

City of Aberdeen
Business Meeting, Work Session
March 16, 2015

Council Present: Mayor Bennett, Councilwoman Elliott, Councilwoman Landbeck, Councilman Smith and Councilwoman Young

Council Absent: None

Staff: Douglas Miller, City Manager
Phyllis Grover, Director of Planning and Community Development
Kyle Torster, Director of Department of Public Works
Henry Trabert, Chief of Police
Monica Correll, City Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers by Mayor Bennett.

A. Matters of Immediate and Urgent Business

1. Budget Amendment; Rt. 40 Sewer Rehabilitation
2. Award of Work; Rt. 40 Sewer Rehabilitation

A motion was made by Councilwoman Elliott and seconded by Councilwoman Landbeck to approve: 1) a budget amendment in the amount of \$250,000 transfer from the Fund Balance to the Sewer Enterprise Fund for the rehabilitation of sewer line work under Rt. 40, and 2) award of work in the amount of \$158,250.00 plus 10% contingency to Daisy Construction Company, Newark, Delaware with the remaining difference to cover the sewer bypass pumping contract and test pit excavation work order.

The motion passed with a vote of 5 – yes, 0 – no.

3. Budget Amendment; Pool Plastering
4. Award of Work; Pool Plastering

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilwoman Young and Councilman Smith to approve: 1) a budget amendment in the amount of \$79,000 transfer from either/or the Fund Balance or Contingency Fund to Parks and Recreation to replaster the Aberdeen Family Swim Center pool, 2) award of work to Lothorian, LLC, Phoenix, Maryland, and 3) permission to sole source.

The motion passed with a vote of 5 – yes, 0 – no.

5. Budget Amendment; Water Plant Roof
6. Award of Work; Water Plant Roof

A motion was made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilwoman Young to: 1) approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$37,000 transfer from the Fund Balance to the Water Enterprise Fund for the Water Treatment Plant roof replacement, and 2) award of work, Bid No. 15-07, in the amount of \$37,150.00 to Ream Roofings, Dallastown, Pennsylvania, for the Water Treatment Plant roof replacement.

The motion passed with a vote of 5 – yes, 0 – no.

The business meeting was concluded at 4:19 p.m. and the work session began.

B. Work Session

1. Planning

- a) Pomeroy Rezoning Request
- b) Hardy Annexation

Ms. Grover presented an overview of the zoning reclassification for 727 and 811 Old Philadelphia Road (aka the Pomeroy properties) and the annexation petition from Hardy Family Series, LLC. The public hearing for these would be held at the March 23, 2015 Council Meeting.

2. Finance

- a) FY 16 Budget

Mr. Miller stated that the establishment of the hotel tax will help with Ripken Stadium upkeep and would enable the Mayor to reduce the property tax rate by two cents. The increase in Highway User Revenues would benefit road maintenance. Due to the decline of the city's assessable base, a constant yield tax rate hearing would not be required. Police state aid had decreased and the staff had been instructed to maintain the budget status quo.

3. Legislative

- a) Legislative Update
- b) HB 920 Update

The Mayor reported on the various bills before the Maryland General Assembly, Maryland Municipal League's initiatives, and the fiscal impact on municipalities. He reported that he testified on behalf of House Bill 920, sponsored by Delegate Lisanti, to help deflect the expense of relocation of water and sewer lines for State Highway Administration projects. This would benefit Aberdeen in the Rt. 22 road widening.

4. Aberdeen Police Department

- a) Promotions
- b) CALEA Status
- c) Command Vehicle Status

Chief Trabert reported on recent promotions within the Department, an onsite assessment for CALEA accreditation was scheduled, and that the command vehicle was painted and repairs scheduled.

5. Other

Mr. Miller said that bids were opened for the interior demolition of the Moose Lodge and that the Mayor hosted a meeting regarding celebration plans for the 100th anniversary of the Aberdeen Proving Ground and the 125th anniversary of the City of Aberdeen.

Announcements: Council Meeting, March 23, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment: Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.