

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

September 09, 2014

7:00 PM

Mayor David C. Genshaw called the Regular Meeting to order with the following present: Councilwoman Grace S. Peterson, Councilman Dan H. Henderson, Councilwoman Leanne Phillips-Lowe, Councilman Orlando Holland and Councilman H. William Mulvaney III. Dolores J. Slatcher, City Manager and Charles Anderson, Assistant City Manager, were also present.

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

Mayor David Genshaw solicited changes to the agenda. City Manager Slatcher stated that there were no changes.

Mayor David Genshaw called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of August 26, 2014. City Manager Dolores Slatcher stated the minutes could not be approved because they had not been reviewed by Council yet.

Mayor David Genshaw called Mr. John Rittenhouse up to present information on the event Shift Destiny 2014. The event is open to the public and will be held at the Nylon Capital Shopping Center on September 20th 2014 from 12:30pm until 6:00pm.

There was no correspondence.

Mayor Genshaw presented New Business # 1, Motion to award the trade of a 2008 Toro Z55 Z Master Zero Turn Mower for a 2014 Snapper Pro Out Front Zero Turn mower with a 61' cutting deck as per bid specifications. City Manager Dolores Slatcher reported the bids included Armiger's Defender as well as the Gravely and Adkins and Sons Snapper Pro Out Front Zero Turn mower. Adkins and Sons was the only bid received that fully complied with the bid specifications. Councilman Henderson motioned to approve the bid for the mower to Adkins and Sons 2014 Snapper Pro Out Front Zero Turn mower in the amount of \$12,349.00 with a trade allowance of \$4,174.00 for a net total of \$8,175.00 as presented with the trade of the 2008 Toro Z55 Z Master Zero Turn Mower. Councilman Mulvaney seconded the motion; motion so passed with all present voting in favor.

Mayor Genshaw presented New Business # 2, Appraisal for Power Plant as prepared by Carmean Appraisal Group. City Manager Dolores Slatcher reported that the Power Plant Property consists of 1.893 acres, is a waterfront lot, zoned Riverfront Enterprise Zone, and is located along the Nanticoke River. The property was valued in accordance with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice. The appraisal report is subject to the following Extraordinary Assumptions, including any environmental contaminations that could have resulted in the previously utilized Power Plant building. The property is valued as vacant with no improvements, is assumed to contain no environmental contamination and excludes demolition costs. The property is valued as site ready to develop. After reviewing the available information concerning the Power Plant property the Fee Simple Market Value is appraised in the amount of \$353,100.00 as of August 12, 2014. The appraisal is time sensitive and a reasonable marketing time of 9-12 months.

REMINDER OF MEETINGS & SETTING NEW MEETINGS

There are no current meetings set.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilwoman Phillips-Lowe reported that Chief Purse stated the annual Burn Tournament raised an estimated \$15,000.00 this year. A member of the fire company has resigned but the company is gaining a few new members. The fire company has started work with the State Fire Prevention and has sent packets to the schools encouraging children to participate in the essay contest. A few members are attending the Delaware Volunteer Fireman's Association conference in Dover, and to date this year there has been a

total of 439 fire calls and 2,208 ambulance runs. The police department is continuing planning for the Community Night Out for October 2nd. The two new police officers, Short and Justice, have finished their 8 weeks of field training and have been released to work as solo officers. Corporal Chris Miller recently attended a week long instructor school for the use of pepper spray, chemical weapons and less lethal options. Due to faulty equipment the Police Department back-up generator failed during a power-outage on Sunday September 7th, Councilwoman Phillips-Lowe suggested that a bid for a new back-up generator should be considered.

Councilman Mulvaney reported that Finance Director June Merritt has been finishing up things from the audit, and has also been continuing training of new duties with staff members. Charles Anderson, Assistant City Manager, and Dolores Slatcher, City Manager have been attending meetings and reviewing the bids for the new mower that will be purchased, and attended the ground breaking for the Mears Campus.

Councilman Holland reported that the fall field hockey clinic has started, and after not having enough children sign-up tackle football has been cut from the fall sports and those that were signed up have been moved to flag football. There were also 150 attendees for the finale of movie night. The trip for Nationals vs. Phillies game is still scheduled, and fall sports will begin within the next few weeks including youth and adult flag football, youth field hockey and adult volleyball.

Councilman Henderson reported that the economic development work has been routine. The Arbutus well was taken off for repairs on August 22nd and is due to return to service on September 9th. There were two water main breaks reported and repaired on Harrington Street, and the Dover Electric Lift station went offline on September 7th due to a piping failure. There has been heavy limb and leaf pick up, and the wastewater plant has been running excellent. In the Code Department, drafting for the City's Flood Hazard Ordinance for FEMA compliance continues. Josh Littleton also attended a Preliminary Land Use Service meeting in Dover on August 27th and documents for dedications of several streets in the City also continue.

Councilwoman Peterson reported that Rick Garner, Electrical Engineer has been continuing the drawings for Parks & Recreation Department building and has been working on the Police Department backup generator, and also checked on a power quality issue at the Seaford Industrial Park but found no issues. Bill Bennett reported that the Stein Highway project has been moving along as planned. There was also a pole replacement on Route 13 after an accident occurred and investigations continue to try and resolve the issues for why the 1 ½ hour power outage at the Pine Street sub-station occurred.

With no further comments, Mayor Genshaw called for a motion to close the Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council. Councilwoman Phillips- Lowe made the motion to close the Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council. Councilwoman Peterson seconded the motion and the motion so passed, with all present voting in favor. Mayor Genshaw closed the Regular Meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Dolores J. Slatcher, City Manager

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