

July 2, 2018

The regular meeting of the Pocomoke City Mayor and Council was held in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Monday, July 2, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Council Members: Todd Nock, Esther Troast, Diane Downing, and George Tasker

City Manager Robert L. Cowger, Jr.

Acting Clerk Deborah Tull

Review and Approval of Minutes

In a motion (Tasker, Downing passed) to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2018 meeting with one change noted and the minutes of the June 21, 2018 meeting.

Review and approval of bills

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

City Manager to give update on installation of fuel tanks at docks

City Manager Cowger stated that the tanks have been delivered and installed. The holiday has delayed some of the work. No cash will be accepted, only credit card. It will now be open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

First Reading of Resolution No. 02-2018 for Annexation of Caliber Collision

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF POCOMOKE CITY, MARYLAND FOR THE ANNEXATION OF CALIBER COLLISION, 1240 OCEAN HIGHWAY, POCOMOKE CITY, MARYLAND

City Planning Director Dan Brandwie requested an additional resolution for the annexation of Caliber Collision. The public hearing to be held Monday, July 9, 2018.

National League of Cities

Councilman Nock stated that Pocomoke City has not been a member of the National League of Cities since 2015.

In a motion (Downing, Nock passed) to rejoin the National League of Cities.

Salvation Army

There was discussion of possible grants to repair the Salvation Army building.

In a motion (Downing, Tasker passed) to move forward with obtaining grants to repair the Salvation Army building.

Seat Pleasant Trip

The trip to Seat Pleasant has been rescheduled for Thursday, July 5, 2018.

Mayor and Council Items

City Manager Cowger said that there were rumors attacking him personally regarding work that was done at his residence implying that he got special favors from a city employee and a sewer hauler. He presented his personal cancelled checks to the Council to show payment that he made to the city employee and sewer hauler for work done at his residence.

Comments from Audience

William Sparrow thanked the Council for bringing up the Salvation Army. He would like to see it move forward. Make every effort to get money. Talk to Jim Mathias.

James Jones said the Salvation Army building needed a good clean up. There are leaks on the front end of the building. Save Pocomoke Youth, Inc. (formerly Save the Youth) serve the good and not so good youth. They need guidance and be involved in positiveness.

Councilwoman Downing said there are health issues with the building. Lead paint, dead pigeons, asbestos; a lot of it is air-borne.

Lt. Hancock said that the accident on Thursday, June 28, 2018 on Rt. 13 South was not fatal. He apologizes to the City for the backups. Trooper 4 had to land in the middle of Rt. 13 South. Pocomoke City will have a community meeting on Tuesday, July 31, 2018 at the Pocomoke City Community Center, time 6p.m. to 8p.m. Topics discussed will be the opioid epidemic, Police K-9, safeguarding your property, and Somerset County's pilot program 'Citizen Police Academy'.

William Sparrow said that at the accident on Rt. 13 South, the Fire Department is to maintain the area of Trooper 4. They try to keep a zone around the area of the chopper.

Deborah Graves asked what could be done to the house next to her mother, 704 Fourth Street.

City Manager Cowger said that 704 Fourth Street is on the list of dilapidated houses that are being addressed.

There being no further business, in a motion (Tasker, Downing) the meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Approved July 16, 2018

Deborah Tull
Acting Clerk