

May 21, 2018

The regular meeting of the Pocomoke City Mayor and Council was held in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Monday, May 21, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M.

Present: Second Vice President Diane Downing
Council Members: Todd Nock, Dale Trotter,
George Tasker
City Manager Robert L. Cowger, Jr.
City Attorney Roscoe Leslie
Deputy Clerk Paula Sparrow

Review and Approval of Minutes

In a motion (Trotter, Nock passed) to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2018 meeting.

Review and approval of bills

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

Second Reading of Ord. 438 to set the tax rates for 2018-2019

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF
POCOMOKE CITY, MARYLAND SETTING THE TAX RATES
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019

In a motion (Tasker, Nock passed) to approve Ord. 438.

Second Reading of Resolution No. 517 to submit Circuit Rider application

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF POCOMOKE CITY,
MARYLAND AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A MARYLAND
CIRCUIT RIDER APPLICATION

In a motion (Nock, Tasker passed) to approve Res. No. 517.

Health Care Plan of Pocomoke City, Amendment #7

In a motion (Trotter, Nock passed) to approve Amendment #7 of the Health Care Plan.

Abatement of Certain Real Property Taxes

In a motion (Tasker, Trotter passed) to approve the abatement of certain real property taxes. Copy of memo from City Manager to the Mayor and Council is attached to original minutes.

Approval of Fees, Charges and Rates Schedule 2018-2019

City Manager Cowger pointed out that the water and sewer charges for tapping fees reflect a 50% reduction for the new fiscal year.

Councilman Nock stated he feels the alcoholic beverage open container fine should increase to \$100 for the first offense.

Councilman Nock further stated he feels the subsequent violation should also be increased from \$100 to \$200 for the second offense.

In a motion (Tasker, Trotter passed) to approve these increases.

In a motion (Tasker, Trotter passed) to approve the 2018-2019 Fees, Charges and Rate Schedule.

Approval of Winter Quarters Golf Course Agreement

The City is not putting any money into this project. The City will mow only the fairways.

In a motion (Tasker, Trotter passed) to approve of the Winter Quarters Golf Course Agreement with the new managers - Mr. and Mrs. Archie W. Rantz, II.

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Comments from the Council

Councilman Tasker said there were potholes on Payne Avenue. He said he had received good comments from people complimenting City Manager Cowger.

Council Nock thanked City Manager Cowger for the Children at Play signs. He stated we need to get behind the schools.

Comments from the Audience

Don Holdren said the greens at the golf course are beyond saving as there were no chemicals applied this year due to the closure.

City Manager Cowger said the greens are brown but will come back. The new manager of the course is well aware of it.

Debbie Jones said her mother, who resides at Fourth and Laurel Streets, has seen six different policemen since City Manager Cowger made them aware of her situation. There have been several police on foot patrol in the area. She stated that Fourth Street at Laurel Street needs a speed trap. That area before Bonneville Avenue needs a speed limit sign installed.

Bill Sparrow stated County Commissioner Lockfaw was instrumental in implementing the After-School Program for our students this year. He also is working on another project with City Manager Cowger.

Mark Lusby said he received a letter from the City regarding his building. He explained the work he had done.

Councilman Nock said a physical plan was needed. Councilman Trotter added the letters were sent to establish a baseline plan. He said that the businesses need to sit down with City Manager Cowger and Director Dan Brandewie.

Marc Scher said there was a C.D.M.A. in the City. He said he did not know why the City had a committee. Councilman Tasker explained the committee was an "Entertainment Committee" with Karah Lacey, Downtown Events Coordinator. Councilwoman Downing said the business owners need to work together with the City Manager and Mr. Brandewie to seek grants.

Joanne Lusby said she had been in business since 1958. She feels the City needs a grant writer and the sidewalks need to be fixed.

Barbara Tull said she was a downtown business owner for many years. She asked when the City would be replacing the trees. Councilman Trotter said no decision had been made as the City is waiting for the D.P.A. to advise what trees they have selected.

In a motion (Tasker, Trotter) the meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Approved: June 4, 2018

Paula M. Sparrow
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