

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

August 28, 2018

7:00 PM

Mayor David Genshaw called the Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m. to order with the following present: Councilwoman Leanne Phillips-Lowe, Councilman James King, Councilman Orlando Holland, Councilman H. William Mulvaney, III and Councilman Dan Henderson. Charles Anderson, City Manager, Mike Bailey, Building Official, Trisha Newcomer, Director of Economic Development and Community Relations, Katie Hickey, Supt. Of Parks and Recreation and Rob Kracyla, Chief of Police were also present.

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

Mayor Genshaw solicited any changes to the agenda; there were none.

Mayor Genshaw called for a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on August 14, 2018. Councilman Holland made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 14, 2018 Council Meeting. Councilman Mulvaney seconded the motion; the motion so passed with all present voting in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Genshaw presented New Business Item #4, Present for approval a revised safety shoe policy for the purchase of safety shoes and utility boots for code, parks and utility personnel. City Manager Anderson stated that in the past, we have allowed employees to purchase the boots and then the City would reimburse them. In the new policy, we are looking to not allowing that any longer; the City will purchase the boots. He added that there is an increase in the allowance for the departments as well. The directors and supervisors have all reviewed the policy and agree with the policy.

Mayor Genshaw asked for any questions or comments from Council; there were none. Mayor Genshaw called for a motion. Councilwoman Philips-Lowe made a motion to approve the revised safety shoe policy for the purchase of safety shoes and utility boots for code, parks and utility personnel as presented. Councilman King seconded the motion; motion so passed with all present voting in favor.

REMINDER OF MEETINGS & SETTING NEW MEETINGS

- Seaford Downtown Focus Day, Wednesday, September 12, City Hall, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

- City Offices will be closed on Monday, September 3, 2018 in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.
- City of Seaford winter hours begin Tuesday, September 4, 2018; Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. for all divisions with the exception of the Police Department which is 24 hours.
- Sussex County Association of Towns Meeting (SCAT) September 5, 2018 at Sussex County Association of Realtors, 23407 Park Avenue, Georgetown, DE 19947; 6 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Genshaw closed the Regular Meeting at 7:05 p.m. and opened the Public Hearing.

Mayor Genshaw asked Mr. Mike Bailey, Building Official to come forward and present the information.

Mr. Bailey presented Public Hearing Item #1, The Residences at Riverplace, LLC., property owners of 601 & 701 Water Street, Seaford, DE, identified as Tax Map and Parcel #431-5.00-314.00 requesting a subdivision to create two parcels.

Mr. Bailey introduced Mr. Will Kernodle from Parker and Associates who was representing the property.

Mr. Bailey showed a picture of the property and where the change would be made. Lot 1 will be 49,763 +/- square feet and lot 2 will be 48,691 +/- square feet. He added that the property owners has obtained their permits for the next phase of the project; they are currently looking for contractors for the project.

Mayor Genshaw solicited questions from Council. Councilman Henderson asked if the fishing pier was part of the permit for the next phase of the project. Mr. Bailey stated that the completion of the fishing pier is apart of the condition of the CO being issued. He added that the reason that he was told that the owner is requesting the subdivision is due to financing. Councilman Henderson asked about the set back from the building and if it met the requirements. Mr. Bailey stated that the aerial picture shown today is not completely accurate, however, it does meet the setback requirements. Councilman Holland asked if the two buildings will be sharing the same entrance. Mr. Bailey stated that they would. Councilman Henderson asked if in the future, this could possibly have two owners. Mr. Bailey stated that is possible, however, he does not feel that is the intention at this time.

Mayor Genshaw solicited questions from the public. Mr. Dan Cannon from 411 Nylon Blvd came forward. He stated that he has looked at the two empty lots for two years that have been overgrown. He asked how this would affect cleaning up the lot? Mr. Kernodle stated that the owner is looking at getting financing immediately for the project. They are currently sending out bids and looking for contractors. He added that the same comment came up during the Planning and Zoning meeting and he took it back to the owner. Mr. Bailey added that the City can also approach it through Code enforcement.

Councilman King asked if an emergency occurred if the two entrances was enough for the residents and emergency equipment. Mr. Kernodle stated that there is an emergency access on the far end of the property. There is also a gate for the fire trucks to enter if needed.

Mayor Genshaw closed the Public Hearing at 7:12 p.m.

Building Official Bailey presented the Findings of Facts:

Findings of Facts:

- Project: Residences at Riverplace lot subdivision
- Owner: Residences at Riverplace LLC
- Tax ID: 431-5.00-314.00
- Zoning – C3 Riverfront Enterprise District
- Existing lot size - 102,596 +/- sq. ft
- Proposed new lots:
 - Lot 1 – 49,763 +/- sq. ft.
 - Lot 2 – 48,691 +/- sq. ft.
- Both new lots meet area and bulk requirements for the C3 Zone.

Planning and Zoning made a favorable recommendation to Council.

Mayor Genshaw then solicited a motion. Councilman Holland made a motion to approve the subdivision request of The Residences at Riverplace LLC., property owners of 601 & 701 Water Street, Seaford, De, identified as Tax Map and Parcel #431-5.00-314.00 to create two parcels as presented. Councilman Mulvaney seconded the motion.

Councilman Henderson asked why the lot area numbers do not equal the total of the two lots. Mr. Bailey stated that that he did not include another parcel on the opposite of the street that is also part of lot 1. Councilman King asked what the time frame was. Mr. Bailey stated that permits are good for 6 months, however, they can request an extension.

Mayor Genshaw then asked for a Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Henderson voted yes based on the findings of facts;
Councilwoman Phillips-Lowe voted yes based on the findings of facts;
Councilman King voted yes based on the findings of facts;
Councilman Mulvaney voted yes based on the findings of facts;
Councilman Holland voted yes based on the findings of facts.

The motion so passed with all present voting in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Genshaw presented New Business Item #1, Lisa Wool with Nanticoke Water Shed Alliance to present information regarding the planned Williams Pond Clean Up Day to be held on September 15, 2018. Ms. Wool stated that a Coastal Clean Up day has been scheduled at Williams Pond on September 15th from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00, noon. They are currently looking for volunteers to help with the clean up as well as help with food after the event. Ms. Hickey added that she would like the volunteers to meet at the back pavilion. This information was also put out in the employee newsletter asking for volunteers for the event. Councilman King asked if the information was on the website. Katie stated that she was not sure, but it can be added.

Ms. Wool added that this event is a community building event along with the cleanup of the property. She then provided a brief update on the Nanticoke River along with the annual report card that is issued. The northern portions of the river is doing better than the southern portions. She also stated that the clarity has declined which may be due to the increased amounts of rain fall.

Ms. Wool shared information about the designer ditch program. They are working with DelDOT on this program to help the drainage ditches be a beautiful garden. This is a great way to protect the bay, keep our water clean, support bees, birds and butterflies, reduce flooding and beautify yards.

Ms. Wool thanked the Mayor and Council for their time and stated she hopes to see them at the event.

Mayor Genshaw presented New Business Item #2, Present for approval a funding application for the 2018 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) to the U.S. Department of Justice for crime prevention and intervention activities; funds will be used to purchase police department duty rifles. Chief Kracyla came forward to present the information. The police department is currently phasing out the shot guns and phasing in rifles. At this time, the department is looking to purchase 7 rifles which cost about \$2,000 per rifle when fully equipped. He added that the difference in the grant funds and the cost of the 7 rifles will be made up with City funds.

Mayor Genshaw solicited any questions or comments from Council; there were none. He then called for a motion. Councilman Henderson made a motion to approve the funding application for the 2018 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant to the U.S. Department of Justice for crime prevention and intervention activities; to purchase duty rifles as presented. Councilman Holland seconded the motion; motion so passed with all present voting in favor.

Mayor Genshaw presented New Business Item #3, Present for approval a resolution authorizing the preparation and submission of an application to the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, Financial Assistance Branch, for participation in the waste water matching planning grant program for a 50% matching planning grant for plans and specifications for a proposed sewer extension on Sussex Highway and Middleford Road. City Manager Anderson stated that the City has been looking at providing sewer to this area in hopes of more redevelopment. This 50% matching grant would help with the design plans for the project. He added that it is about a 6-8-month time frame for the design.

Mayor Genshaw solicited any questions or comments from Council. Councilman King asked who will do the design. City Manager Anderson stated that our City engineer, George, Miles and Buhr. He added that when the City engineer is used, there is no RFP process. Councilman Henderson asked if once the design is completed and put out to bid, would the City like to combine this project with the Sussex Highway project? City Manager Anderson stated that staff would recommend that. The City is currently in the easement acquisition process and have received some funds in the bond bill for the project. Since this is a big project, once a contractor is mobilized it may save the City money by using one contractor. Mayor Genshaw added that he feels that the infrastructure needs to be in the ground to get development to occur. City Manager Anderson added that once easements are received back, a better plan can be put into place.

With no other questions or comments, Mayor Genshaw called for a motion. Councilwoman Phillips-Lowe made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing the preparation and submission of an application to the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, Financial Assistance Branch, for participation in the waste water matching planning grant program for a 50% matching planning grant for plans and specifications for a proposed sewer extension on Sussex Highway and Middleford Road as presented. Councilman Mulvaney seconded the motion; motion so passed with all present voting in favor.

Mayor Genshaw presented New Business Item #5, Present for approval a letter from Belle Ayre Investments, LLC offering the donation of the balance of the land (51 unimproved lots) in the Belle Ayre Subdivision to the City. Mr. Mark Prata, representing the property owner came forward. Mr. Prata stated that his company picked up the project in 2013. They started in phase 1 with 83 lots total; 20 are sold and there are currently 12 improved lots. He added that project never moved forward to phase 2. Mr. Prata said that the City has accepted donated land in the past and he wanted to extend the offer of the land to the City.

City Manager Anderson stated that there is no infrastructure in these areas. He added that it is currently being farmed and they do have a HOA in place. He did have a meeting with Mr. Prata to discuss this offer and they have agreed to maintain phase 1. Mr. Prata added that they still have 12 lots in phase 1 that are ready to sell.

Councilman King asked Mr. Prata why not develop the land. Mr. Prata stated that nobody is interested in developing in that area. He has reached out to some contractors and has not gotten any response. He added that the last home sale was in 2015 and he has really pushed this project with no success.

City Manager Anderson stated that the City has adopted incentives to help developers. He added that if the City were to accept this donation, we would take over the maintenance responsibilities and lose an estimated \$3,500 in property taxes. He added that it would put the City in control of the property. He added that it is currently being farmed now so we could do an agreement with that farmer if they still wished to farm the land.

Councilman Henderson asked if the pond has been extended from phase 1? Mr. Prata stated that the pond is maintained every month and they get yearly reports. City Manager Anderson added that the storm water system for the development has to be extended to Atlanta Road. They do currently have approvals for the project that has been extended to January of 2019.

Councilwoman Phillips-Lowe stated that she did not feel comfortable deciding on this tonight. Councilman Holland asked who maintains the roads? It was stated that the City does snow removal, etc. and the road has been dedicated back to the City.

Councilwoman Phillips-Lowe made a motion to table the request of donation of land in the Belle Ayre Subdivision. Councilman Henderson seconded the motion; motion so passed with all present voting in favor.

Mayor Genshaw presented New Business Item #6, Present for approval a Comprehensive Plan Amendment to the 2008 Land Use Map to include a commercial designation for selected areas along Middleford Road east of Riverside Drive and west of Sussex Highway. City Manager Anderson stated that when an annexation request is received, the State reviews it for approval. During the review, it was found that there are areas that need to be identified more specific than mixed use on the existing Land Use Map. Therefore, it is being recommended to extend the commercial corridor designation for the area along Middleford Road east of Riverside Drive and west of Sussex Highway. City Manager Anderson stated that this is currently up for review at the Office of State Planning.

Mayor Genshaw solicited any questions or comments from Council; there were none. Councilman Mulvaney made a motion to approve the amendment to the 2008 Land Use Map in the Comprehensive Plan; to include a commercial designation for selected areas along Middleford Road east of Riverside Drive and west of Sussex Highway as presented. Councilman Holland seconded the motion; motion so passed with all present voting in favor.

Mayor Genshaw presented New Business Item #7, Present for approval a proposal to allow cellular antennas and other equipment to be attached to City water towers with a lease agreement. City Manager Anderson stated that Verizon has made several site visits to look at the towers. They have also drafted a lease to attach the equipment to the City water towers. Director of Public Works, Berley Mears provided a presentation stating that there are many other municipalities that participate in these types of agreements. The presentation added that this is a good additional revenue for the City. If we were to do a five-year renewable lease up to 25 years with a 2% annual escalator, it would mean an additional \$922,472.63 in funds. It would be suggested by City staff to place those funds in a reserve account for water tower maintainance. The antennas will be placed on the Spruce Street tower so that they do not block the star.

If this is approved by Council, City staff would do a draft lease for the City attorney's review and the draft would be brought back to the City Council for approval. After reviewing the towers, Verizon did show an interest to do the Spruce Street tower first. City Manager Anderson stated that he would like to paint the tower ahead of time so that we would not have to take everything

down for painting in just a few short years. It was also added that the City would insert language in the agreement that would not allow Verizon to sit on a lease for an extended period of time; blocking competitors.

Councilman Henderson asked about the reduced height which would put people closer to the tower and the concerns of radiation from those new antennas. City Manager Anderson stated that a EMF survey would be done before anything was permitted and an engineer would calculate the EMF exposure after a radiator installed. He added that there can be some health concerns, however, it will be reviewed during the permitting process and an engineer will look at the proposed radiation levels and ensure they are below permissible levels for safety. Councilman Henderson stated that we should base the lease on a time table to benefit the City. He added that we should also require upfront money. City Manager Anderson stated that can be included if that is what the City Council desires.

With no further questions or comments, Mayor Genshaw called for a motion. Councilman King made a motion to approve City staff to continue to work with potential cellular providers to allow cellular antennas and other equipment to be attached to City water towers with a lease agreement. Councilwoman Phillips-Lowe seconded the motion; motion so passed with all present voting in favor.

Mayor Genshaw presented New Business Item #8, Mike Bailey, Building Official and SVFD Fire Chief, John Wilson to update Council regarding the status of the vacant building identification and placarding project in the City. Chief Wilson stated that the UNSAFE building marking will be placed in a position to warn Emergency Services of possible construction deficiencies they may encounter while engaging within their scope of work. He added that this does not mean that a complete risk vs. reward size up will be made to determine if possible rescue of life will be conducted.

Chief Wilson then shared the fire departments priorities. The fire officer will complete a 360 (5 sided) survey upon arrival. They will then determine core missions which are life, property and equipment. This is done to give the firefighters a reasonable and safe assignment to mitigate the incident. He added that it is also to be sure that all firefighters go home after each incident.

With the help of Building Official Mike Bailey, unsafe structures have been identified and have been marked with the nationally recognized symbol on the address side to warn Emergency Sservices of such hazards. A running list of all unsafe structures will be kept with any changes given to the fire department. This is an important role to keep our emergency services safe.

Building Official Mike Bailey showed a picture of what will be placed on those structures that have been marked as unsafe. He added that some have already been placed around the City and more will be completed.

Mayor Genshaw asked if the dispatchers were aware of this being in place and if they were provided a listing of the structures. Chief Wilson stated that they have not yet, however, that is the

next step to share with them. He added that many of the younger fire fighters are unsure of the buildings so this is a good safety measure to put in place.

Mayor Genshaw asked for any additional questions or comments; there were none.

Mayor Genshaw presented New Business Item #9, Present for approval a quote for IT infrastructure upgrades for the Communications Center at the Seaford Police Department. Gary Andrews, IT Coordinator stated that when Comcast goes out or has any issues, the Communications Center loses their connection. Councilman Henderson asked if the internet source was from the City and then Comcast was the second provider? Mr. Andrews stated that the Police Department is on the state network. Due to them being on the state network, Comcast or Lighttower is not able to touch their equipment. Trisha Newcomer, Director of Economic Development & Community Relations added that Comcast pays for the line and we have had the conversation with them about redundancy. It was also added that the issues that the Communications Center is having is not related to the signal, it is related to the switches.

Mayor Genshaw asked for any additional questions or comments from Council; there were none. Councilman Henderson made a motion to approve the quote for IT infrastructure upgrades for the Communications Center at the Seaford Police Department; with funding provided by E911 reserve funds. Councilwoman Phillips-Lowe seconded the motion; motion so passed with all present voting in favor.

Mayor Genshaw presented New Business Item #10, Present for approval a quote for Wi-Fi upgrades for the Communications Center at the Seaford Police Department. Chief Kracyla stated that this would allow the police department to have in house training. This would save money on the travel costs that we currently pay for employees to attend training. He added that it has been approved by the E911 Administrator and the State to use the money for these upgrades.

Mayor Genshaw called for any questions or comment from Council; there were none. Councilman Henderson made a motion to approve the quote for Wi-Fi upgrades for the Communications Center at the Seaford Police Department with funding provided by E911 reserve funds. Councilman Holland seconded the motion; motion so passed with all present voting in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was none.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilwoman Phillips-Lowe reported in Public Works, curb paving has continued. Virginia Ave. sewer extension bid was approved by DelDOT and advertised. Ross Station parking lot bid was advertised. Removed various pieces of sidewalk around for contractor to replace. Preparing draft lease agreement for water tower cell phone towers. Performed test pitting of utilities for Tull Dr. water main extension. Prepared resolution for submission of planning grant for the Middleford Rd.

sewer extension. USGS were in the City to sample Dulany well. Services were disconnected at 323 High St. for demolition. The street sweeper is back in service and performed all routine tasks; swept, L & L, read meters, disconnects, hung pink tags, collected State water samples, supplied barricades for various events, etc. The department is still one man down due to surgery.

In WWTF, plant performance is good and there is compost for sale. They have received regular Proximity waste and leachate treatment is going well.

Councilman Henderson reported for Seaford Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., a meeting with Chief Wilson and City Manager Charles Anderson some initiatives were discussed that the Chief felt we needed to become aware:

As part of their ongoing training members the Department toured the Invista facility on August 15, 2018. It was my honor to accompany them as Invista employees acquainted the members regarding the locations of hydrants, dry hydrants, standpipes, fire department connections, and other key emergency response locations. In addition to pointing out special hazards Invista employees noted areas that had been abandoned, demolished, or put into stasis. As well as emergency response issues the tour included familiarization with the active production areas, and planned construction projects. The facility tour was valuable because the Invista site now depends solely on the services of the Seaford Volunteer Fire Department for emergency medical and fire response.

Also, on the evening of August 15, 2018 three probationary firefighters were promoted. Jonathan Cartledge, MJ Davis, and Scott O'Riley all received their Black Shield Interior Firefighter status. Congratulations on their achievements. Thank you for answering the calls to serve.

The tower ladder truck is back in service; however, it does still need cosmetic repair. All other apparatus ambulance pieces are in service as well.

Leadership continues to investigate creative ways to manage volunteer and career positions in efforts to increase efficiency, improve morale, and protect public safety and property.

Police Activity during period of August 13, 2018, through August 27, 2018:

Criminal

On August 13, 2018, Seaford Police was dispatched to Room 205 at the Hampton Inn Hotel in reference to a deceased female. The victim was lying on her back and had a syringe on her shirt in the area of her stomach as well as a tourniquet just above the elbow. There was assorted drug paraphernalia to include an empty bag of heroin on the night stand and 11 more located on a dresser as well as 1.5 grams of crack cocaine and several syringe needles. Paramedics arrived on scene and pronounced the victim deceased via a medical doctor over the phone. The medical examiner's office was summoned to the scene to collect the decedent for autopsy.

On Thursday August 16th, 2018, the Seaford Police Department conducted an undercover prostitution operation. During this operation 9 defendants were arrested. One of the arrest

subjects, Osmin Garcia, solicited the undercover female officer for sex while his two children were in the backseat of his vehicle.

The Seaford Police Department was assisted by the Delaware State Police Troop 5 P.A.C.E. Unit and the United States Department of Homeland Security.

On August 18, 2018, officers responded to a residence regarding a possible cardiac arrest. Officers performed CPR until the arrival of medical units; the subject was pronounced dead at the hospital.

On August 20, 2018, Sgt. Miller responded to 229 North Front Street for a robbery complaint. Ptlm. Palm and Sgt. Checked the area but were unable to locate anyone matching the description given. While entering her room, Debra Norwood was pushed aside and this suspect took a bookbag located near the entryway and fled on foot. Ms. Norwood's friend, Adriene Bennett, chased the suspect and was going to call 911 when the suspect took the cellphone from Ms. Bennett. It was later learned that the suspect is known in the Coverdale area as "Spanky" aka Troy Sanders. Criminal Investigations located the suspect, arrested him, and he was committed to Sussex Correctional Institute pending a preliminary hearing at a later date.

On August 21, 2018, officers responded to the report of an armed robbery at the Valero gas station located on Stein Highway. Investigation revealed that an individual entered the store with a crowbar and made threatening statements to the clerk and fled after obtaining an undisclosed amount of money.

Shortly thereafter, a citizen went into the store and remembered seeing this individual and relocated the suspect, called 911, and alerted police of the suspect's location. The suspect, later identified as Glen Eskridge, from Seaford, was taken into custody and committed to Sussex Correctional Institute.

On August 22, 2018, at 9:04 a.m. officers were dispatched to the intersection of Sussex Highway and Middleford Road for a reported trash truck on fire which led to lane closures of both roadways. While assisting with the lane closures, an individual who was travelling south on Sussex Highway on their way to Nanticoke Memorial Hospital due a medical emergency they were having, struck a Seaford Police vehicle that was parked on Sussex Highway with its emergency lights flashing. The officer was not inside of the vehicle at the time and was not injured. The operator of the vehicle that struck the police car, and the operator of the trash truck, were both transported to Nanticoke Memorial Hospital for unspecified injuries.

The Seaford Police Department would like to remind everyone that if they are having a medical emergency while driving, to pull over and call 911.

On August 24th Patrol units as well as Chief Kracyla attended Community Day at Meadowbridge Apts.

On August 25th Patrol units assisted in Pastor Ross with the Unity March in East Seaford.

On August 25th @ 2104 hours Cpl. Russell and Sgt. Miller responded to Motel 6 for heroin overdose. Upon arrival officers located a non-responsive victim with no pulse. Sgt. Miller provided rescue breaths and Cpl. Russell performed chest compressions and established a pulse until EMS arrived.

Admin

Officers worked the AFRAM Festival and mingled throughout the day. There were no incidents at the event.

Of particular merit, I would like to advise you of a customer service story which just came to my attention because the parties involved did not make this publicly known. On August 12, 2018, Cpl. Laurion and Ptlm. Palm had contact with a Kenneth Bradford, an amputee in a wheel chair. Mr. Bradford had been brought to Nanticoke Memorial Hospital for medical reasons. Due to his treatment, he missed the DelDot bus and had nowhere to go and was planning on sleeping in his wheelchair for the night. Cpl. Laurion and Ptlm. Palm gave Mr. Bradford a ride to Motel 6 and paid for a room for him for the evening so he had a safe place to stay overnight. I am so proud of these officers.

On August 14, 2018, Chief and Dispatcher Administrator Bell attended the City Council meeting and addressed the need for headsets and training needs for the Dispatchers.

On August 15, 2018, Chief joined the Seaford Night Out meeting to get better informed regarding the event.

Chief met with Seaford School administrators Chester Cox and Superintendent Perrington regarding the SRO position at the High School. Apparently, they have already signed an MOU with Delaware State Police for this position. We hope to have an opportunity the following school year.

Chief and Karen attended the Customer Service meeting.

On August 16, 2018, Chief conducted an inspection of the evidence room at the Department to ensure that any piece of evidence was accessible and easy to locate.

On August 17, 2018, Chief conducted a Sgts. Meeting.

Chief met with Tony Windsor of the Boys and Girls Club to discuss possible collaboration regarding community grant opportunities.

Chief conducted an inspection of evidence being held in storage. As a result of a recent evidence purge, the Seaford Police Department destroyed 856 pieces of drug evidence, some of which had been held in evidence since 1987; we destroyed 270 guns, the oldest being held from 1974; and 421 miscellaneous pieces of evidence. This totals 1,547 pieces of evidence since the last evidence destruction the Department conducted.

On August 20, 2018, Chief met with Principal Jason Cameron at the High School. Discussed was the future possibility of Seaford Police obtaining funding for a School Resource Officer.

Chief met with Chris Couch of the Boys and Girls Club to discuss our needs for funding of a grant we are sharing in the future. Chief is very interested in hosting a Youth Cadet Program for a week during Spring Break 2019.

On August 22, 2018, Chief attended a ribbon cutting at the American Eagle Diner in Seaford.

On August 23, 2018, Chief met with George Horvath, a retired military veteran, regarding an upcoming presentation to our officers.

Chief met with Julie O'Donnell of Vocational Rehab regarding opportunities for SPD to develop relationships to explore career development and potential opportunities in the criminal justice system.

Training

Basic School Resource Officer training was attended by Pfc. Justice and Ptlm. Thompson on August 20, 2018.

Donna and Karen attended Records Training on August 22, 2018, in Dover at the Delaware Archives. This was good training and they were able to participate in a tour of the facility afterwards.

Lt. Bohn and Sgt. Horn attended Hometown Security Conference from August 22-24, 2018.

Councilman Mulvaney reported the electric crew has completed the demolition of the Central Substation. The majority of the crew work has been in the Ross Business Park area. A new switch has been set on Venture Drive that will feed the new Ross Event Center and be used to complete the loop from the Pine Street Substation. New service work for Ross Event project and setting of the transformer has been completed.

Director Bill Bennett has helped with the daily setup with Next Gen on changing meters. He also had monthly meetings and a progress meeting on the Distribution system upgrade in preparation of the start of the City portion of the project as Delmarva Power should be finished with their pole work on Sussex Highway this week.

Councilman Holland reported that staff attended the DeIDOT TAP public hearing for the proposed Gateway Park improvements. Met with local pastor regarding City Council agenda items, attended the City Managers meeting and met with the state chamber of commerce director. Attended a visit with Senator Carper and reviewed the mower bid specifications.

In IT, working on setting up new pc's, updates and OS issues. Working on large project planning and council meeting prep. Also, working on desk at PD and cleaning up cables along with routine IT calls.

In Administration, work is being completed on FOP negotiations. Also working with staff on the AMI project meter swap. Preparing for the annual audit and attended the annual DEMEC board meeting. Information was prepared and submitted to the actuaries for GASB 75 and JAG grant application for the Police department. All other business is routine, financial management, payroll and benefits, purchasing, billing, customer service, etc.

Councilman King reported in the Code department, Building Official Mike Bailey reported that the Code Department is doing routine inspections for on-going projects, violation inspections and performing plan reviews for new permits. The Code Dept. has issued 169 permits and 143 Rental Licenses as of August 24, 2018. They are also preparing for the September Planning & Zoning Commission and Board of Adjustment meetings.

Large Project Statuses: The work on the Royal Farms building is nearly complete with a possible opening in mid-September. The Ross Station Event Center work has started. The plans for the exterior remodel of the Stargate Diner have been submitted.

In Parks & Recreation, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation Katie Hickey reported that the Parks Department has completed routine jobs of prepping the soccer and softball fields including preparation for the finals, weekly trash pick-up, grass cutting and work orders. Men's Slow Pitch Softball is in its second week and prep for Adult Flag Football has begun. Youth Flag Football jerseys have been ordered and organized. Soccer Semi-Finals were held on 8/19 and the Soccer Finals were held on 8/25 on the Field of Dreams. A bid specification sheet has been completed for a new zero-turn mower.

The last 1st Saturday Event for 2018 is this weekend, September 1st and planning is underway for the Back-to-School Movie Mania events scheduled for Friday, September 21st ("Sing") and Saturday, September 29th ("The Greatest Showman"). Both movies start at 7:30 pm across from the Jay's Nest.

Councilman Henderson added that he attended a meeting with ACE center yesterday which he felt was a productive meeting. He also attended the viewing for Senator Venables wife and they were appreciative of the flowers that were sent by the City of Seaford.

Mayor Genshaw thanked everyone that participated in the Back to School event today.

With no further comments, Mayor Genshaw called for a motion to close the regular Council Meeting. Councilman Mulvaney made a motion to close the regular Council Meeting. Councilwoman Phillips-Lowe seconded the motion; the motion so passed with all present voting in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

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