

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
CITY HALL BOARD ROOM  
MAY 5, 2020  
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; JACKIE BENSON, CITY CLERK; AND ROBERT FAULKS, CITY ATTORNEY.**

Invocation: Alderman Doug Stone.

Mayor Howard, Alderman Sykes, Alderwoman Odom, and Alderman Buffington attended the Meeting through teleconference. Alderman Ewing, Alderman Stone, City Clerk Jackie Benson, and City Attorney Faulks attended the Meeting in person in the Board Room.

A motion was made by Alderman Buffington, seconded by Alderman Sykes to approve the proposed Minutes dated May 5, 2020. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Buffington, seconded by Alderman Stone to pay all bills submitted by proper vendors as recorded on the Docket of Claims dated April 21, 2020. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Sykes, seconded by Alderman Ewing to approve the Contract Change Order No. F-1 (Closeout) proposed by City Engineer Dustin Dabbs, regarding the City Sidewalks Improvements Project completed by Hanna Contracting, Inc. and to authorize the final payment to Hanna Construction in the amount of \$20,500.00. The change order reduces the cost of the contract to \$287,582.95, a reduction of \$6,097.05. The change order also increases the contract completion date an additional 49 days. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Buffington, seconded by Alderman Stone to authorize Dabbs Corporation to install AMI automated meters (an additional 603 meters to be purchased) for the estimated fee of \$36,180.00. The authorization is also conditioned upon the agreement in writing that GE Energy Management Services, Inc. allows the City of Aberdeen a credit for the cost of installing the meters against the monthly charge otherwise payable by the City of Aberdeen to GE Energy Management Services, Inc. The other quote received was from Millerco, Gulfport, Mississippi - \$43,416.00. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderman Ewing to authorize an Agreement with Central Service Association regarding the CSA Orbit One program, by which customers of the Aberdeen Electric Department may view accounts and billing statements and pay for utility services via an internet customer portal, or mobile app, or kiosks, or over the counter, commencing in the 2021 fiscal year budget. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Ewing, seconded by Alderwoman Odom to renew the annual mosquito control contract with James Pest Management for the total fee of \$15,480.00. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Ewing, seconded by Alderman Sykes to employ Jordan Gillespie as a fulltime Aberdeen Police Patrolman at the wage of \$13.00 per hour, as recommended by Chief Henry Randle. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

Persons appearing before the Board but not on the printed Agenda included:

- Andrew Dilworth complained regarding a ticket he received from the Animal Control Officer. Dilworth has three pit bulldogs. The matter is scheduled for hearing in the Aberdeen City Court.
- Mason Gray told the Mayor and Board that he had a complaint against Chief Henry Randle and Investigator Ealy because they would not allow him to press assault charges against someone that shot him. Chief Randle answered that Gray had accused several persons of the alleged assault.
- Regina Dangerfield complained against Chief Henry Randle because of a letter threatening arrest against anyone failing to quarantine or self-isolate that Chief had allegedly delivered to her home concerning a person having had the Covid-19 virus.

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Alderman Stone asked whether the Board wanted to schedule a Workshop to discuss updates concerning the Covid-19 virus and additional safety actions, such as requiring citizens to wear masks in public or other measures taken in other municipalities.


A motion was made by Alderman Ewing, seconded by Alderman Stone to schedule a Workshop on May 7, 2020 at 10:00 A. M. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

Mayor Howard asked whether anyone had contacted the Monroe County Board of Supervisors concerning the use of the Holley Building site by residents for parking of commercial trucks and trailers.


A motion was made by Alderman Ewing, 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 come out of Closed Determination. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Ewing, seconded by Alderwoman Odom to recess until the May 19, 2020 Board Meeting. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

  
Maurice Howard, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Jackie Benson, City Clerk