

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

CITY HALL BOARD ROOM

April 20, 2021

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 CHARLES SCOTT, ALDERMAN NICHOLAS HOLLIDAY, ALDERWOMAN LADY B. GARTH, ALDERMAN EDWARD HAYNES, ALDERWOMAN CAROLYN ODOM, ALDERMAN JOHN ALLEN, CITY ATTORNEY WALTER ZINN, JR., MELISSA MOORE, CITY CLERK AND BARBARA VASSER, DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

Alderman Holliday wasn't present at the beginning of the Board Meeting

Invocation: Public Utilities General Manager, LaMarcus Thompson

ROLL CALL

A motion was made by Alderwoman Odom, seconded by Alderwoman Garth to approve minutes dated April ~~13~~ 2021. Alderwoman Odom asked that the necessary correction be made by adding the motion she made changing the Ward One precinct from Aberdeen Housing Authority to the Monroe County Courthouse. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye". (Alderman Holliday wasn't present to vote)

A motion was made by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Haynes to pay bills to proper vendors. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye". (Alderman Holliday wasn't present to vote)

A motion was made by Alderman Haynes, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve rate increase for Fire Fighter Cruz Jimirez from \$9.40 per hour to \$10.00 per hour. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye". (Alderman Holliday wasn't present to vote)

A motion was made by Alderwoman Odom, seconded by Alderman Allen to table the hiring of Johnny McMillian for the Fire Department at \$10.00 per hour until we can see all applicants. On a roll call vote, Alderwoman Garth and Alderman Haynes voted "Nay". Alderwoman Odom and Alderman Allen voted "Aye". The vote resulted in a tie, and in this event Mayor Scott will vote. Mayor Scott voted "Aye". (Alderman Holliday wasn't present to vote)

A motion was made by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Haynes to approve Employee Enhancement, and pay all the necessary expenses according to State guidelines for Public Utilities General Manager Lamarcus Thompson / CMB Training for General Manager / April 20-22, 2021 / Fee: \$1800.00. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye". (Alderman Holliday wasn't present to vote)

A motion was made by Alderman Haynes, seconded by Alderwoman Garth to approve Employee Enhancement, and pay all necessary expenses according to State Guidelines for Water Department Supervisor Jason Roberson /2021 annual Mgmt. & Technical Conference / May 31-June 3, 2021 / Fee:\$250.00. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye". (Alderman Holliday wasn't present to vote)

A motion was made by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderwoman Odom to approve Employee Enhancement, and pay all necessary expenses according to State Guidelines for Inspector Roy Haynes / MACE Education Conference / August 10-13, 2021 / Fee: \$100.00; also approve the Annual Membership Application Fee: \$75.00. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye". (Alderman Holliday wasn't present to vote)

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Attorney Zinn, Jr., advised the Board from the last Board Meeting the invoice in the amount of \$350.00 from Butler Snow regarding the CAP LOAN with Three Rivers. After further discussion it was agreed upon that \$275.00 will be an acceptable amount.

Citizen's Input:

Tina Robbins shared with the Board the scheduled events that's going on in the City:

1. Support Local Merchants: Taste the Local / Thursday, April. 22, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m., at The Depot
2. National Travel & Tourism Week / May 2-May 8, 2021
 - a. Ribbon Cutting for the wall of Fame / May 3, 2021 @ 11:00 a.m.
 - b. National Teacher Appreciation Day (special discount for teaches all day) May 4, 2021, late night shopping till 7:00 p.m.
 - c. Wear Red and receive 15% discount at participating merchants on May 5, 2021
 - d. National Nurses Appreciation day (special discount for nurses all day) May 6, 2021, late night shopping till 7:00 p.m.
 - e. National Day of Prayer on May 6, 2021 at 11:30 a.m.
 - f. Pop Up Social (tba)

Aldermen/Alderwomen Input:

Alderwoman Garth: 3S Sanitizing Solutions provided the Board Members with a gift. They would like to thank the City, and they have completed everything they were contractually obligated to do, but if we ever need them give them a shout out.

Alderman Haynes: was contacted by the NAACP, and they're asking permission to put signs inside and outside at their meeting place, which is the Aberdeen High Street Community Center, if it's okay with the Board.

A motion was made by Alderman Haynes, seconded by Alderwoman Garth that we allow them to put up small signs notating where they're located in that building. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye". (Alderman Holliday wasn't present to vote)

Alderman Haynes asking that Mr. Boone activate the crew that keeps the ditches clean; so the ditches will remain clean and free of debris. Alderman Haynes talked with General Manager Lamarcus Thompson about the manpower he needs in his department. Mr. Thompson told Alderman Haynes that he has two applicants that will be presented to the Board for hire.

A motion was made by Alderman Haynes, seconded by Alderwoman Garth to hire Michael Turnipseed and Jonathan Polk for the Electric Department. Michael Turnipseed rate of pay will be \$15.00 per hour, and Jonathan Polk rate of pay will be \$14.50 per hour. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye". (Alderman Holliday wasn't present to vote)

Alderman Haynes asked Mayor Scott has he contacted WestLake about the tour. Mayor Scott told Alderman Haynes that he did ask if the tour could be Wednesday. Alderman Haynes asked that groups be smaller. He will be going on May 11, 2021, and asked if Public Utilities General Manager could go on the tour as well.

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Alderwoman Odom: said anyone that travels Highway 8 knows what a terrible shape it's in, from our 145 to the bypass. I would like Mayor Scott to contact the County Supervisors and Ward Four Supervisor Mr. Fulton Ware, and talk with them about them going with us to help resurface that highway. I think if the County would help and the City combined, I would say the County trucks has done as much damaged out there as anybody else has, because they have big trucks running up and down that highway. I know money is tight, but we need to plant the seed that we need some help to repave from the bypass to 145.

Alderman Allen: one update regarding the lifting of the mask mandate. Mayor Scott will discuss in his Mayor's Input. Alderman Allen getting heat from the citizens about the building at Oddfellow Cemetary, it's an eye sore. He will look at the building, it may just need a coat of paint. Just wanted it notated so the public know we're working on it. Alderman Allen asked about Live Streaming the Board Meetings. It would really help if the people could see and hear the meetings. Mayor Scott asked Tina Robbins if she would setup a Facebook page for the City. Ms. Robbins agreed.

Mayor's Input: City of Aberdeen Liability Release Form – Attorney Zinn, Jr. was asked to explain this form to the Board. Attorney Zinn, Jr., said when we are engaging in Independent Contractors (Third Parties) they should have a Liability Release Form when they're doing a project for the City. Mayor Scott provided the Board with the Official Contract he has for the Sports Complex. To keep from having a conflict of interest, he decided to nullify the contract and all equipment and supplies to renovate the facility will be lined out in inventory and turned over to the City as a donation.

A motion was made by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderwoman Odom to accept Mayor Charles Scott release from the Armed Forces Sports Association of America (AFSAA) from facility use and Non – Exclusive Rental Agreement. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye". (Alderman Holliday wasn't present to vote)

Mayor Scott told the Board the City has coordinated with Smithville for the COVID19 vaccine. They will be providing Aberdeen two COVID (1st shot). The first date will be May 4, 2021 from 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m., and the second date will be June 3, 2021 from 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. The location site: Aberdeen Park & Recreation Building. Mayor Scott is asking everyone to please get vaccinated at this location or another. The Mask Mandate may be lifted after those first series of shots have been given.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Odom, seconded by Alderwoman Garth to move forward with the COVID19 vaccinations. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye". (Alderman Holliday wasn't present for the vote)

Mayor Scott told the Board that the Street Sweeper demonstration will be tomorrow (4/21/21) at 6:00 p.m. It will take place in front of the City Hall. This is no cost to the City.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Odom, seconded by Alderman Allen to allow the demonstration for the Street Sweeper at 6:00 p.m. tomorrow afternoon provided by the company that's doing it. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye". (Alderman Holliday wasn't present for the vote)

Mayor Scott is requesting the ability to select a Vice-Mayor for the upcoming year. He asked for a motion.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Odom to allow the Mayor to choose his own Vice-Mayor for the extent of his term in office. No second on this motion. Motion failed. Alderwoman Odom withdrew her motion from failing to get a second.

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A motion was made by Alderman Haynes, seconded by Alderwoman Garth to go 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 Alderman Holliday, seconded by Alderman Haynes to advertise internally for two weeks for the Court Clerk position, and to move Akela McNairy from part-time Assistant Court Clerk to Full-time Court Clerk with the hourly base pay the position pays. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Holliday, seconded by Alderwoman Garth to approve Employee Enhancement, and approve all necessary expenses according to State guidelines for Linesman Caleb Angle / TVPPA Lineman Apprenticeship Summer Training Classes / May 2-7, 2021 / Huntsville, Alabama. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Haynes, seconded by Alderman Holliday to approve hiring of Johnny McMillian for the Fire Department at rate of pay at \$10.00 per hour. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderwoman Garth, seconded by Alderman Allen to adjourn until May 4, 2021 Board Meeting. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".



Charles Scott, Mayor

Attest:


Melissa Moore, City Clerk