

**City of Aberdeen  
Business Meeting, Work Session  
February 2, 2015**

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

**Council Absent:** None

**Staff:** Douglas Miller, City Manager  
Phyllis Grover, Director of Planning and Community Development  
Kyle Torster, Director of Department of Public Works  
Josh Quesenbery, Assistant Superintendent  
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.

A. Matters of Immediate and Urgent Business – None

B. Work Session

1. Public Works

- a) Update on Rt. 40 Sewer Interceptor - Mr. Miller reported that a budget amendment will be needed to make repairs on interceptor lines beneath Rt. 40 due to hydrogen sulfide damage. Messrs. Torster and Quesenbery presented a PowerPoint and video of the 18-inch pipeline explaining and illustrating the damage. The pipe is over 75 years old, requiring about two weeks of repair, and a cost estimate of over \$100,000. The process would be as follows: February - contract awarded; March - meetings with SHA; April - stormwater management and construction permits; June/July - work to take place. An open cut would be the safest option for repairs, it would have no impact on the Rt. 22 widening, and a liner might be necessary under the rail bed. The James Street line is non-problematic.

2. Planning

- a) IBD Uses
- b) Boat and RV Storage
- c) Wellhead Protection Ordinance Changes  
The Council was asked to review the changes on the documents provided for these matters.

3. Other

- a) Debit Refinancing - Permission from the Council to refinance some existing debt to a lower rate of interest would be sought at the February 23, 2015 meeting.
- b) APG Potential Job Loss - On January 29, 2015, Mayor Bennett, Councilwoman Young, and Mr. Steven Johnson (Economic Development Commission Chair) attended a public forum at Harford Technical High School, Amoss Center to discuss the potential job loss at Aberdeen Proving Ground.
- c) City Hall Alterations - Renovations will be done to City Hall for security and storage enhancements.

- d) Potential Museum Status - The City recently purchased the Moose property which might be used as an ordnance museum. The City will meet with engineers to determine the structural soundness of the building.
- e) Newsletter Topics - The newsletter is underway for the March – April release.
- f) City Attorney Meeting - Mr. Miller said there will be a meeting with the city attorney regarding changes to the unsafe building chapter.
- g) Mayor Bennett updated the Council on his meetings with the newly elected officials in Annapolis and the potential for full restoration of Highway User Revenues.

**Announcements:**

February 9, 2015; Business Meeting and Work Session

February 16, 2015, Presidents Day (Office Closed)

February 23, 2015; Council Meeting

March 2; Business Meeting and Work Session

**Adjournment:** Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.