

REGULAR BOARD MEETING**CITY HALL BOARD ROOM****JULY 9, 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 NICHOLAS HOLLIDAY, ALDERWOMAN LADY B. GARTH, ALDERMAN EDWARD HAYNES, ALDERWOMAN CAROLYN ODOM, ALDERMAN JOHN ALLEN; JACKIE BENSON, CITY CLERK.

Invocation: Alderman Edward Haynes

A motion was made by Alderwoman Odom, seconded by Alderman Haynes to approve minutes dated June 16, 2020. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderwoman Odom, seconded by Alderwoman Garth to pay bills to proper vendors. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Haynes, seconded by Alderman Holliday to adopt a Hazard Mitigation Plan. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

Brian Sanders gave the report for the Write-offs totaling \$53,148.14.

A motion was made by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderwoman Odom to accept the Write-offs for the for the Electric Department in the amount of \$53,148.14. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderwoman Garth, seconded by Alderman Haynes to terminate the Water Tank Painting Contract. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

Fire Chief Fred Hodges recommended the termination of Marcus Dearing because of non-compliance. A motion was made by Alderwoman Garth, seconded by Alderman Haynes to terminate the employment of Marcus Dearing with the Fire Department. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderwoman Garth, seconded by Alderman Haynes to advertise for a Fireman in the Fire Department. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderwoman Garth, seconded by Alderman Haynes to hire Mr. Albert Johnson in the Public Works Department at a rate of \$15.00 per hour. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderwoman Garth, seconded by Alderman Haynes to advertise for a Forensic Audit of the city's finances. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

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A motion was made by Alderman Holliday, seconded by Alderwoman Garth to reinstate the Mayor's Salary for the current budget year, totaling \$32,008.00 in unallocated funds previously unused for his salary and the next two monthly pay periods for August and September; thereby making his annual salary in the amount of \$51,061.00. On a roll call vote, Alderman Holliday, Alderman Haynes, and Alderwoman Garth all voted "Aye", Alderwoman Odom and Alderman Allen voted "Nay". Motion passed.

A motion was made by Alderman Haynes, seconded by Alderwoman Garth to reinstate the Mayor's City Vehicle. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

After stating that it was a bit much for that night's meeting, the Mayor decided to hold off on the next five items.

The Mayor informed the Board he was scheduled to meet with the Supervisors in order to negotiate for a quick claim deed to the Holley Performance Building. He asked if any of the Board members wanted to attend with him. Alderwoman Garth and Alderman Holliday stated they would attend.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Garth, seconded by Alderman Holliday to attend the meeting with the Supervisors to negotiate for a quick claim deed to the Holley Performance Building. On a roll call vote, Alderman Holliday, Alderwoman Garth, and Alderman Haynes voted "Aye"; Alderwoman Odom and Alderman Allen voted "Nay". Motion passed.

There was discussion about an executive mask order. People will be required to wear masks inside businesses as a preventative measure against COVID-19. Mayor Maurice Howard invoked the Executive Mask Order and stated there will be a \$250.00 fine issued to business owners who don't enforce the order. The mandate will begin July 13, 2020. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

Chief Henry Randle requested for businesses, particularly nightclubs, to limit the number of people allowed. It was agreed upon for crowds to not exceed fifty (50) people at businesses. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

Citizens Input:

Pedro Clay complained that his water bill at the lodge was too high. Brian Sanders informed him he would get with Jason Roberson to look at it.

Aberdeen Park and Recreation Director, Michelle Stewart came before the Board to discuss the black topping and painting of the basketball ball court at General Young Park, at a total cost of \$8,250.00. The matter was taken into closed determination.

A citizen complained about the water smelling bad at her place of business. Brian Sanders informed her he would check into this matter.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Garth, seconded by Alderman Holliday to enter into a closed determination to determine whether to go into Executive Session. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

It was determined that Executive Session was needed to discuss an employee.

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

After Executive Session, a motion was made by Alderwoman Garth, seconded by Alderman Holliday to terminate Devonte Smith with no pay from the Public Works Department and to hire Brandan Williams as a Laborer in the Sanitation Department at a rate of \$10.00 per hour. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Holliday, seconded by Alderwoman Garth to advertise to hire a Lineman in the Electric Department. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Holliday, seconded by Alderman Haynes to reimburse the Mayor for mileage on his personal vehicle at the state's rate. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderwoman Odom to reappoint Jackie Benson for City Clerk. On a roll call vote Alderman Holliday, Alderwoman Garth, and Alderman Haynes voted "Nay". Alderwoman Odom and Alderman Allen voted "Aye". Motion failed.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Garth, seconded by Alderman Haynes to appoint Tamanda Griffin to the position of City Clerk. On a roll call vote Alderman Holliday, Alderwoman Garth, and Alderman Haynes voted "Aye", Alderwoman Odom and Alderman Allen voted "Nay".

Karen Crump, Comptroller, finished taking minutes for the remainder of the meeting.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Garth, seconded by Alderman Holliday to appoint Walter H. Zinn, Jr. to the position of City Attorney. On a roll call vote Alderman Holliday, Alderwoman Garth, and Alderman Haynes voted "Aye", Alderwoman Odom and Alderman Allen voted "Nay".

A motion was made by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Haynes to reappoint Tom Brahan as Public Defender. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderwoman Odom, seconded by Alderman Allen to reappoint Shane Tompkins as City Judge. On a roll call vote Alderman Holliday, Alderwoman Garth, and Alderman Haynes voted "Nay", Alderwoman Odom and Alderman Allen voted "Aye". Motion failed.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Garth, seconded by Alderman Haynes to appoint Adrian Haynes to the position of City Judge. On a roll call vote Alderman Holliday, Alderwoman Garth, and Alderman Haynes voted "Aye", Alderwoman Odom and Alderman Allen voted "Nay". Motion passed.

A motion was made by Alderman Haynes, seconded by Alderwoman Odom to appoint Alderwoman Garth as Vice Mayor. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

Alderman Holliday thanked the citizens for voting.

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Aldерwoman Garth thanked the City of Aberdeen. She stated disrespect will not be allowed.

Alderman Haynes thanked the citizens for their work. He stated he is available to address issues with the citizens.

Alderwoman Odom stated she looks forward to working with the new Board.

Alderman Allen stated he looks forward to working with everyone.

Mayor Howard thanked everyone for another opportunity to work for the City of Aberdeen. He stated this was the most civilized meeting he has ever attended. He stated he will hit the ground running. He also stated he needs a secretary and asked everyone to please be patient with him.

A motion was made by Alderman Holliday, seconded by Alderwoman Garth to adjourn until the July 21, 2020 Board Meeting. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".



Maurice Howard, Mayor

ATTEST:
