

**City of Aberdeen Council Meeting
December 15, 2014**

Present: Mayor Bennett, Councilwoman Elliott, Councilman Garner,
Councilwoman Landbeck and Councilwoman Young

Absent: None

Also Present: Douglas Miller, City Manager
Phyllis Grover, Director of Planning and Community Development
Kyle Torster, Director of Public Works
Henry Trabert, Chief of Police
Opiribo Jack, Director of Finance
Monica Correll, City Clerk
Doris Manner, Recording Secretary

Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The prayer was led by Bishop Melvin Taylor of Word of Faith Outreach Ministries and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilwoman Landbeck.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Councilwoman Elliott and seconded by Councilwoman Young to approve the minutes of the November 24, 2014 Council Meeting.

The minutes were approved by a vote of 5 – yes.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Proclamation in Honor of Sheriff Bane

Mayor Bennett presented a proclamation to Sheriff Jess Bane in honor of his service to Harford County. In addition, Chief Trabert presented to him a token of appreciation from the Aberdeen Police Department.

2. Introduction - Lt. Gosnell, Aberdeen Police Department

Chief Trabert introduced Dan Gosnell, who was promoted to the rank Lieutenant in December, and will command the Criminal Investigation Division.

3. Heritage Trust, Holiday Decorating Contest

Mayor Bennett and Ms. Judy Hinch of the Heritage Trust, presented the Holiday Decorating Contest awards to the following winners:

- Pam Overly and Mike Wirsing - third place, modern

- Russell and Olene Piper - third place, modern
- Steve Piper - second place, modern
- Eric Piper - first place, modern
- William Loerop - honorable mention, modern
- Pamela Hullett - honorable mention, modern
- Amanda and Vincent Ordos - second place, colonial
- Louise Costello/Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce - first place, colonial/business
- Linda Baine - first place, colonial.

A slideshow presentation was given to show the winning homes.

4. Appearance and Preservation Committee, Christmas Street Contest

Mayor Bennett and Ms. Caroline Curry presented the awards to the following winners:

Youth Category

Cub Scout Pack 820 - windows, first place
Karing for Kids - walking, first place
Cub Scout Pack 802 - float, first place
Aberdeen Boys & Girls Club - float, second place
St. Paul Lutheran Church -float, third place

Adult Category

Aberdeen Room Archives Museum – windows, first place
Krueger Family – windows, second place
Word of Faith International Church - windows, third place
Aberdeen Lioness Lions - float, first place
Aberdeen Rotary Club – float, second place
Aberdeen IronBirds – float, third place

Business Category

Mamie's Café – windows, first place
Edible Arrangements – windows, second place
Scoops Corner Café and Deli – windows, third place.

5. Transportation Advocate Award

Councilwoman Young presented the Transportation Advocate Award to the Mayor, Mr. Miller and Ms. Grover she received on behalf of the City at a Chesapeake Science and Security Corridor (CSSC) meeting held on December 11, 2014. This award acknowledged the City's support and hard work in making this a thriving, defense community of excellence.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

LEGISLATIVE SESSION: None

BUSINESS OF THE CITY:

1. Unfinished Business - None
2. New Business - None
3. Business from the Director of Planning and Community – No report.
4. Business from the Chief of Police

Chief Trabert thanked everyone for contributing to the toy and food drive and reported on other holiday activities.

5. Business from the Director of Finance

Mr. Jack said that the FY 2015 budgets for the General and Capital Projects Funds needed to be amended. The General Fund budget was being increased by a total of \$25,174 for the following:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Special Operations - Police Department	\$ 25,174	Funded with funds from Harford County
Total	\$ 25,174	

The Capital Projects Fund budget was being increased by a total of \$2,063,006 for the following:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Comment</u>
BRAC zone improvement projects	\$ 213,052	Funded with State Grant
Carry-over, prior years' CDBG projects	\$ 229,270	Funded with Harford County Grant
Demolition/clearance - Franklin Street Properties	\$ 139,295	Funded with Harford County Grant
Festival Park water feature	\$ 100,000	Funded with State Grant
Transit Oriented Development projects (Acquisition of Real Properties)	\$ 200,000	Funded with State Grant
Carry-over of prior years' street resurfacing projects	\$1,181,389	Funded with Fund Balance

Total **\$2,063,006**

A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilwoman Elliott to approve the Budget Amendments.

The motion was passed with a vote of 5 - yes.

6. Business from the Director of Public Works – None

7. Business from the City Manager

Mr. Miller noted that the time of the Business Meeting, Work Session scheduled for January 5, 2015 had changed to 2:00 p.m. instead of 4:00 p.m. Mr. Miller welcomed Mr. Torster as a resident of Aberdeen.

BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL:

1. Business from the City Council – The Council wished everyone happy holidays, thanked the volunteers, and congratulated the winners of the contests. Councilwoman Elliott said that the B&O Train Station was scheduled to move on Tuesday, December 16, 2014.

2. Business from the Mayor

Mayor Bennett noted that the Train Station was a project funded by the Historical Society of Harford County and the Aberdeen Room Archives & Museum. He congratulated the winners of the holiday contests and thanked the volunteers and staff.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council Business Meeting/Work Sessions: Monday, January 5, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.
Monday, January 12, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.
Next Council Meeting: Monday, January 26, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
Planning Commission Meeting: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilwoman Elliott to adjourn the meeting at 7:41p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

The holiday cookie reception followed the meeting.