

Town Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 14, 2019

Present: Randy McLennan, Frank Vari, Frank Hill, Lee Adams, Rich Taylor (Mayor), Rob Bernstine (Staff), Tonya Lockwood (Staff)

Absent: Ed O'Hara

Mayor Rich Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Minutes:

October 17, 2019

Motion: Lee Adams made a motion, seconded by Randy McLennan to accept the minutes from October 17, 2019. All in favor, motion carried.

October 28, 2018 Workshop

Motion: Frank Vari made a motion, seconded by Frank Hill to accept the minutes from October 28, 2019 Workshop. All in favor, motion carried.

October 28, 2019 Special Session/Closed Session

Motion: Lee Adams made a motion, seconded by Frank Vari to accept the minutes from October 28, 2019 Special Session/Closed Session. All in favor, motion carried.

Proclamation: Distribution of Buddy Poppy's – Read by Mayor Rich Taylor

Proclamation: 50th Anniversary of the Chesapeake City Flotilla – Read by Mayor Rich Taylor

Council Reports:

Lee Adams

Water and Sewer- The submerged gravel wetland project at the water tower was completed. We are currently working to close out the Water Tower Project. The USDA online application is being filled out and will hopefully be completed by the end of this month. We are finishing the last MDE request by painting the South WWTP tanks. CCPS paid for 27 EDU's to hook-up. Please see attached Cecil County Operations and Maintenance Summary for WWTP Flows.

Planning Commission- Held monthly meeting on Nov. 6. Held Public Hearing for amendments to the CDO. No public or board comments on the amendments. They will vote to make a recommendation to forward the proposed amendments to Council at the next voting meeting.

Frank Hill

Finance- Gave an update of current Account balances. We are paying down the current bank loans of \$233,707 and \$67,343.

Historic District- Window replacement approved at 310 Bohemia and 313 Bohemia. Siding and window replacements, door replacement at 217 Bohemia. 209 Bohemia was approved to rebuild with some minor changes to the drawings.

Randy McLennan

Police- 82 Stops, 45 Citations, 78 Warnings, 1 Parking Citation, 0 Parking Warnings, 1 DUI Arrest, 0 Warrants, 4 Calls for Service, 0 Criminal Arrests.

Ed O'Hara

Economic Development- Rich reported that he and Ed will meet to discuss how we can do a better job of attracting future businesses to our Town.

Frank Vari

Public Works- Lock and Hemphill are being resurfaced. Will start Town pothole repairs next week. Street Sweeping will take place on November 26 (raindate of Nov 27)

Waste Management- Yard waste will end on Dec 16 and resume on March 2.

Special Events- Racing Program is moving ahead, they have approx. 20 Sponsors thus far. Winterfest is upon us; Lion's Club will refurbish 6 snowflake lights to go with the 6 new ones. They will be putting them up soon. Tree Lighting will be Dec 1. Christmas Market will be Dec 7. Candlelight Tour is Dec 14. Town Hall Open House will be Dec 5.

Please complete the 2020 Census. Your participation means more money for the community. They are looking for employees

Rob Bernstine

Met with Delmarva to discuss double poles and other issues. We are moving ahead with the Safe Routes to School Project; it should be ready to go out to bid soon. We then will be able to move on to another project.

Mayor Rich Taylor

Would like to wish a belated "Happy Veteran's Day" to all Veterans and "Happy First Responders Day" to all First Responders; especially our own First Responder, Councilman Randy McLennan. Thank you to Frank Vari for attending the Veteran's Day Program at the Elem. School.

Action Items:

Appointment to Board of Appeals – Anne J Peacock

Motion: Frank Vari made a motion, seconded by Randy McLennan to approve the Appointment of Anne J Peacock to the Board of Appeals to fulfill the full seat. All in favor, motion carried.

Amended Event Application – Poplar Hall Christmas Market

Motion: Lee Adams made a motion, seconded by Randy McLennan to approve the Amended Event Application – Poplar Hall Christmas Market to include closing Bohemia Ave up to Second Street. All in favor, motion carried.

Event Application – Chesapeake Inn 5k on April 5, 2020

Motion: Frank Vari made a motion, seconded by Lee Adams to approve the Event Application – Chesapeake Inn 5k. All in favor, motion carried.

Forsite: Sign Frames for 10 Stop Signs and/or Radar Signs

Rich originally was considering getting the frames for the Stop Signs, however, Jesse informed him of troubles with the existing Radar Signs. Jesse is working with Traffic Logic to see if the Sign is able to be fixed or just replaced. Jesse will have the information to Council by the Workshop.

All Decisions deferred until after a discussion at the Workshop.

New Business:

New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC Civil Action

Cecil County's Attorney will defend the Cecil County Board of Appeals decision to not to approve the Tower. The case is to determine if the Board made their decision based on lawful evidence; it is not for either party to plead their case. There is an informal meeting being held by concerned citizens of Chesapeake City on Wed. Nov. 20 at 6:30 at St. Basil Church Hall. Town will stay in touch with County on this matter.

Intro Emergency Ordinance 2019.003 Alcohol in Pell Gardens for Christmas Market

Mayor Rich Taylor read the summary and the final paragraph of the Ordinance. Proposed Emergency Ordinance 2019-003 is officially introduced.

Old Business:

Water/Sewer Rates

There was discussion between the two options of doing the 15% increase all in one year or splitting it into 2 separate increases. We will go to the Public Hearing with both Options.

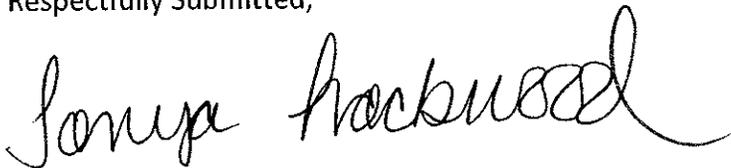
Public Comment:

Bayheads wanted clarification on the Special Session being held Nov. 25 to vote on Emergency Ordinance.

Adjourn:

Motion: Frank Vari made a motion, seconded by Frank Hill to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Tonya Lockwood



Rich Taylor, Mayor