

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
CITY HALL BOARD ROOM
APRIL 16, 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:

MAYOR MAURICE HOWARD, ALDERMAN DOUG STONE, ALDERMAN DAVID EWING, ALDERWOMAN CAROLYN ODOM AND ALDERMAN JIM BUFFINGTON; AND JACKIE BENSON, CITY CLERK AND ROBERT FAULKS, CITY ATTORNEY.

INVOCATION: Mayor Maurice Howard.

Absent: Alderman Alonzo Sykes.

A motion was made by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderwoman Odom to approve the proposed Minutes dated April 2, 2019. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderwoman Odom, seconded by Alderman Stone to pay all bills submitted by proper vendors as recorded on the Docket of Claims dated April 16, 2019. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderwoman Odom, seconded by Alderman Stone to authorize Mayor Howard to sign and execute the "ROADWAY MILL & OVERLAY PROGRAM - 2019 ANNUAL BID" contract between the City of Aberdeen and Gregory Companies LLC Murphree Paving. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderwoman Odom to approve the City - MDOT Sidewalk Project (Franklin Street and Shivers School area) per recommendation of Engineer Dustin Dabbs. There will be a funds matching requirement, possibly as low as a 12 percent match. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderman Ewing to authorize the award of price bids/quotes from contractors for the road preparation/ dig out phase of the ROADWAY MILL & OVERLAY PROGRAM - 2019 as recommended by Engineer Dustin Dabbs who developed the specifications for the repair work. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

Lowndes County Foundation Crime and Addiction Task Force members Glenn Lautzenhiser and Lt. Eddie Hawkins presented information and a sample draft ordinance prohibiting the use, possession, purchase, distribution and sale of "Kratom", an herb-based product sold at some gas stations as a mood enhancer, incense and energy booster. A motion was made by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderman Ewing to schedule for discussion and consideration a proposed Ordinance at the next Board meeting. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderman Ewing to authorize the advertisement and posting of the 15 day notice to the public of a public hearing concerning the application to rezone the following property currently zoned as I-1 to R-2 per the application of Gary Hatten: property located on Burnett Street and described as Parcel No. 108R-34-005-001.00 PPIN 8101, Day & Hopkins Subd., Block B Lots 10 Thru 14 Less 20 X 150 off West Side of Lots 12, 13 & 14, S-T-R 34-14-07, Deed Book 2007 Page 3919. The Aberdeen Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended the rezoning application. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

Leigh Matthews appeared before the Board of Aldermen and asked for an additional \$3,000.00 donation in support of the Junior Beta Club, an academic honors program at the Aberdeen Belle-Shivers Middle School, specifically to help the students with the costs associated with attending the National Conference. The Board took the request under advisement.

James Ivory voiced a complaint about a house he owned alongside Matubba Street that was torn down through the City's adjudication process. Ivory said he never received proper notification.

A motion was made by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderman Ewing to issue an Annual Beer Retailer's Permit to Family Dollar Store. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

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A motion was made by Alderman Ewing, seconded by Alderman Stone to renew the mosquito spraying contract with James Pest Services at an annual cost of \$18,060.00. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderman Ewing to approve the Municipal Lease Purchase Agreement between the City of Aberdeen and Government Capital Corporation (No. 8651 lease purchase of Fire Truck) and to adopt the Resolution designating the Lease Purchase Financing Agreement as a qualified tax exempt obligation of the City of Aberdeen pursuant to Section 265 of the Internal Revenue Code. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderwoman Odom to award the contract to Government Capital for financing the purchase of the Aberdeen Electric Department Bucket Truck in the loan amount of \$166,500.00 for a four year term at the interest rate of 3.77 with an annual payment \$45,620.72. The other quote received was from BancorpSouth Equipment for a four year term with an annual payment of \$45,691.75. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Ewing, seconded by Alderman Stone to open a City account to deposit funds received from Westlake Chemical Corporation for the construction/installation of the two 13 kV electric distribution feeders and related infrastructure. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Ewing, seconded by Alderman Stone to terminate the employment of Aberdeen Street Department employees William Meaders and James Pullium Jr. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Ewing, seconded by Alderman Stone to accept the resignation of Aberdeen Electric Department employee Anna McAllister. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Stone, seconded Alderwoman Odom to post and advertise for persons interested in employment as a part time cashier in the Aberdeen Electric Department. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderman Ewing to employ Xavier Wilson as a Backman in the Aberdeen Sanitation Department at the wage of \$9.00 per hour. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderwoman Odom, seconded by Alderman Stone to authorize the following City employees/officials to attend the following meetings or classes, and pay all necessary expenses according to state guidelines: Daniel Beasley - Airport Rescue - May 8, 2019 - Jackson, MS. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

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

- Ann Tackett, Aberdeen Main Street, asked the Board to consider making a donation for the Aberdeen Depot in the amount of \$1,500.00.
- Emma Spratt thanked the Board for their previous donation to the Aberdeen BETA club.
- Cynthia William told the Mayor and Board that Parkway Drive flooded during the recent storm and that the City ditch in that area needed to be cleaned.
- Several citizens complained about the recent flooding on Monroe, Hickory and Park Streets. They stated that flood water was in several of their houses and requested the City of Aberdeen to offer some assistance. They were referred to the FEMA office.

Several citizens were very concerned with the recent flooding and expressed that to the Mayor and Board. They were instructed to complete any proper paper work for submission to the City's Flood Plain Manager Roy Haynes and to FEMA.

Several citizens also complained about the condition of the Aberdeen Cemeteries. They complained that the Cemetery grounds were not being mowed, that tree limbs were scattered all over the Cemetery, and that the workers were running over the head stones with equipment.

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A motion was made by Alderman Ewing, seconded by Alderwoman Odom 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 Ewing, seconded by Alderwoman Odom to come out of closed determination. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".


A motion was made by Alderwoman Odom, seconded by Alderman Buffington to advertise for contractors to submit bids for the Aberdeen Cemeteries Maintenance contract. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".


A motion was made by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderman Buffington to authorize Attorney Faulks to do a title search and make an offer of purchase to Robbie B. Huffman on the old gas station property at the intersection of Commerce and Maple Streets. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

Alderman Stone stated that the City should seek out grant funds to help with the costs of the restoration of the old American Legion Building.

A motion was made by Alderman Ewing, seconded by Alderman Stone to adjourn until the May 7, 2019 Board Meeting. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

ATTEST:


Jackie Benson, City Clerk


Maurice Howard, Mayor