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CITY COUNCIL

MAY 19, 2016

REGULAR MEETING - 7:00 PM
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Council President, Chris Seher at 7:00 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE – Mayor

INVOCATION – Rev. Dave Cobb (retired) Absecon Presbyterian Church

STATEMENT OF SUNSHINE LAW – Chris

NOTIFICATION OF MEETING - Chris

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Cain, Sheeran, Horton, Phillips, Ring, Vizthum, Seher

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Armstrong, Tim Maguire, Jessica Thompson, Teri Giercyk

REPORTS

Frank - Public Works – the street sweeper is going around town. The 2016 road program will go out the last week of May. Res #98 is a change order for the tennis courts to add a new type of drain, but the estimated is lower than expected. He commented on the fence around Heritage Park and how nice it looks. His next meeting will be June 6th.

Chris – agreed the fence coming down does make it look better.

It was mentioned that maybe a fence or some type of barrier could be put up for the playground area.

Discussion on the roadwork on NJ Avenue was held.

Jim – Public Safety – no new report. His next meeting is June 7th @ 7 p.m. He commented on the towing Ordinance #12 for tonight, Res. #92-Click It or Ticket and Res. #97-the hiring of two Class II officers. They were invited up and introduced, but will get sworn in tomorrow.

Sandy – Parks & Playgrounds – they met Tuesday and discussed the possibility of having 9 concerts next year, since everything has already been set up for this year. Pete Higbee is doing random badge checks on the coaches and everything is running smoothly. She commented on the lights around the rec field that will be installed soon. The lights for the soccer field on Crestview Avenue are being quoted first before bids can go out. Her next meeting is June 21st @ 7:00 pm. Mentioned Res. #99 for Phase III of the ballfields.

Pat – Finance – we met just before this meeting. A backhoe was decided on and it is \$19,000 less than we had planned. It will be \$81,000 and it can be approved hopefully at the next meeting. Ed Vincent is currently our fire official and he has a deputy. He gets \$6,000 and the other gets \$3,900 and we've budgeted \$15,000 for 3 of them. Ed would like to increase the salary of the deputy to his and he feels the two of them can do the work saving us \$3,000. We then discussed the three resolutions that were given to us dealing with some new hiring's and he would like to have more discussion on them, so he asked that they be tabled. He has some concerns about them. Everyone has been asked about individually on these but he asked for an email to go out to everyone detailing a list of information he thought was necessary. He'd like to see the full salary ordinance and what each person makes and who is in the union and not.

Chris – has asked about having a personnel committee before, but typically it goes through the finance committee and tonight is the first time there would have been discussion on it, so tabling it will be fine. He suggested another suggestion to this report Jessica will be doing. Businesses have an organizational chart usually and we should have one as well.

John – Pat's idea with regard to a memorandum explaining the proposed hires is a good idea. He asked our attorney to weigh in about it all going out to the governing body and the open public meetings act.

Tim – explained the open public meetings acts and you should never let anyone know how you'll be voting and the second is that discussion should happen on the dais. You shouldn't get into a back and forth conversation with a group.

Motion to table Res. #100-Appointing a Full-Time Tax Clerk and #101-Appointing a Part-Time Tax Clerk, made by Councilman Sheeran – second – Councilwoman Horton
All were in favor.

Pat – the ordinance can be introduced and then changes could always be done. The one to be introduced will include the new position of an inspector. Escrow fees had come up and a report was generated, but it should probably fall under the economic development committee so we should discuss at our next meeting.

Mike - Community Affairs – the Pitney House will be having an open house this weekend. The fundraising event for the 9/11 committee is Saturday at Raymour & Flanigan on Sat. 5/28. He also announced other upcoming events. He discussed Res. #94-Raffle License, #95-50-50 License and #96-City Wide Yard Sale. His next meeting is 6/2 at 6 p.m.

Kim – Economic Development – her next meeting is 6/2 @ 6:30 p.m. Tomorrow morning at 7:40 a.m. at the tennis court area on Morton Ave. they are sponsoring a safe route to school walk event.

Mayor – talked about new development of the old ballfields property, but the park on the corner of the WHP will stay. He discussed the State and County plans for major road projects that will be affecting Absecon as well and most likely over the summer.

Jessica Thompson – most of her report has been covered. The capital program has been is now a go, so work can begin on the projects we had for this year. There have been no new restroom incidents in the past six weeks since ASAC has been monitoring them better. The coaches badge process has been underway for about a year and is working out well. She spoke about the wellness program for employees run through JIF; our safety meetings and committee and our loss ratio is at 75%, which is good. The shredding on Saturday will still happen even if it rains. She is waiting for the design of the concert poster from the bank and there are still some dates open for mc's on a few concerts.

Monthly Reports – Deputy Clerk

Construction \$22,547.00
Court \$11,872.85
Clerk \$9,571.00
Tax \$1,364,752.83

PUBLIC PORTION

Motion to open to the public – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilman Ring
All were in favor.
No public comment.
Motion to close public – Councilman Vizthum – second – Councilman Sheeran
All were in favor.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

2016 ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

11 An Ordinance Establishing Salary Ranges for the City of Absecon.

Motion to introduce – Councilwoman Horton – second – Councilman Ring
ROLL CALL: Cain, yes; Sheeran, yes; Horton, yes; Phillips, yes; Ring, yes; Vizthum, yes, Seher, yes

12 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 320 of the Code of the City of Absecon Regarding towing.

Motion to introduce – Councilman Vizthum – second – Councilman Sheeran
Jim – this adds a specific charge so the tow companies can charge and we are adding a ceiling as to what they can charge for storage, so it's reasonable.
ROLL CALL: Cain, yes; Sheeran, yes; Horton, yes; Phillips, yes; Ring, yes; Vizthum, yes, Seher, yes

CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed under Consent Agenda, are considered to be routine by this City Council and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

92 Approving the Insertion of a special item of revenue into the 2016 Municipal Budget to allow for the receipt of \$5,000.00 from the State of NJ Highway Traffic Safety – Click it or Ticket.

- 93 Supporting the Click it or Ticket Mobilization of May 23-June 5, 2016.
- 94 Granting a Raffle License to Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church.
- 95 Granting 50-50 Licenses to the Charles A. Hammell American Legion Post 28 for the Concerts in the Park.
- 96 Allowing for the Absecon Education Foundation's Annual City-Wide Yard Sale.
- 97 Appointing Two Part-Time Special Law Enforcement Officers, Class II.
- 98 Authorizing change order No. 1 for the Pitney Park Tennis Court Upgrades for the City of Absecon.
- 99 Authorizing Remington, Vernick & Walberg, City Engineers, to administer the construction and inspection of the Pitney Park Baseball Field improvements - Phase III.

Motion to move consent agenda – Councilman Sheeran – second – Councilman Phillips
ROLL CALL: Cain, yes; Sheeran, yes; Horton, yes; Phillips, yes; Ring, yes; Vizthum, yes; Seher, yes

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST - \$1,533,090.47

Motion to approve – Councilwoman Cain - second – Councilman Sheeran
ROLL CALL: Cain, yes; Sheeran, yes; Horton, yes, abstain on A0005 and H0095; Phillips, yes; Ring, yes; Vizthum, yes; Seher, yes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes – 05/05/16
Motion to approve – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilwoman Ring
All were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilman Vizthum
All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,


Carrie A. Crone, City Clerk

Approved: 6/2/16