

October 13, 2015

The work session of the Pocomoke City Mayor and Council was held in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Tuesday, October 13, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M.

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

A work session was held to discuss issues at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

City Manager Crofoot review a letter from The Attorney General's office outlining violations within the Wastewater Treatment Plant. He stated that these were caused by a large degree of deferred maintenance. He also stated that he would have some of the items completed by the end of October. Mr. Crofoot stated that at the mini dump the City rented a sifter to sift the dirt and has rented a couple of trucks to dispose the dirt. He stated that when actuators fail it could take anywhere from six weeks to three months to get replacements. He has asked Mr. Phillips (Superintendent of Wastewater Treatment) to order extra ones to have on the shelf so when they fail it can be replaced immediately. The City is working with GMB to resolve the violations. GMB will give the City a list of priorities, once we receive that we will begin working on the list.

Mr. Crofoot stated that the automate flushers on Greenway and Winter Quarters Drive were flowing into the river. MDE does not allow this. They have found a solution to correct that problem by tying lines back to the wastewater system.

Mr. Crofoot suggested getting a septic hauler receiving station at the plant. That way septic haulers are held accountable for their loads. That area needs to be monitored more.

Mr. Crofoot suggested borrowing money up to \$35,000 additional expenditures up to that amount were approved to complete all items on the list. The City does have two loans that will be paid off this year, so the debt service will not go up.

Mr. Crofoot stated that he would have a "Plan" ready to present MDE by November 2, 2015. Mr. Crofoot stated that he needs the Council's commitment to spend the money now and to the future to repair and replace items on the list.

With no further business (Downing, Troast passed) to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 P.M.

Approved: _____

Carol L. Sullivan
City Clerk