

**City of Aberdeen Council Meeting
February 23, 2015**

Present: Mayor Bennett, Councilwoman Elliott, Councilwoman Landbeck,
Councilman Smith, 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 (DPW)
Kirk Bane, Deputy Chief of Police
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 delivered by Reverend James C. Williams, Sr., Mt. Zion Baptist Church, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Stephen Smith.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilwoman Young to approve the following minutes:

Business Meeting, Work Session, January 5, 2015
Business Meeting, Work Session, January 12, 2015
Council Meeting, January 26, 2015
Business Meeting, Work Session, February 2, 2015
Business Meeting, Work Session, February 9, 2015

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

PRESENTATIONS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Robert Hartman, Paradise Road, Aberdeen, MD: Mr. Hartman commented on the Harford County Water and Sewer Authority Study, MTBE law suit, and the rainy day fund.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION:

A. Ordinance No. 15-O-01, Revision to Development Code, Chapter 235, Integrated Business District (For Introduction)

- B. Ordinance No. 15-O-02, Revision of City of Aberdeen Assessory Uses and Other Restrictions (For Introduction)
- C. Ordinance No. 15-O-04, Trash Sticker Licensing Program (For Introduction)

Mayor Bennett introduced Ordinance No. 15-O-01, Ordinance No. 15-O-02, and Ordinance No. 15-O-04. Public Hearings would be held on March 23, 2015.

BUSINESS OF THE CITY:

- A. Unfinished Business - None
- B. New Business

- 1. Board of Appeals Appointment

Mayor Bennett nominated Mr. Erick C. Stone for the Board of Appeals. He would replace Councilman Smith, who occupied the position before becoming a Council member.

The nomination was approved by a vote of 5 – yes, 0- no.

- C. Business from the Director of Planning and Community - None
- D. Business from the Chief of Police - None
- E. Business from the Director of Finance - None
- F. Business from the Director of Public Works

Mr. Torster reported on the snow removal operations. The Hillcrest Tower repainting project would start soon and take about 90 days to complete.

- G. Business from the City Manager

- 1. Stadium Seats

- a. Budget Amendment
- b. Permission to Sole Source

Mr. Miller explained that the seats at Ripken Stadium required replacement. He anticipated the money to be reimbursed by the hotel tax.

A motion was made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilwoman Young to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$28,450 from the General Fund to the

Stadium Fund and to grant permission to sole source to Veletta Industries, LLC of Pittsgrove, New Jersey.

The motion was passed by a vote of 5 – yes, 0- no.

Mr. Miller explained that the City declined joining the Harford Water and Sewer Authority for the following reasons: property taxes would increase, the City would lose control over its economic development, lose the ability to grow long term, and lose economies of scale.

Mr. Miller clarified that there is a Rainy Day Fund for the Water Fund. The \$2 million dollars received from the MTBE lawsuit settlement was reimbursement to the City for the contamination clean up and, therefore, was placed back into the Water Enterprise Fund. The Hillcrest Town Project was funded out of this fund. The City draws other expenditures from the Fund Balance.

BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL:

A. Business from the City Council - None.

B. Business from the Mayor

Mayor Bennett expressed his concerns over the Route 22 expansion project and how it would affect the Aberdeen taxpayers. He reported that Delegate Lisanti would be sponsoring a bill to help military communities and municipalities around federal installations faced with the responsibility of paying for the relocation of water/sewer lines for State Highway projects. It would require the use of federal funds in the relocation of public utilities.

The Mayor reported on the current status of State Highway User Revenues and that the Maryland Municipal League supported full funding to help municipalities provide needed services and repair/maintain infrastructure. The Governor had restored about fifty percent funding.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Business Meeting, Work Session:	Monday, March 2, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.
	Monday, March 16, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.
Next Council Meeting:	Monday, March 23, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
Planning Commission Meeting:	Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Young and seconded by Councilwoman Landbeck to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. The motion carried.