

**City of Aberdeen Council Meeting  
May 18, 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)  
Lt. Anthony Burke, Aberdeen Police Department  
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 delivered by Reverend Catherine Hooker, New Beginnings Church of God, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilwoman Ruth Ann Young.

Approval of Minutes

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

Council Meeting, April 27, 2015  
Business Meeting/Work Session, May 4, 2015  
Business Meeting/Work Session, May 11, 2015

**The minutes were approved by a vote of 5 – yes, 0 – no.**

**PRESENTATIONS:**

1. Proclamation in Recognition of Click It or Ticket Mobilization in Aberdeen

Mayor Bennett presented a proclamation to Lt. Burke in recognition of Click It or Ticket week to promote seat belt awareness.

2. Proclamation in Recognition of the Aberdeen Bulldogs

Mayor Bennett presented a proclamation in recognition of the accomplishments of the Aberdeen Bulldogs and the volunteers who mentor them through Aberdeen Parks and Recreation.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Ordinance No. 15-O-05, Budget FY 2015-2016

1. Ms. Carol Bruce, Oak Street: Ms. Bruce asked for more support for the Parks and Recreation programs, especially funding.
2. Ms. Barbara Osborn Kreamer, Beards Hill Road: Ms. Kreamer stated her concerns on the proposed budget and that the tax rate should be reduced. She also asked for more meetings and public hearings.
3. Ms. Janice Grant, Law Street: Ms. Grant offered her services for tutoring and that a site was needed. She asked for this to be included in the budget.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. Mr. Robert Tarring, Jr., President, B&O Restoration Committee: Mr. Tarring announced the plans for the B&O Station lowering on May 21-22, 2015.
2. Ms. Janice Grant, Law Street: Ms. Grant offered two acres of her land for young people to use with guidance on Edmund Street.
3. Mr. Michael Warkmeister, Swan Street: Mr. Warkmeister remarked on his water bill adjustment.
4. Ms. Barbara Osborn Kreamer, Beards Hill Road: Ms. Kreamer remarked that the budget should not produce a surplus accumulation and taxes should be lowered.

**LEGISLATIVE SESSION:**

1. Ordinance No. 15-O-06, Amendment to Chapter 417, Peddling and Soliciting (For Adoption)

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilwoman Young to approve Ordinance No. 15-O-06, Amendment to Chapter 417, Peddling and Soliciting.

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

**BUSINESS OF THE CITY:**

1. Unfinished Business – None
2. New Business - None
3. Business from Director of Planning & Community Development
  - a. Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Open House Update

Ms. Grover reported that that FEMA released the updated flood insurance rate maps and recently conducted an open house meeting. Some residents and property owners would be impacted by the changes in the mapping and would receive notifications. The City planned to adopt the maps and an updated ordinance.

4. Business from Chief of Police - Chief Trabert was not in attendance.

Lieutenant Anthony Burke reported that an Aberdeen Police Officer had recently died.

5. Business from Director of Finance

a. Year-To-Date Financial Activities

Mr. Jack reviewed the schedule of the City's year-to-date financial activities for July 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015 and compared revenues and expenses to budgeted amounts for the various funds.

**General Fund**

Total revenues (including appropriated fund balance) exceeded total expenses (including transfers-out) by \$3 million, with revenues of \$13.9 million, and expenses of \$10.9 million.

Revenues were \$373 thousand better than budgeted. Property tax collection was more than budgeted by \$462 thousand. State and County-shared revenues were less than budgeted by \$207 thousand mostly due to delay in income tax remittance from the State.

Expenses were better than budgeted by \$761 thousand. This was mostly due to: savings from vacant positions, police pension plan, workers' compensation, property insurance premiums, and fuel cost.

**Capital Projects Fund**

Total receipts exceeded total expenses by \$206 thousand with receipts of \$3.2 million (including transfer-in of \$1.6 million from General Fund, and appropriated fund balance of \$1.2 million) and expenses of \$3 million.

Total receipts were less than budgeted by \$392 thousand. This was mostly due to delay in the implementation of grant projects which, in turn, delayed ability to draw down on grant funds. Expenses were better than budgeted by \$555 thousand due to delay in the implementation of projects.

**Water Fund**

Total revenues exceeded total expenses by \$919 thousand, with revenues of \$2.6 million and expenses of \$1.7 million. Revenues were better than budgeted by \$510 thousand due to higher than expected capital connection fees. Expenses were \$90 thousand less than budgeted.

**Sewer Fund**

Total revenues exceeded total expenses by \$152 thousand, with revenues of \$3.1 million and expenses of \$2.9 million. Revenues were better than budgeted by \$398 thousand due to higher-than-expected capital connection fees. Expenses were \$75 thousand less than budgeted.

**Stadium Fund**

Total receipts exceeded total expenses by \$370 thousand, with receipts of \$551 thousand (including transfer-in of \$260 thousand from General Fund), and expenses of \$181 thousand. Revenues and expenses were mostly in line with budget.

**All Funds**

Overall, the City's total revenues and other sources exceeded total expenses and other uses by \$4.7 million, with revenues and other sources of \$23.4 million, and expenses and other uses of \$18.7 million.

6. Business from Director of Public Works - None

7. Business from City Manager

- a. Surplus – Gravely Mower, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Water Treatment Plant, Chapel Hill Facility

A motion was made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilwoman Elliott to approve the surplus of the Gravely mower used at the Aberdeen Proving Ground Water Treatment Plant, Chapel Hill.

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

**BUSINESS OF COUNCIL:**

- 1. Business from the City Council – The public was reminded to remove yard sale signs following the events and those who commented were thanked for their concerns about the children of the community.
- 2. Business from the Mayor – Mayor Bennett thanked everyone for their comments. He asked that the families and the police department be remembered in thoughts and prayers following the death of one of their officers.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Next Business Meeting, Work Session:	Monday, June 1, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.
Upcoming Council Meetings:	Monday, June 8, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
	Monday, July 20, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Elliott and seconded by Councilman Smith to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. The motion carried.