

**City of Aberdeen Council Meeting
October 19, 2015**

Council 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
Chief Henry Trabert, 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 led by Bishop Melvin Taylor of the Word of Faith Outreach Ministries and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Stephen Smith.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilman Smith to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2015 Council Meeting and the minutes of the October 5, 2015 Business Meeting/Work Session.

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

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Heritage Trust Beautification Awards

Mayor Bennett presented awards to the following businesses for their beautification efforts:
America's Best Value Inn, 424 S. Philadelphia Boulevard and Flowers by Lucy, 20 West Bel Air Avenue.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Ms. Carol Bruce, Oak Street, Aberdeen: Ms. Bruce discussed future plans for the former Moose Lodge and old high school.
2. Mr. Art Koszoru, Doris Circle, Aberdeen: Mr. Koszoru asked about the distressed property next to his house.

3. Ms. Marla Posey-Moss, Avon Drive, Aberdeen: Ms. Posey-Moss inquired about Ordinance No. 15-O-03 and asked that the citizens have more time to review it.
4. Mr. Michael Hiob, Graceford Drive, Aberdeen: Mr. Hiob commented about a trip taken to Colorado pertaining to CALEA, matters involving the old school building, and opposed a name change to Festival Park. He also remarked on the summer concert series, distressed homes along Roberts Way and Doris Circle, and requested a second comment period at the Council meetings.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION:

1. Resolution No. 15-R-09, Enterprise Zone Tax Credits, 838 Old Philadelphia Road (For Introduction and Adoption)

Mayor Bennett introduced Resolution No. 15-R-09, Enterprise Zone Tax Credits, 838 Old Philadelphia Road. A motion was made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilwoman Landbeck to approve Resolution No. 15-R-09.

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

2. Ordinance No. 15-O-03, Exclusion from Public Parks (For Introduction)

Mayor Bennett introduced Ordinance No. 15-O-03, Exclusion from Public Parks.

BUSINESS OF THE CITY:

1. Unfinished Business - None
2. New Business - None
3. Business from Director of Planning & Community Development
 - a. Preliminary Site Plan for Stadium Towne Center

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilwoman Young to approve the Preliminary Site Plan for the Stadium Towne Center as submitted.

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

Ms. Grover reported on the status and use of grants.

4. Business from Chief of Police

Chief Trabert reported that the police command vehicle would be parked outside City Hall that night after the meeting for public inspection.

5. Business from Director of Finance – None

6. Business from Director of Public Works

a. Budget Amendment: Zone 3 Water Supply Improvements

A motion was made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilwoman Landbeck to approve a Budget Amendment in the amount of \$256,000 for the Water Tower, Zone 3 Water Supply Improvements, Evaluation, Design, and Permitting Services to be awarded to ARRO Consulting, Inc.

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

b. Budget Amendment: Sidewalk Construction

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilwoman Elliott and Councilman Smith to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$120,000 for sidewalk, curb construction, and gutter replacement on Roberts Way (south side of Rt. 22), Roberts Court, Coralee Court, and Colaine Drive.

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

Mr. Torster reported that the property at 410 Roberts Way was currently owned by Wells Fargo Bank following a foreclosure sale. The City would follow the necessary steps and legal requirements. He also reported that: street sweeping was complete; a \$120,000 grant was awarded to the City from the Maryland Board of Public Works for use by the wastewater treatment plant; there would be an evaluation on erosion and sediment control enforcement by the Maryland Department of the Environment; and DPW was in the process of working on the Rt. 40 sewer replacement.

7. Business from City Manager

Mr. Miller reported on the Aberdeen Proving Ground gate schedule changes.

BUSINESS OF COUNCIL:

1. Business from the City Council

The Council commented on the future community center and that the Council's goal was to revitalize Aberdeen. They stated that Councilwoman Young will be missed and had been a great asset to the City.

Councilwoman Young thanked the Council, her family, City staff, citizens and friends. She expressed that she enjoyed her duties and tenure as a Council member.

2. Business from the Mayor

Mayor Bennett presented an appreciation award and proclamation to Councilwoman Young in recognition of her outstanding service to the City from 2007 to 2015. He declared October 19, 2015, Ruth Ann Young Day in the City of Aberdeen with gratitude from the Council and citizens.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Special Post-Election Meeting: Monday, November 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Council Meeting: Monday, November 23, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting: Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Aberdeen 2015 Municipal Election: Tuesday, November 3, 2015 at the Aberdeen Senior Center
Polls Open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Elliott and seconded by Councilman Smith to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m. The motion carried.