

**City of Aberdeen Council Meeting
April 22, 2013**

Present: Mayor Bennett, Councilwoman Elliott, Councilman Garner,
Councilwoman Landbeck, and Councilwoman Young

Absent: None

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
Opiribo Jack, Director of Finance
Monica Correll, City Clerk

Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The prayer was led by Pastor Lisa Watson-Hill, St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilwoman Ruth Ann Young.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilwoman Young to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2013 Council Meeting as submitted.

The motion passed with a vote of 4 – yes, 1 – abstention.

Ayes: Mayor Bennett, Councilman Garner, Councilwoman Landbeck, and
Councilwoman Young

Abstained: Councilwoman Elliott

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Recycling Sticker Design Contest Announcement

Mayor Bennett announced the winners of the City of Aberdeen Recycling Sticker Design Contest. All three stickers would be valid for recycling containers.

1 st place:	Courtney Stasko
2 nd place:	Dr. Nancy Backus
3 rd place:	DeAunté Printup

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

LEGISLATIVE SESSION:

The following ordinances were introduced by the Council:

1. Ordinance No. 13-O-02, Amendments to City's Ethics Ordinance
2. Ordinance No. 13-O-04, Repeal of Security Cameras
3. Ordinance No. 13-O-05, 2015 Mayor/City Council Salaries
4. Ordinance No. 13-O-06, Sign Code Amendments

BUSINESS OF THE CITY:

1. Unfinished Business – None
2. New Business – None
3. Business from the Director of Planning & Community Development – None
4. Business from the Chief of Police – None
5. Business from the Director of Finance – None
6. Business from the Director of Public Works

Mr. Lapinsky stated that the stormwater ordinance passed by Harford County Government for a stormwater fee does not pertain to the citizens of Aberdeen. Harford County was part of phase 1 and Aberdeen was a phase 2 permit holder, scheduled for next year.

He explained that phase 2 would include public education and public participation. During the 2013 Earth Day event held at Festival Park, public education booth volunteers provided the public with stormwater pamphlets entitled, "When It Rains, It Drains." In addition, volunteers were scheduled to place storm drain markers throughout the City.

7. Business from the City Manager

Mr. Miller provided the following information:

- The amendments to the Ethics Ordinance were housekeeping items.
- The Repeal of the Security Cameras Ordinance concerned eliminating the requirement to have camera systems in industrial, commercial, and some residential developments.
- The Mayor/Council Salaries Ordinance would change salaries for the elected officials starting with the 2015 election. He explained that the current salaries had not changed in decades, the City was larger, and the work was more complex.
- The Sign Code Amendments Ordinance would modernize sign code standards.
- He announced the dates for introduction, public hearing, and adoption of the budget.

A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilwoman Elliott to change the May 6, 2013 Business Meeting/Work Session start time from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The motion was passed by a vote of 5 – 0.

Council discussion followed regarding the repeal of security cameras. Since the City was not equipped to provide a receiving end in the police station for monitoring purposes, it was deemed unfair to require the installation of the systems. In addition, this would have imposed heavy City expenditures during a difficult financial time. The City-owned, City-operated camera system, however, would remain for expansion and enhancement.

BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL:

1. Business from the City Council

The Council commented on Earth Day's success, thanked everyone involved, advised the public about the time changes in the Council meeting schedule, provided Department of Public Works chipping service information, and noted the Aberdeen High School Girls Basketball Team championship victory.

2. Business from the Mayor

The Mayor reported on a meeting with Home Depot representatives to discuss Home Depot's dedication to community service which included a well-organized disaster recovery team.

During a recent meeting at APG, he asked General Ferrell to give a briefing on the impact of sequestration at a future Council meeting. The Mayor also described a new program that used tethered blimps equipped with radar units for the protection of Washington, D.C. and surrounding areas. He anticipated a presentation on this as well.

Mayor Bennett said he was honored to have thrown the first pitch at the Aberdeen Parks and Recreation baseball game. He attended an emergency operations "table top" exercise at Ripken Stadium hosted by the Aberdeen Police Department to develop safety services for public events at the stadium.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Business Meeting/Work Session:	Monday, May 6, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.
	Monday, May 13, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.
Next Council Meeting:	Monday, May 20, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
Planning Workshop:	Wednesday, May 15, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.
Planning Commission Meeting:	Wednesday, May 15, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Elliott and seconded by Councilwoman Young to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.