

Town Council Meeting December 9, 2019

Present: Lee Adams, Frank Vari, Rich Taylor, Frank Hill, Ed O'Hara, Town Attorney Tom Yeager
Staff: Town Manager Rob Bernstine, Clerk Tonya Lockwood, Clerk/Treasurer Valerie Walls
Absent: Randy McLennan

Mayor Rich Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:33pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Approval of Minutes November 14, 2019

MOTION: Councilman Vari made a motion, seconded by Councilman Adams to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2019 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

November 25, 2019

MOTION: Councilman Hill made a motion, seconded by Councilman Vari to approve the minutes from November 25, 2019 workshop. All in favor, motion carried.

Reports:

Commissioner Adams – Updated Council from the last Planning Commission meeting. Moving forward with the application to the USDA for the new treatment plant, due in February; will be meeting with KCI on Friday. Flow reports from Cecil County were discussed. KCI will be working with us for a bid document for Mt. Nebo for replacement work.

Commissioner Hill – Updated on the account balances, Harriett Davis, chair of the Historic Commission gave updates from her last meeting. Mark Huddleston has resigned from the Historic Commission because his job is taking him to Oklahoma for a year.

Commissioner McLennan- No report

Commissioner O'Hara- The Christmas Market was a huge success; a lot of good feedback; There will be a post-meeting on Thursday. Lights on bulk head were out and fixed; abandon boat at the dock has been removed. DNR was a big help, Marina that previous owned it, came up and towed it away. Mayor spoke with DJ to get three life rings about \$400 each on the long dock.

Commissioner Vari

Regarding the paving on Biddle – it's become too cold for permanent stripping, pot holes that the town is responsible for are finished, will continue a list for spring repairs. 12/16 last day for yard waste pick-up, will resume March 2, 2020. Our recycling numbers are up for the town this year; Racing program – January 1st. 50 people signed up to run, along with about 50 sponsors. T-shirts are available for \$15. Special Events: Census to be counted, a great part time job, currently taking applications on-line; Jobs start March 1st. Winterfest is in full spring, the Candlelight Tour is this weekend. On January 9th the Cecil night in Annapolis has a new location. Verizon moving excess lines off of double poles.

Town Manager Rob Bernstine report attached to the minutes book.

Treasurer Valerie Walls disturbed P&L report.

Mayor Rich Taylor discussed upcoming MML Legislative Dinner in Havre de Grace.

Action Items

Appointment to the Board of Appeals Linda Bradley – Alternate

MOTION: Councilman Vari made a motion, seconded by Councilman Adams to appoint Linda Bradley as an Alternate to the Board of Appeals, fulfilling the vacant seat of Andrea Driscoll. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolution No. 2019.005 Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Chesapeake City, Maryland establishing the rates for water and sewer service.

Discussion of the 14.2% overall increase according to the model.

MOTION: Councilman Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hill to approve Resolution 2019.005. All in favor, motion carried

New Business

Open Spot on Historic Commission

Interested parties should send a letter of interest to Town Hall, due by January 2020 meeting.

Updated Employee Manuel- the Mayor proposing the Employment Committee review over the next two weeks, provide any updates/changes. Their final version sent to staff; Council to vote on in January for the calendar year changes.

Letters of Interest for a Realtor

Received two letters of interest, Amber Durand from the Durand Group and Lynne Caldwell from LMC Real Estate Services. *Selling of government property, we may need a Public Notice and Public Hearing Notice and a vote before it can be sold.*

MOTION: Councilman Adams made a motion, seconded by Councilman O'Hara to go with the Durand Group. All in favor, motion carried.

Changes to the CDO –Schedule a Public Hearing

Tom will prepare form Ordinance to introduce at the January meeting, a Public Hearing at the January workshop, vote in February.

Introducing Ordinance 2019.004 Establishing the Town Code Enforcement Ordinance – Moved introduction to January 2020 meeting, Public Hearing January workshop, vote in February.

Old Business

Town Attorney Update on Property Deeds

Town Attorney has had conversations with Wendy Webb who is doing additional research. There should be an update at the January meeting.

Public Comment

Charlie Copeland: thanking the Town for allowing Bayheads to participate in the Christmas Market last weekend. It never got out of control, attracted the right crowd; and he hopes to be approved at future events. Trying to get more visitors to his business, without driving business out of the town. He would like to have a presence at the Boat Show and on St. Patty's Day. Incredible sales from the Christmas Market. Voiced disappointment with the Bayard House for brining in Elkton Brewers to a Town function. Does not want to compete with them. The Mayor stated he'd like to see them participate without a Special Ordinance for events.

Councilman Vari reminding everyone of the New Years Day Race.

Town Attorney Yeager wishing everyone a Merry Christmas.

Town Manager Bernstine thanking helpers for holiday party and Merry Christmas

Tonya Lockwood: thanking Greg, Dawn & Hugo – best event she's ever been part of.

Workshop has been canceled for December 23, 2019

Adjourn

MOTION: Councilman Vari made a motion, seconded by Councilman Adams to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Submitted:



Valerie Walls, Clerk



Richard L Taylor III, Mayor