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CITY COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 15, 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 – Pastor Phil Erickson, Jersey Shore Baptist Church, Galloway

Moment of Silence for Butch Stewart's daughter who passed away

ROLL CALL

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Armstrong, Tim Maguire, Jessica Thompson, Carie Crone

STATEMENT OF SUNSHINE LAW – Chris

NOTIFICATION OF MEETING – Chris

REPORTS

Kim - Economic Development – next meeting Oct. 6th

Chris – 9/22 ACCC is hosting an Economic Development Day in the morning

Mike – Community Affairs – thanked the 9/11 Memorial Committee for the wonderful event on Sunday. It's one of the top 10 memorials in the country. He announced upcoming events. His next meeting is Oct. 6th.

Pat – Finance – meeting was cancelled tonight due to Butch's daughter's viewing. His next meeting will be Oct. 20th.

Sandy – Parks and Playgrounds – next meeting is 9/20. She commented that the 9/11 ceremony was wonderful. Various sporting events are going on most evenings and weekends.
Frank – we started Phase III at the ballfields. Improvements are being to the baseball fields.
Chris – announced the Field of Dreams opening day is this weekend; games are 6:30 pm & 7:30 p.m.

Jim - Public Safety – had a meeting on 9/6 and all chiefs attended. The fire trucks has a problem with parking at Oyster Bay so new lines need to be painted. They did a walkthrough of the Conifer development. Chief Talley is looking for a larger boat for water rescues. They are trying to schedule an open house soon. Chief DeRitis said the first day of school went well. Storm preparation with the county went well. EMS calls are about the same as last year. The soft billing has ended and there is no longer a waiver for residents since it's not legal. They received a patient simulator for training. Always welcome new members.

Chris – commented on the police expense report; comp and overtime is down. He asked the Chief to reach out to Holy Spirit and remind them that we are willing to participate in any lockdown drill or evacuation. That school is on the top of the county's list to have a drill.

Frank - Public Works – 2016 road program is almost complete. Route 30 work is moving along and the repaving may start next week. He commented on Resolutions #146 and 147. His next meeting is 10/3 @ 6:00 p.m. He suggested to Council, since Don Camp was adamant about that driveway, that it be named after him.

Chris – discussed the work at city hall parking lot. The access out onto Ambassador is only for emergency vehicles and no sign is there yet and he is upset. Asked for a temporary sign for now or cones until a sign can be put up, with striping and bollards.

Mayor – the road program did run smoothly, but nothing is perfect. On Reed Road, it looks like some areas were blocked so the roads could cure and you can see tire tracks. The quality of the work is not up to par with the other ones in town. Discussed the County housekeeper program for foreclosed homes. Residents on Ohio Avenue say speeding is an issue and suggested it be reduced from 35 mph to 25 mph, but the County doesn't recommend doing it at this time. The accidents that have occurred on that block were not due to speeding conditions. Mentioned the employee of the quarter is Jenn Harvey, supervisor of police dispatch.

Frank – commented on the quality of the road work in the Shores. It was a different process done than the other streets, so we should discuss it with the contractor directly and I'm sure they will correct it.

Mike – with regards to the housing issues, could the banks tear down the houses that are in bad shape? Is that a possibility of using that program's money to do that? People would be more apt to buy a vacant lot than a dilapidated home.

John – these programs is to keep the homeowner in their homes.

Chris – commented on the Ohio Avenue analysis and feels prevention is better to do before a serious accident happens. We can't do anything about Ohio Avenue, but we can control our streets, so he asked residents to speak to their council person and report it.

Chief DeRitis – he can place our police radar sign on Ohio Avenue to get statistics and usually do it for a month. Class II officers will be put out on Crestview Avenue to try and slow down traffic.

Chris – commented on various County projects around town that have been dragging along.

Jessica – no report

MONTHLY REPORTS

Clerk - \$3,883.36

Construction - \$15,624

Tax Office - \$5,099,320.45

Municipal Court - \$11,726.96

PUBLIC PORTION

Motion to open to the public – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilwoman Horton

All were in favor. No public comment

Motion to close public – Councilman Vizthum – second – Councilman Phillips

All were in favor.

REGULAR MEETING

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.

- 143** Granting several Raffle Licenses to Holy Spirit High School.
- 144** Granting a Bingo License to Holy Spirit High School.
- 145** Granting a Raffle License to the Holy Spirit High School Father's Club.
- 146** Authorizing an agreement with Remington, Vernick & Walberg for the Absecon Creek Shore Protection Improvements Phase I.
- 147** Authorizing an agreement with Remington, Vernick & Walberg for the Turner Avenue at Absecon Blvd.

Motion to move consent agenda – Councilman Ring - second – Councilwoman Horton

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

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST - \$1,644,455.31

Motion to approve – Councilman Sheeran – second – Councilwoman Cain

ROLL CALL: Cain, yes; Sheeran, yes; Horton, yes, abstain A0005; Phillips, yes; Ring, yes, abstain W0041; Vizthum, yes; Seher, yes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes – 09/01/16

Motion to approve – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilman Vizthum

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,


Carie A. Crone, City Clerk

Approved: 10/6/16