

**City of Aberdeen Council Meeting
December 10, 2012**

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 Reverend Robert Clipp of Grace United Methodist Church 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 26, 2012, Council Meeting as submitted.

The motion was approved with a vote of 5 - yes.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Recognition of Mary Law and John Law, Outstanding Community Service

Mayor Bennett presented a proclamation and Mayor's Medals in recognition of Mary and John Law for their outstanding volunteer service to the City of Aberdeen. Mrs. Law had volunteered for 43 years and Mr. Law, 5 years. Mayor Bennett also proclaimed Monday, December 10, 2012, as Mary and John Law Day in the City of Aberdeen.

2. Appearance and Preservation Committee, Christmas Street Contest

Mayor Bennett and Caroline Curry, the Appearance and Preservation Committee Chairperson, presented the 2012 Christmas Street Contest Winners.

Youth Category

Girl Scout Troop 909, Window – 1st Place

Cub Scout Pack 820, Window – 2nd Place and Float – 2nd Place

Cub Scout Pack 802, Window, 3rd Place and Float – 1st Place

Saint Joan of Arc Church, Float – 3rd Place

Havre de Grace Rec Cheerleading, Walking – 1st Place
Hillsdale Elementary PTA, Walking – 2nd Place
Aberdeen Boys & Girls Clubs, Walking – 3rd Place

Youth/Adult

Girl Scout Service Unit 76, Walking – 1st Place
Karing for Kids, Walking – 2nd Place
Brighter Beginnings, Walking – 3rd Place
Wind Swept Stables, Float – 1st Place
St. Paul's Luther League, Float – 2nd Place
Aberdeen Moose Lodge 145, Float – 3rd Place

Adult Category

Aberdeen Heritage Trust, Window – 1st Place
Wendy Krueger, Window – 2nd Place
Aberdeen Room Archives Museum, Window – 3rd Place
Aberdeen Rotary Club, Float – 1st Place
Flowers by Lucy, Float – 2nd Place
Aberdeen Ironbirds, Float – 3rd Place

Business Category

Scoops Deli, Window – 1st Place

3. Heritage Trust, Holiday Decorating Contest

Mayor Bennett and Dr. Nancy Backus, Heritage Trust Chairperson, presented the awards for the winning homes in the Holiday Decorating Contest.

402 Ford Street, Modern - First Place
403 Ford Street, Colonial - First Place
428 Grasmere Drive, Colonial - Second Place
340 Penrith Way, Modern - Second Place
334 Graceford Drive, Colonial - Second Place
406 Ford Street, Modern - Second Place
928 Avon Drive, Modern - Second Place
617 Beards Hill Road, Modern - Third Place
606 Colaine Drive, Colonial - Third Place
238 Edmund Street, Modern - Third Place
410 Ford Street, Colonial - Third Place
409 Grasmere Drive, Modern - Honorable Mention
342 Penrith Way, Modern - Honorable Mention
783 Everist Drive, Modern - Honorable Mention
215 Hemlock Lane, Colonial - Honorable Mention
618 Marjorie Lane, Modern - Honorable Mention
508 W. Bel Air Avenue, Colonial - Honorable Mention
120 Mt. Royal Avenue, Modern - Honorable Mention

613 S. Rogers Street, Modern - Honorable Mention
130 Meeks Drive, Modern - Honorable Mention
720 Cambridge Avenue, Modern - Honorable Mention
41 Defense Drive, Colonial - Honorable Mention
514 First Street, Modern - Honorable Mention

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

LEGISLATIVE SESSION:

1. Resolution No. 12-R-13, Greater Aberdeen – Havre de Grace Enterprise Zone Application for WCT & Sons, LLC, 1013 Beards Hill Road (For Introduction and Adoption)

Mayor Bennett introduced Resolution No. 12-R-13, Greater Aberdeen – Havre de Grace Enterprise Zone Application for WCT & Sons, LLC, 1013 Beards Hill Road.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilwoman Elliott to approve Resolution No. 12-R-13, Greater Aberdeen – Havre de Grace Enterprise Zone Application for WCT & Sons, LLC, 1013 Beards Hill Road.

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

2. Resolution No. 12-R-15, Support of Home Partnership, Inc. (For Introduction and Adoption)

Mayor Bennett introduced Resolution No. 12-R-15, Support of Home Partnership, Inc.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Elliott and seconded by Councilwoman Landbeck to approve Resolution No. 12-R-15, Support of Home Partnership, Inc.

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

3. Ordinance No. 12-O-11, Chapter 500 Utilities (For Introduction)

Mayor Bennett introduced Ordinance No. 12-O-11, Chapter 500 Utilities.

4. Ordinance No. 12-O-12, Water Capital Revolving Loan Program.

Mayor Bennett noted that Ordinance No. 12-O-12 had been deferred to the January 14, 2013 Council Meeting.

BUSINESS OF THE CITY:

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

Chief Trabert reported on the Police Department holiday toy/food drive and the distribution of Christmas gifts to local children.

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

Mr. Lapinsky made announcements pertaining to the Lions Club and thanked the Public Works staff and Ms. Caroline Curry for their work during the Christmas Street Celebrations.

7. Business from the City Manager

- a. Pipe Bursting Equipment Borrowing Approval

Mr. Miller brought to the Council's attention that I&I (Inflow and Infiltration) issues would require equipment purchases in the amount of about \$97,000 to be paid off over the next three fiscal years.

- b. Permission to Sole Source Purchase

Mr. Miller explained that the equipment to be purchased will need to be sole sourced because the equipment is designed to work together. The City is part of a local government purchasing co-op. The City has \$13,410 left in the grant balance and is projected to be used toward a playground at the Swim Club.

BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL:

1. Business from the City Council

The Council acknowledged and thanked the Armed Forces, the Heritage Trust, Appearance and Preservation Committee, all the City volunteers, the Department of Public Works, the Aberdeen Police Department, and the Auxiliary Police for all their efforts.

2. Business from the Mayor

Mayor Bennett extended warm holiday greetings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Council Work Session: Monday, January 7, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.

Next Council Meeting: Monday, January 14, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Elliott and was seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m. The meeting was followed by a Christmas cookie reception.