

MINUTES, BOARD OF ALDERMEN, BOOK NO. 19

DEMENT-MERIDIAN 61-2994

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
CITY HALL BOARD ROOM
MARCH 5, 2019
5:00 P.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN MET IN THE CITY HALL BOARD ROOM WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

VICE MAYOR ALONZO SYKES, ALDERMAN DOUG STONE, ALDERWOMAN CAROLYN ODOM AND ALDERMAN JIM BUFFINGTON; AND JACKIE BENSON, CITY CLERK AND ROBERT FAULKS, CITY ATTORNEY.

INVOCATION: Alderman Jim Buffington.

ABSENT: MAYOR MAURICE HOWARD AND ALDERMAN DAVID EWING.

A motion was made by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderwoman Odom to approve the proposed Minutes dated February 15 and 19, 2019. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Buffington, seconded by Alderwoman Odom to pay all bills submitted by proper vendors as recorded on the Docket of Claims dated March 5, 2019. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Buffington, seconded by Alderwoman Odom to advertise for persons interested in employment as a Fireman in the Aberdeen Fire Department. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Buffington, seconded by Alderman Stone to accept the resignations of Aberdeen Electric Department employees Hayden Davis and Josh Somers to advertise for persons interested in employment as a Groundsman in the Aberdeen Electric Department. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderman Buffington to employ Charles McComic as the Assistant Mechanic at the wage of \$12.50 per hour. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Buffington, seconded by Alderwoman Odom to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a temporary easement in favor of Tennessee Tombigbee Water Way Management to clean-up a City of Aberdeen ditch. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderwoman Odom to authorize a contract with Hanna Construction to commence and complete emergency repair of the Aberdeen Port Road (Norm Cronnell Drive), which was severely damaged due to the recent flooding. The delay incident to giving opportunity for competitive bidding would be detrimental to the interest of the City. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

Citizens appearing before the Board of Aldermen and not on the printed Agenda:

- Mrs. Linda Record stated that everyone needed to obey the law and clean up their property.
- Mrs. Frankie Provias again asked whether the grant writer Teresa Baker may appear in person at a City Board Meeting and provide an update on the grants that Baker is working on for the City of Aberdeen.

Alderman Stone proposed that the City of Aberdeen consider the purchase of the old Aberdeen Big Star Grocery site, and the construction of a new Parks and Recreation Department facility, with the possibility of also constructing a splash park and other City facilities at the site.

A motion was made by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderwoman Odom to authorize Attorney Faulks and City Clerk Benson to conduct a title search and obtain information concerning the costs to purchase the old Aberdeen Big Star Grocery site. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderwoman Odom, seconded by Alderman Buffington to authorize Park and Recreation Director Michelle Stewart to seek information and obtain competitive quotes for the purchase of basketball goals and a pavilion for installation at the City General Young and Newburger Parks. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

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A motion was made by Alderman Buffington, seconded by Alderwoman Odom to authorize City Clerk Benson to contact MDOT to determine whether there were any MDOT restrictions regarding installation of a speed bump on Matubba Street; and to install a speed bump on Matubba Street if MDOT has no objections. On a roll call vote, Alderwoman Odom and Alderman Buffington voted "Aye"; and Alderman Stone voted "Nay".

A motion was made by Alderwoman Odom, seconded by Alderman Stone to authorize a donation of \$250.00 to the Monroe County Children's Vision Center, as proposed by Mrs. Luellen Childress. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderman Buffington to enter into a closed determination to determine whether to go into Executive Session. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderman Buffington to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue concerning Parks and Recreation Department employee Terry Morgan. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".


The Vice Mayor and Board announced to the public that the Board was entering into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue concerning Parks and Recreation Department employee Terry Morgan.

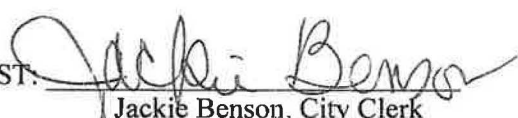
A motion was made by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderman Buffington to come out of Executive Session. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderwoman Odom to reassign Janet Parks to work at City Hall in the office formerly occupied by the Secretary in the Mayor's Office. She will continue to accept Park and Recreation Department rentals and calls from that office. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderwoman Odom, seconded by Alderman Stone to authorize a donation of \$250.00 to the Junior Women's League, for the 1st annual City Easter Egg Hunt. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderwoman Odom to recess until the March 19, 2019 Board Meeting. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".


Maurice Howard, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Jackie Benson, City Clerk