

MINUTES, BOARD OF ALDERMEN, BOOK NO. 19

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

CITY HALL BOARD ROOM

AUGUST 4, 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; CITY ATTORNEY WALTER H. ZINN, JR., BARBARA VASSER, DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

Invocation: Alderman Edward Haynes

A motion was made by Alderwoman Odom, seconded by Alderman Holliday to approve minutes dated July 21, 2020. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderwoman Garth, seconded by Alderman Holliday to pay bills to proper vendors. 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 Haynes, seconded by Alderwoman Garth to table the annual renewal of the health insurance changes with Blue Cross Blue Shield until further review. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Haynes, seconded by Alderwoman Garth to table posting and advertising for two Linemen and two Laborers in the Electric Department until further discussion later in the meeting. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Haynes, seconded by Alderwoman Garth to table advertising for the purchase and installation of a Kiosk Machine in the Electric Department until further discussion. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Haynes, seconded by Alderwoman Garth, to advertise for cemetery bids. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderwoman Garth, seconded by Alderman Holliday to amend the original Littering Ordinance and add fines. The first fine for violation will be one hundred dollars, the second fine for violation will be two hundred dollars, the third fine for violation will be three hundred dollars and the fourth time fine for violation will be a cause for jail time. 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 have Comptroller Karen Crump and Mayor Maurice Howard as cardholders for the American Express card. On a roll call vote Alderman Holliday, Alderwoman Garth, Alderman Haynes, and Alderwoman Odom voted "Aye", and Alderman Allen voted "Nay".

A motion was made by Alderman Haynes, seconded by Alderman Holliday to enforce the Grass Ordinance with changes of adding that grass over five inches would cause for the City Inspector sending a notification to the property owners to trim or cut grass within 10 days. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Holliday, seconded by Alderwoman Garth to table the Grant Resolution / County. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Holliday, seconded by Alderman Haynes to advertise to apply for Small Municipality Grant / CAP Loan. 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 Alderwoman Garth to apply for the USDA Community Facilities Grant for Police vehicle purchase with a 75/25 match up to \$50,000 dollars. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Holliday, seconded by Alderwoman Garth to apply for a MDA 80/20 grant for the purpose of Community Development Improvement related to Industrial Building Improvements and thus enhancing economic development through the creation of jobs. On a roll call vote Alderman Holliday, Alderwoman Garth, and Alderman Haynes voted "Aye", Alderwoman Odom and Alderman Allen "Nay".

A motion was made by Alderman Holliday, seconded by Alderwoman Garth, to approve the Resolution of County Supervisors & City of Aberdeen. The operation and maintenance of the Aberdeen Prairie Standard Industrial Park. The Mayor stated we no longer own this property. It was tabled for more discussion. On roll call all present voted "Aye"

Citizens Input:

Ashley Garth stated that her baby's grave had been damaged and repaired. A bill of \$125.00 was presented which she wanted the City to pay. Mayor paid the bill out of his pocket.

Albert Barker thanked the Mayor and Board for improving the streets and sidewalks in Ward #3.

Aldermen Input:

Alderman Holliday talked about the Parks, how they look and what we need to do to make them better. He asked that we take part in making General Young Park great again.

Alderwoman Garth asked if there could be a No Jake Break sign on Hwy 45 near Texaco Store due to noise. Speed breakers are needed on Burnett Street, and that speed breakers in Ward #4 need to be taken up. Alderwoman Odom said she was asked to put them down in her ward.

Alderman Haynes stated Mr. Barker lives in Atlanta, Ga and he wanted to give back to his home town by donating 4 Edgers at \$500.00 each for the City to help with the grass and not to poison the grass so it

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will stay green. Thanks to Mrs. Florance Williams for her home improvements and making ward #3 look better.

Alderwoman Odom stated that she needed ditches cleaned out and to look behind Mr. Miller's old house because there were City street signs behind it.

Alderman Allen asked for an update on telephone and iPads.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Howard made a change about the American Express Card, Comptroller Karen Crump and the new City Clerk names will be as the key holder.

A motion was made by Alderman Haynes, seconded by Alderwoman Garth to enter into closed determination. On a roll call vote, all present "Aye".

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

A motion was made by Alderwoman Garth, seconded by Alderman Holliday to except resignation of Christopher Dobbins from the Police Department. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Haynes seconded by Alderman Holliday to approve repairs to the CAT Excavator in the amount of \$9,286.78. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderwoman Garth seconded by Alderman Holliday to table hiring for the Electric Dept. On a roll call vote, Alderman Holliday and Alderwoman Garth voted "Aye", and Alderman Haynes, Alderwoman Odom and Alderman Allen voted "Nay".

A motion was made by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderwoman Odom to accept Brian Sanders proposal to hire Wesley Rogers as Apprentice Lineman at a rate of pay of \$18.00 dollars per hour and Roger Randle as Apprentice Lineman at a rate of pay of \$16.00 dollars per hour with six months' probation. Cable Angle to receive a 10% raise for completing Phase 2 of TVPPA training program with an additional wage scale change making his rate of pay \$18.50. Ethan Donahoo with a wage scale change making his rate of pay \$16.50 per hour. Angela Fears wage scale change \$1.00 dollar making her rate of pay \$13.80, Tammy Lundquist wage scale change \$1.00 dollar making her rate of pay \$13.40, Sean Parson wage scale change \$1.00 dollar making his rate of pay \$16.19, Contrina Garth wage scale change \$1.00 making her rate of pay \$16.19 and Billy Robertson wage scale change \$1.00 dollar making his rate of pay \$16.25. On a roll call vote Alderman Holliday "Nay", Alderwoman Garth "Nay", Alderman Haynes "Yay" Alderwoman Odom "Yay" and Alderman Allen "Yay".

A motion was made by Alderman Allen seconded by Alderman Odom to proceed with the Westlake Improvement project as outlined by Atwell and Gent, P.E.

1. Aberdeen Utilities invoices Westlake milestone payment #3.....July 28, 2020
2. Board approves advertising for bids.....August 4, 2020
3. First public advertising.....August 11, 2020
4. Second public advertisement.....August 18, 2020

- 5. Aberdeen Utilities receives Westlake milestone payment #3.....August 2020
- 6. Receive and open bids.....September 22, 2020
- 7. Board approves awarding contract for construction.....October 6, 2020
- 8. Construction "Notice to Proceed" is issued (Approximate).....November 1, 2020
- 9. Materials approved, ordered and received (Approximate).....March 25, 2021
- 10. Construction Starts (Approximate).....March 26,, 2021
- 11. Construction is Substantially Complete (Approximate).....October 23, 2021
- 12. Aberdeen invoices Westlake final 5% of cost (Approximate).....October 23, 2021
- 13. Project is Completed and Closed Out (Approximate).....November 2021

Westlake project to upgrade power lines and they will pay 100% for the service. On a roll call vote, Alderman Holliday "Nay" Alderwoman Garth "Nay" Alderman Haynes "Aye" Alderwoman Odom "Aye" Alderman Allen "Aye"

A motion was made by Alderman Holliday seconded by Alderwoman Garth to adjourn until the August 17, 2020 Board Meeting. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

Maurice Howard, Mayor



ATTEST:

