

**City of Aberdeen Council Meeting  
December 12, 2011**

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

**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  
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 Pastor Steve Lyons of the Bread of Life Ministries and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilwoman Elliott.

A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilwoman Young to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2011 Council meeting.

**The motion was passed with a vote of 5 – yes.**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Elliott and seconded by Councilwoman Landbeck to approve the minutes of the November 28, 2011 Council meeting.

**The motion was passed with a vote of 5 – yes.**

**PRESENTATIONS:**

1. Appearance and Preservation Committee, Christmas Street Contest

Mayor Bennett and Caroline Curry, Appearance and Preservation Committee Chair, presented the 2011 Christmas Street Contest awards to the following winners:

Youth Category

Cub Scout Pack 820 – Windows, 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Girl Scout Troop 1993 – Windows, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Cub Scout Pack 961 – Windows, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
Cub Scout Pack 802 – Float, 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
St. Joan of Arc School – Float, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
St. Paul Lutheran Church – Float, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
Girl Scout Service Unit 76 – Walking, 1<sup>st</sup> Place

Karing for Kids Learning Center and Twirltastics, – Walking, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
George D. Lisby Elementary School at Hillsdale – Walking, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Adult Category

Aberdeen Room – Windows, 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Aberdeen Lioness/Lions – Windows, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place and Walking, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
The Kruger Family – Windows, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
Greyhound Pets of America – Walking, 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Tops – Walking – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Flowers by Lucy – Float, 1<sup>st</sup> Place

Youth/Adult Category

Raven's Nest – Float – 1<sup>st</sup> Place

Business Category

Famous and Spang Insurance Company – Windows, 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Scoops Corner Café and Deli – Windows, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Harford Acupuncture – Windows, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Ms. Curry thanked volunteers, participants, and spectators for the success of the 35<sup>th</sup> continuous Christmas Street Parade.

Mayor Bennett presented Ms. Curry with the Aberdeen Most Valuable Person Award for her devotion and service to the City.

2. Heritage Trust Holiday Decorating Contest

Dr. Nancy Backus stated that this was the first year for the Heritage Trust Decorating Contest focusing on exterior decorations and lights of homes and businesses. The winning establishments were displayed via a PowerPoint presentation.

Mayor Bennett and Dr. Backus announced the winners and presented the following awards:

Category: Modern

Steve and Janet Piper, Modern, 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Russell and Olene Piper, Modern, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Pam Harris Overly and Michael Wirsing, Modern, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Paul Gring, Modern, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
Kim and Ed Budnick, Modern, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Category: Business

Mamie's Cafe with Love, Business, 1<sup>st</sup> Place

Category: Colonial

Nicole Malone, Colonial, 1<sup>st</sup> Place

Joe and Lauren Alampi, Colonial, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Bryan Day, Colonial, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place.

Honorable Mentions for Modern and Colonial were: Linda Caldwell; George and Connie Martin; Jamie Kahoe; Pam Hullett; Amy Unglesbee and Donny Collier; Michael Schertle; Donald Crites, Sr., and Monica White.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. Mr. Bob Hartman, Paradise Road;  
Mr. Hartman commented on the homeless people and tents in the nearby woods.
2. Ms. Janice Grant, Law Street;  
Ms. Grant thanked everyone for their contributions to the Helping Hands Ministry coat drive.

**LEGISLATIVE SESSION:** None

**BUSINESS OF THE CITY:**

1. Unfinished Business – None
2. New Business – None
3. Business from the Director of Planning & Community Development

Ms. Grove stated the Planning Commission meeting schedule.

4. Business from the Chief of Police

Chief Trabert encouraged participation to the Aberdeen Police Department Holiday Food and Toy Drive.

5. Business from the Director of Finance – None
6. Business from the Director of Public Works

Mr. Lapinsky promoted the Lions Club Christmas trees sales and thanked the Department of Public Works employees scheduled to work during the holidays.

7. Business from the City Manager

Mr. Miller reported a costly sewer problem on Carter Street requiring emergency repairs.

**BUSINESS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL:**

1. Business from the City Council

The Council members reported on the historical DVD lecture series schedule, Aberdeen High School sports events and achievements, thanked all the volunteers for their hard work and wished everyone, including our forces abroad, a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

2. Business from the Mayor

Mayor Bennett wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He thanked the volunteers of the Heritage Trust and Appearance and Preservation Committee. The Mayor invited everyone to a Christmas Social following the meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Next Council Meeting: Monday, January 9, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilwoman Elliott to adjourn the meeting. The motion was passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.