

**City of Aberdeen Council Meeting
February 27, 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 & 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 Jason Evans of Riverside Community Church and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilwoman Elliott.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Elliott and seconded by Councilwoman Landbeck to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2012 Council meeting as submitted.

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

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Relay for Life, American Cancer Society – Elaine Bennett and Dee Halsey

Ms. Bennett was present to promote Relay for Life sponsored by the American Cancer Society to be held in Havre de Grace. She encouraged the Mayor and Council and the public to participate in this event.

2. Awards to Water and Waste Water Staff – 100% Compliance for 2011

Mayor Bennett and Mr. Lapinsky presented the following awards:

- APG WasteWater System 2011 – 100% Compliance NPDES Permit
- APG Water System 2011 - 100% MDE Compliance MDE Regulations
- City Wastewater System 2011 - 100% Compliance NPDES Permit
- City Water System 2011 – 100% Compliance MDE Regulations

Mr. Miller noted that the Department of Public Works employees are doing an excellent job for the City year after year with 100% compliance.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Mr. Ryan Burbey, Rigdon Road:

Mr. Burbey expressed his concerns about Harford County Government underfunding the school system and asked everyone to support full funding.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION:

1. Ordinance No. 12-O-03, Amendment to the Code, Council Liaisons, Chapters 30, 61, 108 (For Adoption)

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilwoman Young to approve Ordinance No. 12-O-03, Amendment to the Code, Council Liaisons, Chapters 30, 61, and 108.

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

2. Resolution No. 12-R-02, Boys & Girls Clubs of Harford County CDBG Grant Funding Support, Vi Ripken Youth Development Park (For Introduction and Adoption)

Mayor Bennett introduced Resolution No. 12-R-02, Boys & Girls Clubs of Harford County CDBG Grant Funding Support, Vi Ripken Youth Development Park.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Elliott and seconded by Councilman Garner to approve Resolution No. 12-R-02, Boys & Girls Clubs of Harford County CDBG Grant Funding Support, Vi Ripken Youth Development Park.

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

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

a. Bid No. SC 12-01, Swim Club Pool Pump Filter System Renovation

Mr. Lapinsky stated that this bid was for the Swim Club Pump Filter and also included insurance. This replacement along with some remodeling will bring the pool into compliance. Funds for this bid will come from a Community Parks and Playground Grant. Money from this grant will also provide a playground in the pool area. Council discussion followed. Mr. Lapinsky thought that the lifespan of the equipment was approximately 10 to 20 years.

A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilwoman Young to approve Bid No. SC 12-01, Swim Club Pool Pump Filter System Renovation in the amount of \$49,590.00 which included a Certificate of Insurance on the Bid Package from Lothorian, LLC.

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

Mr. Lapinsky noted that the Waste Water Treatment Plant is currently being renovated. He said the Edmund Street water booster station will handle the County water.

7. Business from the City Manager

Mr. Miller said that the current pool pump and motor is about 22 years old. This is an indicator to the longevity of the next one.

BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. Business from the City Council

The Council members announced local community fund raisers and events. The plight of the reduced funding for the school system was acknowledged. The Enhanced Nutrient Removal (ENR) fees are required by the State and that non-compliance would result in fines of about \$50,000 per day and jail sentences. The Aberdeen High School musical honor society orchestra was described as exceptional. The DPW employees were complimented and congratulated. The Aberdeen High School Girls Basketball Team was mentioned to be in the playoffs and ranked 38th in the nation. Mr. John S. Landbeck was to be inducted into the Aberdeen High School Hall of Fame.

2. Business from the Mayor

Mayor Bennett reported that he did the following:

- Met with the new commanding general, Major General Ferrell;
- Attended a meeting at Ripken to help plan for the 2012 World Series;
- Attended an Maryland Municipal League (MML) Legislative Meeting in Annapolis with Councilman Garner and Mr. Miller;
- Attended a meeting at the Aberdeen Library with Glenn Glass regarding legislative issues;
- Attended a dinner at Aberdeen Bible Church for the Inner County Outreach Organization;
- Spoke at a PR meeting for Habitat for Humanity;
- Met with House Speaker, Mike Busch, and spoke about MML legislative efforts on highway user revenue and State aid for police protection;
- Attended the Harford County Chamber Annual Dinner.

Mayor Bennett said there are many positive things happening, but this will be a very difficult budget year. He thanked all of the employees of DPW and commended the Aberdeen High School Girls Basketball Team on their successful season.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council Retreat – Saturday, March 3, 2012, Cal Ripken Sr.'s Yard Meeting Room, 9:00 a.m.

Next Council Meeting – Monday, March 26, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. The motion carried.