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CITY COUNCIL

AUGUST 18, 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 – Vicar Alan Mercer, Peace Lutheran Church, Galloway

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, Carie Crone

REPORTS

Frank - Public Works – commended Public Works for doing a great job around town. The road program is moving along well and the weather is holding up for us. The gas company is putting new lines in at Shelburne Avenue and will be paving next. Some residents on Ohio Avenue have complained about speeders and they would like it to be a 25 mph zone instead of 35. The County is going to do a speed survey first and then check police records. His next meeting will be in October due to the holiday. He saw some work starting on the WHP but they are not supposed to be paving until 9/15. He doesn't know what's happening with the light at Turner Avenue and the 3 second delay being added.

Jim - Public Safety – speed humps and signs are working down at the fields. Football and cheerleaders have started practicing. School starts 9/6 so please be careful driving.

Sandy – Parks and Playgrounds – the irrigation pump at the Blue Devils field is shot, so Public Works will be installing a new one by next week. Signs for traveling soccer are up and the fall sports are gearing up. She couldn't make the meeting Tuesday, so she asked Kim to report.

Kim – Ed Dennis made a presentation of Phase III and Pete invited other people who use the fields to see how they could tackle it. There was a lot of good input and bids will be going out. They will be having another meeting on August 30 @ 7:00 p.m. The new wall is now completed and a fence needs to be installed, but Lloyd feels he can do that. Soccer lighting will be done, but they won't be replacing the poles, just the lighting. Wider gates were discussed for the softball fields making it easier to drag the fields and Lloyd feels he can do that too. Looking into the future, they want to tarp the fields and lock the fields to keep them ready for play. The first home football game is 9/10 and the concerts are over. Next meeting is 9/20 @ 7:00 p.m.

Chris – discussed the walking path at Heritage Park where areas are starting to break up. He wants to come up with a solution soon.

Pat – Finance – they met tonight and discussed the vehicle options for the construction department. Jessica invested the purchase of a Durango, Expedition and a Tahoe vs. a Ford Explorer that they were planning to purchase and they all were more than the Explorer. A full time dispatcher ad will be needed again so we need to take a look at the salaries again. The ambulance squad has asked about their 2017 budget request and they are asking for 2 new vehicles versus a yearly payment to them. More information will be collected on that and report back. He will be sending Tim some questions about the city's relationship with that entity.

Chris – he attended a briefing with the police regarding the status of their cars. He wants to look at it for the 2017 budget as well. We've been getting one new police car a year and it's becoming a problem since our maintenance bills are going up on the vehicles. They want to get away from the 4 door cars go to the SUV type vehicles and it's cheaper actually. They can also be purchased in the capital program as well.

Mike – Community Affairs – announced upcoming events around town. Next meeting is 9/1/ at 6:00 p.m.

Kim - Economic Development – no meeting but her next meeting is 9/1/@ 6:30 p.m.

Mayor – Chris mentioned the police cars and the modified Lexington Plan. He said further analysis is needed to be done. This morning there was a meeting with the ACUA for a mid-year review regarding the waste water plan and the budget status. We are right on the projected flow for this time of year. By the end of the year, it's projected that we will probably come in lower. This is a reflection of a reduction in economic activity in the County. The tonnage has gone down as well.

Jessica – explained the Ordinance and resolutions on the agenda tonight. Spoke with Lloyd and the signs are finally up as you enter Absecon's City limits.

Carie – Monthly Reports

Clerk - \$5,490.15

Construction - \$11,368.00

Court - \$11,791.67

Tax Collection - \$1,061,059.69

PUBLIC PORTION

Motion to open to the public – Councilman Ring – second – Councilwoman Horton
All were in favor. No public comment.

Motion to close public – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilman Ring
All were in favor.

Chris – gave a briefing on the police salaries and overtime. They are up 1.5% and the overtime is down 2% and the comp time is down 22%. He complimented the chief and the force on their efficiency.

REGULAR MEETING

2016 ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION

- 14** Reappropriating \$33,698.45 proceeds of obligations not needed for their original purposes to provide for the purchase of a construction department vehicle and HVAC improvements to city hall.

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

ROLL CALL: Cain, yes; Sheeran, yes; Horton, yes; Phillips, yes; Ring, yes; Vizthum, yes; Seher, yes

Motion to open to the public – Councilman Ring – second – Councilman Sheeran

All were in favor.

No public comment.

Motion to close – Councilman Vizthum – second – Councilman Ring

All were in favor.

Motion for final reading and adoption – Councilman Sheeran – second – Councilman Phillips

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.

- 135** Appointing a new member to the Zoning Board, namely Nick Laratonda

- 136** Appointing a part-time Tele-Communicator, namely Justin Smith.

- 137** Authorizing to advertise for a Full-Time Tele-Communicator.

Motion to move consent agenda – Councilman Phillips - second – Councilman Ring

ROLL CALL: Cain, yes; Sheeran, yes; Horton, yes; Phillips, yes; Ring, yes; Vizthum, yes; Seher, yes

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST - \$1,542,081.90

Motion to approve – Councilwoman Cain – second – Councilman Ring

ROLL CALL: Cain, yes; Sheeran, yes; Horton, yes abstain A-0005; Phillips, yes; Ring, yes
abstain E0057; Vizthum, no; Seher, yes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes – 8/4/16

Motion to approve – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilman Sheeran

ROLL CALL: Cain, yes; Sheeran, yes; Horton, yes; Phillips, yes; Ring, abstain; Vizthum, yes;
Seher, abstain

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn – Councilman Ring – second – Councilman Vizthum

All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,


Carie A. Crone, City Clerk

Approved: 9-1-16