

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
CITY HALL BOARD ROOM  
JUNE 2, 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:**

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

Absent: Mayor Maurice Howard.

Invocation: Alderman Doug Stone.

A motion was made by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderwoman Odom to approve the proposed Minutes dated May 19, 2020. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Buffington, seconded by Alderman Ewing to pay all bills submitted by proper vendors as recorded on the Docket of Claims dated June 2, 2020. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

Auditor Matt Woods, Alexander Thompson Arnold PLLC, presented Auditor Reports for Aberdeen Common City and Aberdeen Water and Sewer Departments (year ended September 30, 2019), and for Aberdeen Electric Department (year ended June 30, 2019).

Auditor Matt Woods commented that the financial reports were "clean" and that the financial condition was "healthy" again for the City; and that audit findings were down to one for a bank account reconciliation. Woods stated that the City financial assets were increasing, net financial position was very good, and the fund balance ratio met a "healthy" standard. Woods thanked the City Clerk and the City Accountants for their assistance.

A motion was made by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderman Buffington to accept the 2019-2020 Auditors Reports for the Aberdeen Common City, Aberdeen Water and Sewer Department and the Aberdeen Electric Department as presented by Auditor Matt Woods, Alexander Thompson Arnold PLLC. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Buffington, seconded by Alderman Stone to authorize an MDOT Multimodal Grant application for funds for the Aberdeen Port rail spur project. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Buffington, seconded by Alderman Ewing to authorize the following City employees/officials to attend the following meetings or classes, and pay all necessary expenses according to state guidelines: Tina Robbins - Rural Tourism - Dahlonega, GA - July 25-31, 2020. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

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

- Park and Recreation Department Director Michelle Stewart reported that Monroe County had paved the City basketball court at the General Young Park.
- Aberdeen Visitor Bureau Director Tina Robbins reported that the Corp of Engineers had reopened the camp grounds, and that all restaurants had reopened.

A motion was made by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderwoman Odom to authorize the purchase of antennas for the water meters in the amount of \$7,000.00 from Dabbs Corp. The other quote received was from James A. Hodges - \$9,600.00. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Buffington, seconded by Alderman Alderwoman Odom to authorize the purchase and installation of fencing and bleachers by Columbus Fence, per quotes of \$4,593.00 and \$1,250.00. The quotes were presented by Park and Recreation Department Director Michelle Stewart. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Buffington, seconded by Alderwoman Odom to authorize the installation of speed bumps on Woodland Heights and Fair Oaks Roads for the safety of the public. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

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Alderwoman Odom stated that she had received some complaints about the City clam shell truck digging into citizen's yards.

A motion was made by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderwoman Odom to recess until the June 16, 2020 Board Meeting. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

  
Maurice Howard, Mayor

ATTEST:   
Jackie Benson, City Clerk