

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
CITY HALL BOARD ROOM
JUNE 16, 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, ALDERWOMAN CAROLYN ODOM, AND ALDERMAN JIM BUFFINGTON; JACKIE BENSON, CITY CLERK; AND ROBERT FAULKS, CITY ATTORNEY.

Absent: Mayor Maurice Howard and Alderman David Ewing.

Invocation: Alderman Jim Buffington.

A motion was made by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderwoman Odom to approve the proposed Minutes dated June 2, 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 June 16, 2020. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderman Buffington to adopt the 2020-2021 fiscal year Aberdeen Electric Department Budget. The Public Hearing for comment was held earlier at 4 p.m. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

Dustin Dabbs, Engineer, provided a status report concerning several City improvements projects pending, including Walters Drive and High Street Extended projects.

A motion was made by Alderman Buffington, seconded by Alderman Stone to award the contract for the sidewalk repair on Washington Street to Hanna Contracting which submitted the lowest and best quote of \$6,250.00. The other quote received was from Slayton's Concrete in the amount of \$6,875.00. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

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

- Chestine Clay asked whether Treas Alley could be renamed "Annie's Lane".
- Michelle Stewart announced a Peaceful Unity March scheduled June 20, 2020, 10 a.m., commencing at the Aberdeen Park and Recreation facility and ending at the Aberdeen City Hall. She also circulated a flyer.

A motion was made by Alderman Buffington, seconded by Alderman Stone to table a decision concerning the request to change the name of Treas Alley to "Annie's Lane" to the next Administration for consideration. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

Alderman Stone thanked the citizens in Aberdeen; Stone stated that it had been a privilege and an honor to serve the citizens of Ward 2, and that it had been a pleasure to serve with this Board.

Alderwoman Odom also stated that it has been a pleasure to serve with this Board.

Alderman Buffington stated that he had enjoyed his time serving the citizens of Aberdeen.

Alderman Sykes stated that he had enjoyed the 20 years serving the citizens of Ward 1 and the City of Aberdeen.

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 Buffington, seconded by Alderwoman Odom to terminate the employment of Fireman LeBeron Fenton due to his failure to complete the required certification coursework at the Mississippi State Fire Academy; and to employ Marcus Dearing and William White as fulltime certified firemen at the wage of \$10.00 per hour. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

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


Maurice Howard, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Jackie Benson, City Clerk