

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING

CITY HALL BOARD ROOM

November 17, 2020

5:00 P.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN/ALDERWOMEN 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, CITY CLERK AND BARBARA VASSER, DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

Invocation: Alderman Edward Haynes

## ROLL CALL

A motion was made by Alderwoman Garth, seconded by Alderman Haynes to approve minutes dated November 3, 2020. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

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

A motion was made by Alderman Holliday, no seconded was given on this motion to approve Mayor's Lease of \$4500.00 on Vehicle Purchase. Motion died.

A motion was made by Alderman Haynes, seconded by Alderwoman Garth to approve Water Department Vehicle Purchase in the amount of \$29,465.00. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

Mayor Howard asked the Board should we table the discussion about the UDAG Loan Application for Tony Rodgers in the amount of \$35,000.00. All present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Haynes, seconded by Alderman Allen to advertise in the Monroe Journal for bids on land sale for PPIN #6750, parcel #108G-27-002-013.00 and PPIN #6742, parcel #108G-27-002-006.00. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderwoman Garth, seconded by Alderman Haynes to approve hire of Brenda Watson as Dispatcher for the Aberdeen Police Department. Brenda Watson will be part-time at a rate of pay of \$10.00 per hour. On a roll call vote, Alderman Allen and Alderwoman Odom voted "Nay" and Alderman Haynes, Alderwoman Garth and Alderman Holliday voted "Aye".

## Citizens Input:

Jack Hamilton asked the Board permission to repair three monuments at the Old Aberdeen Cemetery. They were knocked down by the large trees from the storm a couple of years ago, and he would like to use a backhoe to pick them back up. Mayor Howard asked the Board if they opposed to Mr. Hamilton doing the repairs. They said no. Mayor Howard told Mr. Hamilton he will get with him and get it set up.

Tina Robbins shared with the Board the projects they're doing with the Tourism Relief Fund. Ms. Robbins provided the Board with a packet showing the full page ads in the following magazines: Good Housekeeping and Woman's Day, and a 1/6<sup>th</sup> page in Southern Living. Billboard ads will be running from November 23-December 30, 2020 in Tuscaloosa, AL, Florence, AL, Jackson, TN, Meridian, MS and Tupelo, MS. Ms. Robbins asked the Board's permission to place information stands in three different locations within the City, and update them once or twice a year as merchants and businesses change. Ms. Robbins said this is no cost to the City. Ms. Robbins asked the permission of Public Works to assist with placing the stands in front of the City Hall, near the 4-Way Stop, and in front of the Aberdeen Visitor's Building, formerly the Cooperwood Building. The Board agreed. Ms. Robbins told the Board the Promo and Christmas Videos will be used on social media.

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Healing Waters Christian Fellowship Assembly of God asked the Board permission to place a box with their church logo on it in the City Hall to collect coats for the children in the community. They are getting good responses from this coat drive. They prefer new coats, but will take any and all used coats. Hometown Cleaners has agreed to clean any used coats donated for this cause. Healing Waters asked that if anyone would like to help with the Coat Drive and distribute the coats, please contact them.

## Aldermen/Alderwomen Input:

Alderman Allen shared with the Board that Ann Tackett asked if the Electric Department could assist her in putting up the Christmas Lights at the Depot. The Depot is private property, and Alderwoman Allen wants to be sure from a legal standpoint, this is okay for the City Electric Department personnel to do. Attorney Zinn told the Board being that it's private property he would like to follow-up on it. Mayor Howard told the Board as long as the process is legal and they approve, he has no problem with it. Drain on West Commerce just beyond Ausborn Lane in a City ditch is stopped up and he would like for Mr. Boone to take a look at it. Mr. Allen asked for the Atwell & Gent Contract to be put on the agenda so it can be voted on at the next Board meeting. Mr. Allen wanted to know if an internal employee wanted to apply for the Public Utilities General Manager position would they have to fill out an application. Mayor Howard said the internal employee would have to complete an application and attached their resume. The interview process will start next week.

Alderwoman Odom said a Stop sign needs to be put up at the intersection of Parkview and Bellview. The reason being for the Stop sign is because of the racing, and within the last two weeks there were almost two collisions. Alderwoman Odom would like for Pedro to talk with Edward Mattox about his dogs. They are running out in the streets and barking at the FedEx and UPS trucks. Neighbors are complaining because the dogs are coming in their yards and doing their jobs and marking their territory on the neighbor's tires. This is happening on Bellview Drive.

Alderman Haynes asked the Board to review the UDAG Application that he revised by adding more questions that will require the applicant to provide more information before it will be approved by the Board. Alderman Haynes received nine phone calls from neighbors about the Rescue Dogs on High Street, and all the noise they're making. He went and seen the dogs for himself. They are very viscous and large dogs, and he didn't feel safe walking down the street. Alderman Haynes would like for Mrs. Wise to be contacted and invited to come back before the Board to discuss this matter.

Alderwoman Garth thanked Tina Robbins for the dedication ceremony of the clock on Main Street and the mural painting on the Aberdeen Visitor's Bureau Building. Alderwoman Garth asked Jim Edwards did he get permission to remove the pictures of the black classmates that attended Shivers Junior High School and move them to the Depot. Mr. Edwards asked Alderwoman Garth to contact the superintendent. Alderwoman Garth told Mr. Edwards the superintendent will not answer his phone or return her calls. Alderwoman Garth told the Board she received several calls from concerned classmates that attended Shivers, and wanted to know why the pictures were removed from the school.

Alderman Holliday asked everyone to please be mindful and check on the elderly and your neighbors. The time has changed and it's getting dark earlier, and the temperature is cooler at night. Alderman Holliday wants everyone to be safe and warm.

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Mayor Howard and the Board will begin the interview process for the Public Utilities General Manager position on Tuesday, November 24, 2020. Mayor Howard asked the Board about re-visiting the UDAG Loans that were submitted in the past. Mayor Howard asked the Board to please review the quote from Collins Electrical Contractor, Inc. They will be putting the grounding ring around the Walker's Water Tank. The quote price is \$6,800.00. Mayor Howard told the Board if they're okay with the quote, please motion for a vote.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Garth, seconded by Alderman Haynes to approve the quote from Collins Electrical Contractor, Inc. in the amount of \$6,800.00. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Holliday, seconded by Alderwoman Garth to enter into Closed Determination. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

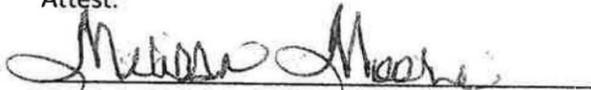
A motion was made by Alderman Holliday, seconded by Alderwoman Garth to come out of Closed Determination. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderwoman Holliday, seconded by Alderwoman Garth to adjourn until the December 1, 2020 Board Meeting. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

Maurice Howard, Mayor



Attest:



Melissa Moore, City Clerk