



CITY OF ABSECON
Municipal Complex
500 Mill Road
Absecon, New Jersey 08201

Carie A. Crone, RMC
Municipal Clerk

CITY COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 5, 2020

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Council Pro Tem Betty Howell at 5:00 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT ON THE SUNSHINE LAW
NOTIFICATION THAT THIS MEETING IS ELECTRONICALLY RECORDED

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Butch Burroughs, Sandy Cain, Caleb Cavileer, Betty Howell, Steve Light, Frank Phillips

ABSENT: Keith Bennett

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Horton, Fred Scerni, Jessica Thompson, Carie Crone & Ed Dennis

Caleb – he announced the winners of the Halloween contest and those that were presented received their prize. There were three categories: classic, scary and fall décor. Betty thanked the whole committee that works on this event.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

2020 ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION

- 09** Amending Ordinance #08-2020, repealing and replacing Chapter 251 of the Code of the City of Absecon entitled "Rental Housing".

Motion for second reading – Councilman Cavileer – second – Councilwoman Cain

ROLL CALL: Burroughs, yes; Cain, yes; Cavileer, yes; Howell, yes; Light, yes; Phillips, yes

Motion to open to the public – Councilman Light – second – Councilwoman Cain
All were in favor

Jessica – minor changes were made dealing with the taxes that are imposed
Motion to close public – Councilman Burroughs – second – Councilwoman Cain

All were in favor

Motion for final reading and adoption – Councilman Cavileer – second – Councilwoman Cain

ROLL CALL: Burroughs, yes; Cain, yes; Cavileer, yes; Howell, yes; Light, yes; Phillips, yes

2020 RESOLUTIONS

- 108** Appointing a Part-Time Dispatcher, namely Joseph Festa.

Jessica – he will be called on when we need him

- 109** Approving the insertion of a Special Item of Revenue into the 2020 Municipal Budget to allow for the receipt of \$3,200.00 from the Federal Body Armor Fund.

Jessica – this will be used for body armor purchase along with a grant from the State, both will cover the full cost when we buy it

- 110** Authorizing the submission of an application for the Local Government Emergency Fund (CRF) Grant.

Jessica – this is for \$136,675.00, which is direct funding allocated from the State for 100% reimbursement. It can be used in conjunction with FEMA funding and may be available for 25% of FEMA funds that is not put into the NJ application.

PUBLIC PORTION (Agenda Items only)

Motion to open to the public – Councilman Cavileer – second – Councilman Burroughs

All were in favor.

No public comment

Motion to close public – Councilman Light – second – Councilman Burroughs

All were in favor.

CONSENT AGENDA

Betty – read the resolutions again.

Motion to move the consent agenda – Councilman Light – second – Councilman Burroughs

ROLL CALL: Burroughs, yes; Cain, yes; Cavileer, yes; Howell, yes; Light, yes; Phillips, yes

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST – \$1,975,342.38

Motion to approve – Councilman Burroughs – second – Councilman Cavileer

ROLL CALL: Burroughs, yes; Cain, yes; Cavileer, yes; Howell, yes; Light, yes; Phillips, yes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - TABLED

Regular Meeting Minutes – 10/15/2020

Motion to approve – Councilman Cavileer - second – Councilman Burroughs

ROLL CALL: Burroughs, yes; Cain, yes; Cavileer, yes; Howell, yes; Light, yes; Phillips, yes

REPORTS

Jessica – the shredding event was a big success, so she is looking into having it twice a year. Leaf pickup has begun and will run through the end of the year. She attended an Atlantic County Improvement Authority online with the Mayor and they will be giving \$1,000,000 in Countywide

forgiveable business loans to assist businesses recovering from revenue losses and increased expenses and another \$1,000,000 for rental and mortgage assistance programs. They will take the individual applications, but not until November 13th. She will get it on the website as soon as she has it. It's on a first come first serve basis, so you should apply as quickly as possible. JIF announced that we will receive \$68,052 in dividends and it will be applied to our 2021 assessment.

Steve – he is always asked by residents when their leaves will be picked up. Is there a schedule?

Jessica – no. It's hard to determine because of the weather and the volume, so they can't anticipate when they will be where. They do continue to go through the town.

Eddie – there is a lot of construction going on all over town: the DOT job at Mill Road and Rt. 30; the gas company is still working throughout the town and they are finishing up their first wave of their utility work and will start repaving soon. They will then start the second wave until the end of the year, depending on the weather and the amount of work left. The firehouse overhead doors have been the hold up, but are supposed to be in this week, but they are in transit we were told. It's a critical part to finishing up the building. A positive is that by the time the doors get put in, the whole building might be able to be completed. The bulkhead project is looking great and taking shape. Bayview Drive is still in progress and hopes to be done in a few weeks. On Pitney Road and Connecticut Avenue, the sidewalk job is getting its final paving work done and will be done soon. The Public Works is looking into options for next year's budget. He hopes to hear back from the DOT regarding the grants we applied for, so once we have that we know what we can work with. The survey for the dredging is in progress now.

Steve – is there any update on the tower at the firehouse? Whether we are getting rid of it or keeping it?

Eddie – he does not have an update on that. He knows the Chief has been working on a taker. It is no longer needed and don't need it for the new operations. We are trying to help out the developer with disposing of it.

Mayor – thanked the Chief and his department for their work on Halloween night. The school had a zoom meeting this week and they discussed ways to support our community during this holiday season. The poster will be put on our website and she handed them out tonight to everyone.

Police Chief – thanked the residents for having a safe and successful Halloween and apologized to any of the residents over on Morton Avenue if they were inconvenienced by closing the roadway. We needed to keep that area safe for everyone and it was more manageable. The Mayor and he are still getting complaints about speeders on Highland Blvd. They are out enforcing it, will be out there more and if they have to, they will issue tickets.

Betty – with living over that way, we do get hit by hundreds of kids on Halloween. There wasn't as much this year and always worried about kids out on the streets. The police did a great job out there and were friendly with everyone. There are other streets too that have a speeding problem with people using side streets as cut throughs, so if everyone slows down it will help.

PUBLIC PORTION

Motion to open to the public was made by Councilman Light – second – Councilman Burroughs
All were in favor.

Motion to close public – Councilman Light – second – Councilman Burroughs
All were in favor.

Kim – thanked Steve, Butch and Butch Stewart who did some work on the electric at the American Legion building trying to update it.

Sandy – next Wednesday is Veteran's Day, so please remember all our vets out there. We all thank them for their service.

Betty – there will be a scaled down ceremony at the Veteran's Field at 11:00 a.m. on the 11th.

Steve – part of his passion is because his daughter is a veteran, but two of her shipmates in the last 6 months have taken their life at only 28 years old. It's given him more of an effort to try to help. He thanked the residents for their participation during this difficult election time. We are a community and care about each other. Ultimately, we are one people. He wished everyone the best.

Betty – she thanked Butch Stewart for getting some heaters for the church polling place to help the people keep warm.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn – Councilman Light – second – Councilman Cavileer
All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,


Carie A. Crone, City Clerk

Approved: 11-19-2020