

November 16, 2015

The regular meeting of the Pocomoke City Mayor and Council was held in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Monday, November 16, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M.

Present: Mayor Bruce Morrison
Council Members: Diane Downing, Brian Hirshman, Esther Troast, George Tasker, Dale Trotter
City Manager/City Attorney: Ernie Crofoot
City Clerk: Carol L. Sullivan

Review Minutes:

In a motion (Tasker, Trotter passed) to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2015 meetings as presented.

Review Bills:

In a motion (Trotter, Hirshman passed) the bills presented to be paid. (Copy of bill list attached to original minutes).

Presentation by Kasey Decker, United Way representative:

Ms. Decker had a slide presentation on how United Way helps our community. She urged everyone to participate in donating financially or volunteering time. She stated that all funds donated stay here on the shore. United Way supports 62 programs and 20 partners.

Authorize Mayor to sign proclamation for Native American Heritage Month:

Mayor Morrison read the Proclamation declaring November as Native American Month and November 27, 2015 as Native American Heritage Day. He presented it to Ms. Valerie Miller, of the Assateague Peoples Tribe.

Authorize Mayor to sign proclamation #Giving Tuesday, December 01, 2015:

Mayor Morrison read the Proclamation declaring December 1 as #Giving Tuesday. He encouraged everyone to give back to their community.

Authorize Mayor to sign proclamation November Municipal Government Works Month:

Mayor Morrison read the Proclamation November Municipal Government Works Month for the record.

In a motion (Tasker, Downing passed) to authorize Mayor Morrison to sign three proclamations:

Native American Heritage Month, #Giving Tuesday, December 1, 2015; and November Municipal Government Works Month.

Director of Public Works, Bill East, to give an update on road work related activities:

Mr. East gave a short update on MDE project; automatic flusher located in Winter Quarters, sewer lines, and Christmas decorations. He stated that the Christmas tree will be placed in the mini park on Wednesday.

City Manager Crofoot complimented Mr. East and his department on getting the dump site cleaned up in a record time. He stated that it would be ready for planting on Wednesday.

Mayor Morrison asked about street patching.

Mr. East stated that they had completed some hot patch work in the area of Lynnhaven Dr., Sixth Street, and Newtowne Blvd. Because they had to wait for proposals from other vendors on street paving, it is now too late to pave this year. Bozman Paving will be paving in the spring.

Superintendent Mike Phillips to give an update on W.W.T.P.:

Mr. Phillips stated that divers were at the plant to repair the tarp in the pond; they have removed roots and the pond has a better flow. They are cleaning the sand filters. The Plant is doing better, all valves are up and running. We will be ordering valves to keep on the shelf because it does take a while for replacements to come in when they are broken. We recently replaced a blower. The plant has come a long ways and it is improving daily. The Plant will be off-line for about two hours while the divers remove debris from the RAS lines.. Mr. Phillips stated that 604 Young Street water tower will be off-line for approximately three weeks. It will be power washed and painted.

City Manager Crofoot thanked Mr. Phillips and his employees for their continued work on getting the issues resolved at the Plant.

City Manager to discuss holiday bonus and observance of holiday for employees:

City Manager Crofoot stated that the plan is to have a Christmas breakfast as in the past years. He would like to recognize the employees on five year increments as it has been done in the past. The holiday bonus was \$150.00 last year and in all fairness he would like to continue the bonuses for the employees. The breakfast will be held on December 16 at 8:00 A.M. at the Community Center.

City Manager Crofoot also reiterated Ms. Decker concerning United Way. He stated that he was a big supporter and he would be encouraging all employees to participate.

Mayor and Council:

Councilman Trotter asked for an update on the control burn on Second Street.

City Manager Crofoot stated that they were sold at a tax sale and we now have to wait until the foreclosure is complete before we can continue with the control burn.

Comments for the Audience:

Ms. Monna VanEss stated that she was having trouble with communication from her recent break-in and she is not getting any answers on any questions that she has asked. She doesn't know if anything is being done or not. She asked if there was a better way of communication with the Police Department.

City Manager Crofoot asked her to email him and he would follow up with her on the recent break-in.

She also asked if an Ordinance could be passed concerning all the shopping carts being placed around town. She stated that they make the town look bad and are very un-slightly. She would like to know when the "No Parking" sign would be placed on Linden Ave. There is a tree that needs to be trimmed or removed on Walnut and 10th Street near Miles Building Supply.

City Manager Crofoot stated that he would follow-up with Mr. Davis on the tree.

Mr. Duane Durham asked about the possibility of netting being installed at the golf course for the safety of his children and property. The golf balls are very dangerous and he would like for the City to install the netting.

Mayor Morrison stated that it was not the City's responsibility and wished that there was something they could do to satisfy all residents that lived on the golf course.

Mr. Durham stated that he understands that it is not legally responsible for the City to do something but he was asking for help or ideas that would protect his family and property.

Mayor Morrison stated that the neighbors did not want a net placed on their property.

Mr. Durham asked if the golf course could be re-designed.

Mr. Crofoot stated that would be too expensive.

Mr. Durham asked if that hole could be closed or moved.

Mayor Morrison stated that he would have a break for the next five months and he would have Mr. Guns check to see if something could be done different with the t-box on that hole.

With no further business as motion was made by Councilwoman Downing and seconded by Councilman Trotter to adjourn at 8:16 P.M.

Approved: _____

Carol L. Sullivan
City Clerk

