

## MINUTES, BOARD OF ALDERMEN, BOOK NO. 19

DEMENT-MERIDIAN 61-2994

**SPECIAL CALLED BOARD MEETING****CITY HALL BOARD ROOM****AUGUST 12, 2020****12:30 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., KAREN CRUMP, COMPTROLLER.**

Invocation- Percy Bell

A motion was made by Alderwoman Garth seconded by Alderman Haynes to appoint Melissa Moore as city clerk for a salary of \$50,000 annually. On roll call vote, Alderman Holliday, Alderwoman Garth, Alderman Haynes, Alderman Allen voted "Aye", Alderwoman Odom voted "Nay".

A motion was made by Alderman Haynes seconded by Alderman Holliday to advertise for a machine operator with the ability to operate all heavy equipment and be willing to perform other duties within the public works department. On roll call vote, all voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderwoman Odom seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the use of the Electric Department's Dodge Charger by the Police Department for as long as needed. All maintenance and repairs are to be paid from the Police Department. On roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderwoman Odom seconded by Alderwoman Garth to suspend Santana Scales and James Buchanan for two weeks without pay per Chief Henry Randle's recommendation. The officers willfully damaged equipment and are to be off from August 12<sup>th</sup>-August 25<sup>th</sup>. On roll call vote, Alderman Holliday, Alderwoman Garth, Alderman Haynes and Alderwoman Odom voted "Aye", Alderman Allen voted "Nay".

Alderman Input:

Alderwoman Odom wanted an update on Meadowlane where the land has been cleared and sewer is draining.

Alderman Haynes stated he is working with public works on getting some clean up done within the city. Not in favor of spraying poison on grass.

Alderwoman Garth wanted an update on speed bumps being placed on Burnett St. and stated attention to grass on High Street is needed next to the Hoskins house.

Mayor's Report:

Aberdeen has no structure. Policy needs to be written to insure the people understand the power structure. Job descriptions for all positions within the City including public officials are needed in order to prevent any legal actions. A policy is needed for transferring or loaning equipment to other departments and should be approved by the day to day operator. Brian Sanders will be written up due to his actions of loaning the Dodge Charger to the Police Department. I will be writing a policy to insure that this never happens again. Contracts are being signed by unauthorized employees. A question was asked to Alderwoman Garth, how many special called board meetings did you attend that were called solely by the Board of Alderman not the Mayor? She responded by saying none. The same question was asked of Alderwoman Odom and her reply was she doesn't remember any. The City charter says the only person that can call special meetings is the Mayor. We have a problem. Power contracts were signed without the Mayor's knowledge. An employee has signed a long term power contract and it must

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be voided and renegotiated due to failure of having the Mayor's signature. I am also writing Brian Sanders up for signing contracts. My recommendation today is that Brian Sanders be terminated immediately.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Garth seconded by Alderman Holliday to go into closed determination for personnel issue. On roll call vote, Alderman Holliday, Alderwoman Garth, Alderman Haynes voted "Aye". Alderwoman Odom and Alderman Allen voted "Nay".

A motion was made by Alderwoman Garth seconded by Alderman Holliday to go into executive session. On roll call vote all present voted "Aye"

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

Alderwoman Garth asked for Attorney Walter Zinn to have a meeting with TVA ad report back to the Board with any findings and we will come back and revisit these issues at that time.

Mayor Howard informed the Board that he will be sending Brian Sanders home for disrespecting him and will place the two write-ups in his file.

A motion was made by Alderman Allen seconded by Alderwoman Odom no action be taken against Brian Sanders and allow him to continue to work until further notice. On a roll call vote, Alderman Holliday voted "Nay". Alderwoman Garth, Alderman Haynes, Alderwoman Odom and Alderman Allen voted "Aye"

A motion was made by Alderwoman Garth seconded by Alderman Haynes to adjourn until next meeting. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye"

  
Maurice Howard, Mayor

ATTEST:

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