

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

CITY HALL BOARD ROOM

SEPTEMBER 1, 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., MELSSA MOORE, CITYCLERK AND BARBARA VASSER, DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

Invocation: Alderman Edward Haynes

ROLL CALL

A motion was made by Alderman Haynes, seconded by Alderwoman Garth to approve minutes dated August 18, 2020. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Holliday, seconded by Alderwoman Garth 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 "Aye", with the exception of Mayor Howard travel expense.

A motion was made by Alderman Holliday, seconded by Alderwoman Garth to accept the Void Amendment with TVA Exhibit C. On a roll call vote, Alderman Haynes, Alderman Holliday, and Alderwoman Garth voted "Aye". Note that Alderman Haynes questioned Mayor Howard and Attorney Zinn decision. Alderwoman Odom and Alderman Allen voted "Nay".

A motion was made by Alderwoman Garth, seconded by Alderman Holliday to accept the Void Amendment with Axiall, Exhibit D. On a roll call vote, Alderman Haynes, Alderman Allen, and Alderwoman Odom voted "Nay". Alderwoman Garth and Alderman Holliday voted "Aye".

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

A motion was made by Alderman Holliday, seconded by Alderwoman Garth, to table cemetery bids to the next Board meeting. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderwoman Garth, seconded by Alderman Haynes to move health insurance eligibility period to 30 days. On a roll call vote, Alderman Holliday, Alderman Haynes and Alderwoman Garth voted "Aye", and Alderman Allen and Alderwoman Odom voted "Nay".

A motion made by Alderwoman Garth seconded by Alderwoman Odom to accept the Heritage Grant Archives and History with a \$2,000.00 advancement due to the deadline date being October 2, 2020. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Holliday seconded by Alderwoman Garth to table ION Business and Payment System to next Board meeting. 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 approve potential industry, with the changes stated in Ward 3 that 50 of the 70 employees hired must be from Aberdeen. On a roll call vote, Alderman Allen and Alderwoman Odom voted "Nay". Alderman Haynes, Alderman Holliday and Alderwoman Garth voted "Aye".

Citizens Input:

Lucinda Everett of J & L Soul food asked the Board permission to sell beer. On a roll call vote, Alderman Holliday, Alderman Haynes, Alderman Allen and Alderwoman Odom voted "Aye. Alderwoman Garth voted "Nay".

Sierra White stated that she was being harassed by the Aberdeen Police Department and Monroe County Sheriff Department. Mrs. White was represented by Steven Harris, Executive Director of the Civil Rights Coalition.

Elder Percy Bell was concerned about the safety of the people driving too fast on Highway 45.

Aldermen Input:

Alderman Holliday thanked Mr. Boone and his workers for the work they did on MLK Street.

Alderwoman Garth talked about how important the U.S. Census is to our town. She thanked Ms. Riddle and Ms. Moore for the cleanup in Ward 2. She also commended Mr. Boone and his workers for the great job they're doing.

Alderman Haynes commended Albert Johnson, Jr. and his crew for the great job they are doing. He also stated that he needs to meet with Mr. Boone about the water drainage on West Short Street. He has a meeting scheduled for Ward 3 on September 16, 2020.

Alderwoman Odom voiced no comment.

Alderman Allen talked about how important the U.S. Census is for the residents of Aberdeen, by encouraging everyone to complete the census. He mentioned the drainage on Walters Drive and two water lines on Charles Street and High Extension needs to be replaced.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Howard implemented Employee of the Month beginning in September 2020. Mayor Howard will be rewarding the employee with a \$100.00 Wal-Mart gift card, plaque and a picture. The first recipient is Albert Johnson, Jr.

Mayor Howard announced that Mrs. Judy Harrison will be retiring at the end of the month, with a long time service of 19 years.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Garth, seconded by Alderman Haynes 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 Alderman Holliday and Alderwoman Garth to go into Executive Session. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Holliday seconded by Alderwoman Garth to come out of Executive Session.

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A motion was made by Alderwoman Garth seconded by Alderman Haynes to terminate Major Quinell Shumpert on a recommendation made by Chief Henry Randle stating that Major Quinell Shumpert violated the Non-Disclosure Policy with the Aberdeen Police Department by having several write-ups.

On a roll call vote, Alderman Holliday, Alderman Haynes and Alderwoman Garth voted "Aye" and Alderman Allen and Alderwoman Odom voted "Nay".

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

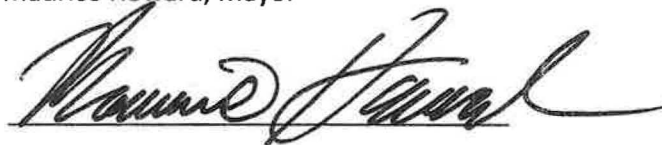
A motion was made by Alderman Holliday seconded by Alderwoman Garth to hire Fred Young for the Water Department at a rate of pay of \$12.00 per hour, Travette Caradine for Mayor Secretary at a rate of pay of \$32,000.00 per year, and Akela McNairy for Assistant Court Clerk at a rate of pay of \$10.00 per hour. On a roll call vote, Alderman Holliday, Alderman Haynes and Alderwoman Garth voted "Aye". Alderwoman Odom and Alderman Allen voted "Nay".

A motion was made by Alderman Haynes seconded by Alderman Holliday to approve the repair of the side arm attachment for the Street Department tractor in the amount of \$6,835.86. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

Alderman Allen asked the question, "Are we going to pay the American Express bill?" The Mayor replied "no."

A motion was made by Alderwoman Garth seconded by Alderman Holliday to adjourn until the September 15, 2020 Board Meeting. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

Maurice Howard, Mayor



ATTEST:

