

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
CITY HALL BOARD ROOM
DECEMBER 17, 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 ALONZO SYKES, ALDERMAN DOUG STONE, ALDERMAN DAVID EWING, ALDERWOMAN CAROLYN ODOM, AND ALDERMAN JIM BUFFINGTON; JACKIE BENSON, CITY CLERK; AND ROBERT FAULKS, CITY ATTORNEY.

Invocation: Aberdeen Public Utilities Manager Brian Sanders.

A motion was made by Alderman Sykes, seconded by Alderman Stone to approve the proposed Minutes dated December 3 and 9, 2019. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Buffington, seconded by Alderman Sykes to pay all bills submitted by proper vendors as recorded on the Docket of Claims dated December 17, 2019. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Buffington, seconded by Alderman Sykes to employ LaBaron Fenton as a fulltime Fireman in the Aberdeen Fire Department at the wage of \$9.00 per hour, as recommended by Chief Fred Hodges. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderman Sykes to employ Robert Chris Sprayberry as a fulltime Police Officer in the Aberdeen Police Department at the wage of \$13.00 per hour, as recommended by Chief Henry Randle. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye", except Alderman Ewing who voted "Nay".

A motion was made by Alderman Ewing, seconded by Alderman Sykes to accept the resignation of Dispatcher Markecia Polk from the Aberdeen Police Department. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Sykes, seconded by Alderman Stone to advertise for persons interested in employment as a part-time Dispatcher in the Aberdeen Police Department. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Sykes, seconded by Alderman Buffington to authorize the following City employees/officials to attend the following meetings or classes, and pay all necessary expenses according to state guidelines: Richard Boone - Public Works - Athens, GA - 1/27-1/31, 2020; Tina Robbins - Home Town Retirement - Schaumburg, Illinois - January 17-20, 2020. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Buffington, seconded by Alderman Sykes to authorize a contract with Donald Smith Construction to commence and complete emergency repair of the Aberdeen Water Well # 6 at a cost of \$10,792.00. The Water Well is not in operation at this time, and 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".

A motion was made by Alderman Buffington, seconded by Alderman Stone to modify the current Aberdeen Electric Department old debt collection policy as follows: utility customers will be required to pay all old debt in full before the customer may establish a new utility service; and the extension fee of \$20.00 shall be required to be paid up front before the extension to a utility customer will be granted. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

Alderman Ewing inquired about speed bumps being placed on Canal Street in front of the Day Care. Alderman Ewing also reported citizens' concerns regarding tractor trailers being parked on City streets, and adversely affecting traffic.

A motion was made by Alderman Ewing, seconded by Alderman Stone to purchase and install 2 ½ inch speed bumps on Canal Street in front of the Day Care. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye", except Alderman Buffington who voted "Nay".

Alderwoman Odom wished everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

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A motion was made by Alderman Sykes, 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 Ewing to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue concerning Aberdeen Street Department employee Corwin McFarland. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

The Mayor and Board announced to the public that the Board was entering into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue concerning Aberdeen Street Department employee Corwin McFarland.

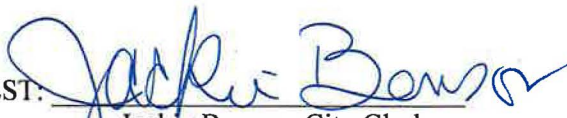
A motion was made by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderman Ewing to come out of Executive Session. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Sykes, seconded by Alderman Stone to suspend Aberdeen Street Department employee Corwin McFarland 5 days without pay for insubordination. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Sykes, seconded by Alderman Stone to adjourn until the January 7, 2020 Board Meeting. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".


Maurice Howard, Mayor

ATTEST.


Jackie Benson, City Clerk