

City of Aberdeen
Business Meeting, Work Session
April 6, 2015

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

Council Absent: None

Staff: Douglas Miller, City Manager
Monica Correll, City Clerk
Doris Manner, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers by Mayor Bennett. Since there were no matters of immediate or urgent business the Council began the work session.

Aberdeen Volunteer Fire Department (AFD) Capital Needs

Mr. Charles Glassman, Aberdeen Fire Department, Inc. (AFD), Board of Directors, Vice President, explained the needs and priorities of the Department. Manns Woodward Studios of White Marsh, Maryland was commissioned to prepare a feasibility study in order to examine future expansion and renovation alternatives for #1 House (main station) located on North Rogers Street, and #2 House located on East Bel Air Avenue. He noted that Department fundraisers had not produced enough money to cover the costs of renovations, vehicles, and equipment necessary to run modern fire operations.

Mr. Robert Manns and Ms. Emily Ratzlaff, the architects who prepared the study, presented a PowerPoint on the design process and cost analysis. The intent of the project was to improve the operations and living conditions of the volunteer personnel. Council discussion followed and included ideas about possible funding sources, obtaining grants, and the creation of a foundation.

Mr. Miller made the following announcements:

- An ordinance to refinance debt would be scheduled for introduction at the next meeting.
- The preliminary budget would be ready for discussion at the next meeting.
- The Police Department had begun its CALEA assessment.
- BGE gas relocations needed to be completed on Front Street.
- The ATC annexation petitioners were considering a residential project.
- The city had a \$37,244 obligation due to Harford County for participation in the water/sewer authority study.
- A Business Meeting/Work Session was scheduled on April 13 at 4:00 p.m.
- A Maryland Municipal League, Cecil-Harford Chapter Meeting was scheduled on April 16 in Port Deposit.
- Earth Day was scheduled on April 18 in Festival Park from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- A Council Meeting was scheduled on April 27 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment: Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:57 p.m.