

**City of Aberdeen Council Meeting  
September 26, 2011**

**Present:** Mayor Bennett, Councilman Garner, Councilwoman Young

**Absent:** Councilwoman Elliott, Councilwoman Landbeck

**Also Present:** Douglas Miller, City Manager  
Phyllis Grover, Director of Planning and Community Development  
Matthew Lapinsky, Director of Public Works  
Henry Trabert, Chief of Police  
Monica Correll, City Clerk

Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance were led by Mayor Bennett.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Young and seconded by Councilman Garner to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2011 meeting as submitted.

**The motion was passed with a vote of 3 – yes, 2- absent.**

**PRESENTATIONS:**

1. Proclamation – St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The Mayor recognized St. Paul's St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church by reading and presenting a proclamation to its representatives celebrating their 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**LEGISLATIVE SESSION:**

1. Ordinance No. 11-O-02, Public Ethics Ordinance (For Adoption on October 10)

The City Manager explained that this ordinance was posted because it was deferred to a specified date and for public information. Items in question concern codifying the disclosure form and assigning a dollar amount to gifts of significant value.

**BUSINESS OF THE CITY:**

1. Unfinished Business – None.
2. New Business – None.

3. Business from the Director of Planning and Community Development

Ms. Grover announced that Aberdeen Middle School was the featured school for International Walk to School Day and that there would be a meeting concerning the Aberdeen Station Area Master Plan Presentation in October.

4. Business from the Chief of Police – None.

5. Business from the Director of Finance – None. Mr. Jack was not present.

6. Business from the Director of Public Works

a) Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG) Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) Bid #03-04, Storm Drain Separation

The Mayor said that these are APG issues and are paid for through the contract with the government; it is a formality that the Council does this. A motion was made by Councilwoman Young and seconded by Councilman Garner to approve APG WWTP Bid #03-04, Storm Drain Separation to Goettner Construction Company for \$33,283.

**The motion passed with a vote of 3 – yes, 2 – absent.**

b) APG Bid #11-01, 4WD Dump Truck with Snow Plow

A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilwoman Young to approve APG Bid #11-01, 4WD Dump Truck with Snow Plow to Apple Ford L/M, Inc. for \$68,900.

**The motion passed with a vote of 3 – yes, 2 – absent.**

c) APG Bid #11-02, One-Ton 4WD Crew Cab Utility Bed Truck

A motion was made by Councilwoman Young and seconded by Councilman Garner to approve APG Bid #11-02, One-Ton 4WD Crew Cab Utility Bed Truck to Apple Ford L/M, Inc. for \$40,960.

**The motion passed with a vote of 3 – yes, 2 – absent.**

d) APG Bid #11-06, Water Service Van

A motion was made by Councilwoman Young and seconded by Councilman Garner to approve APG Bid #11-06, Water Service Van to Chesapeake Ford Truck Sales, Inc. for \$57,795.

**The motion passed with a vote of 3 – yes, 2 – absent.**

Mr. Lapinsky gave a PowerPoint presentation on the new salt shed and explained the size, features, capacity comparison, and construction contractors.

7. Business from the City Manager

Mr. Miller said that relative to an ordinance which will allow the City to refinance its existing debt, the City will be making presentations to the rating agencies this week.

**BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL:**

1. Business from the City Council

The Council members discussed their recent meetings which included the Harford County Quarterly, Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce, the Harford County Chamber of Commerce, and the Academy for Excellence in Local Governance at the University of Maryland, College Park.

2. Business from the Mayor

Mayor Bennett reported that he participated in a live panel on Harford Cable Network about emergency preparedness in Harford County, the annual City awards breakfast honoring exemplary employees, and the Academy for Excellence in Local Governance at the University of Maryland, College Park, where he gave the commencement address. He also attended the Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce luncheon, the Eastern Shore Chapter meeting of Maryland Municipal League (MML) in Easton, an Economic Development Commission meeting, and a meeting with Harford County Executive David Craig followed by an annual business tour. In addition, the Mayor attended the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command ribbon cutting on APG, the Harford County Quarterly Elected Officials meeting, and the dedication and ribbon cutting for the new educational space and fellowship hall for the Aberdeen Bible Church on Edmund Avenue. Mayor Bennett advised everyone of a new State and County law starting October 1, making it illegal to place unauthorized roadside, commercial signs in State right-of-ways.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Next Council Meeting: Monday, October 10, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Next Council Work Session: Monday, October 17, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilwoman Young to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. The motion carried.