26, 2012 Regular Council meeting. Councilwoman Peterson seconded the motion. Motion so passed, with all present voting in favor.

Mayor Bennett then asked for any correspondence. City Manager Slatcher stated there was none.

City Manager Slatcher presented New Business #1, the first readings of the following Code Ordinances:

1. Ordinance #2012 – 02 Sewers
2. Ordinance #2012 – 03 Water
3. Ordinance #2012 – 04 Vegetation

She stated these are rewrites of sections of ordinances based on current practices. They are making the changes to meet the needs of what we are presently doing.

City Manager Slatcher presented New Business #2, a request to extend the agreements of sale of lands of 525 Front Street until November 1, 2012. She stated this has to go through subdivision. The subdivision will go before Planning & Zoning at their next meeting and will come back to Council the second meeting of August. The City is asking for the extension because we have to have the subdivision done before we can do the final surveys and the final deed preparations.

Mayor Bennett called for a motion. Councilman Shannon made a motion to extend the agreements of sale of lands of 525 Front Street until November 1, 2012. Councilwoman Jones seconded the motion, motion so passed with all present voting in favor.

**REMINDER OF MEETINGS & SETTING OF NEW MEETINGS:**

- Riverfest on July 12th, 13th, and 14th
- Opening Ceremonies for Riverfest-presentation to National Guard

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilwoman Peterson reported that Brad Benson started in the Electric Department on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. He transferred from Public Works. She reported that the contractor is still working on tree trimming. The Electric Department is working on routine maintenance and tree trimming and removal. There have been several outages recently. The June 30<sup>th</sup> was the longest outage. The July 2<sup>nd</sup> outage was a Delmarva Power issue with their transmission line. The July 8<sup>th</sup> storm caused a Delmarva Power line to fall on our line and cause an outage. On July 9<sup>th</sup> a capacitor on Virginia Avenue was hit by lightning. There was no damage done, but the capacitor had to be replaced. The same morning lightning struck Ross Substation and caused communication problems at the Utility Building.

Councilwoman Jones reported the office is pulling together because they are short handed right now. The AFLAC enrollment, retiree health insurance enrollment and FOP negotiations are complete. June recently attended an Edmunds & Associates Annual Client Advisory in Florida. She reported end of fiscal year pay sheets have been completed, FY2013 budget has been posted in the computer, customer service was provided during the power outages, and property tax bills have been sent out. She also reported disconnects were done on July 9<sup>th</sup>. Utility bills will be sent out July 10<sup>th</sup>. Staff is working on commercial and general liability and workers compensation insurance renewal and assisting with the preparation of Riverfest. The annual audit will be the week of September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Councilman Shannon reported the Police Department is in good shape and Chief Morris has been on vacation. He also reported he was meeting with the Fire Department on Wednesday.

Councilman Genshaw wanted to commend Scott Coulbourn for his communication with him about the Parks and Recreation departments. He reported that the Boys and Girls Club will not have Pop Warner football, so Scott wants to reach out to the parents and children of the program to make them aware of our program. He also reported that the Parks department is behind on cutting and trimming because of the heat.

Mayor Bennett wanted to thank and commend everyone for their help during the power outages.

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

Mayor Bennett adjourned the Regular meeting at 7:15 p.m.

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Dolores J. Slatcher, City Manager

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