November 21, 2016

The regular meeting of the Pocomoke City Mayor and Council was held in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Monday, November 21, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M.

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

Review Minutes:
In a motion (Tasker, Downing passed) to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2016 meetings as presented.

Review and approval of bills to be paid:
City Manager Crofoot stated that is a bill from CES which has already been approved, he wanted the Mayor and Council to review the final bill of a total cost of $26,653.13.

Discuss Charter changes to Elections:
Mayor Morrison asked if all had reviewed the Charter changes.
Councilwoman Troast stated that she had read it several times, and is to her liking.
With no other discussion, all Council was in agreement.

First reading of Resolution No. 503 to amend Charter by adding and deleting language to Section C26-C36 Concerning the Conduct of Elections:
Mayor Morrison read for the record.
Councilwoman Troast made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tasker to adopt this for the second reading. Roll call: Tasker, aye; Troast, aye; Downing, aye; Hirshman, aye; Trotter was not present.

Mayor and Council items:
City Manager Crofoot stated that there was a break in the 8th Street Lift Station. Because of the complexing of the job we hired an outside contractor to repair. The cost will be approximately $8,000. Public Works Department returned the street sweeper today. He publicly thanked Snow Hill for allowing us to borrow their sweeper. All streets were cleaned, Christmas lights are up, he thanked the Public Works Department. City Manager Crofoot stated that the Circuit Rider position would begin work on November 28, it is a no benefit, grant funded position. He asked permission to execute the contract, with approximately 20 hours in Pocomoke and 20 hours in Crisfield. The computer is on order, we are really excited getting Ms. Rafter started on November 28.

Mayor Morrison asked about the speed camera contract.

City Manager Crofoot stated that he has asked Snow Hill if they could share a copy of their contract. He hasn't heard back from them, and stated that he would look for other vendors to see what was available. He stated that MML had records for other companies he would call to get that list.

Mayor Morrison asked if City Manager Crofoot contacted the Discover Center regarding the Nature Trail and Cypress Park.

City Manager Crofoot stated that he did not get an answer today, but Public Works Department will be replacing the boards on the boardwalk and cleaning the Nature Trail up.

Councilman Tasker asked about curb side recycling as to why we didn't offer it.

Mayor Morrison stated that it is very expensive, but we could look into it.

City Manager Crofoot stated it is more expensive if you don't multi streaming, it is a fluctuating economic model, he stated that he would look into it.

Comments from Audience:

Mr. John Haynie stated that he had not seen the changes to the Charter regarding elections. He asked if it addressed the definition of a voter; as to who is and who isn't allowed to vote.

City Attorney Crofoot stated that is addressed, it is a list of voters that is maintained with the Worcester County Board of Elections. If you are not a registered voter on the list then you will not be allowed to vote in the municipal election.

Mayor Morrison stated that there was a public meeting to address the changes but nobody showed up. They made changes and some more changes were made before the reading tonight.

The next meeting will be December 5, we will only have one meeting in December.

Mayor Morrison asked if Councilman Tasker would like to stay on the Worcester County Solid Waste Advisory.

Councilman Tasker stated that he would if nobody else would like to be nominated.

In a motion (Hirshman, Troast passed) to adjourn at 6:51 P.M.

Approved:

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Carol L. Sullivan
City Clerk