

September 8, 2014

The regular meeting of the Pocomoke Mayor and Council was held in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Monday, September 8, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M.

Present: Mayor Bruce Morrison
Council Members: Rob Clarke, Tracey Cottman,
Diane Downing, George Tasker, Dale Trotter
City Attorney William Hudson
City Manager Russell W. Blake
City Clerk Carol L. Sullivan

Review Minutes:

In a motion (Clarke, Trotter passed), to approve the minutes of August 11, 2014.

Review Bills:

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

Ms. Kelly Brinkley, Worcester County Volunteer Coordinator:

Ms. Brinkley stated that she is working with the Worcester County Board of Education and Pocomoke High School in a pilot program called "Making a Difference with Teen CERT". The program trains teenagers in how they can help during an emergency and be prepared for a disaster. She is working with Mr. Record and the 9th graders. They will have 25 students for nine weeks. Also, they will be partnering with other agencies in the near future.

Mayor Morrison asked her to let us know if the City could help in any way; we will be glad to help. He thanked Ms. Brinkley for coming and informing the Mayor and Council about the program.

Mr. Mike Shannon to discuss upcoming Boat Docking Contest (September 13, 2014):

Mr. Shannon thanked the Mayor and Council for their support. He stated that as of tonight they have 19 boats for the event. He has been to the last two events for boat docking in Crisfield and Salisbury. This year the committee has been successful in getting sponsorships and raising funds; the purse this year will be at least \$17,000. They have done more advertising this year and expect anywhere from 2,000 to 5,000 people to attend. Ace Hardware has donated the use of a bounce house for the kids to play in while parents are watching the contest. He stated that Crisfield's committee has been very supportive of Pocomoke's Boat Docking contest and has helped him a lot. The opening ceremony will be at 12:45 P.M. After the event Riverside Grill will have live entertainment on their deck. He encouraged all to attend. Mr. Shannon did

ask for the Police Department to keep the traffic on the draw bridge moving because, last year the traffic would stop to watch the event.

Mayor Morrison thanked Mr. Shannon for all he does for the City.

Special recognition of Mr. Don Holdren and Ms. Elizabeth Eberhart for coordinating and coaching a Jr. Golf training class at Winter Quarters Golf Course in July 2014:

Mayor Morrison presented Mr. Holdren and Ms. Eberhart a “Certificate of Appreciation”. He thanked them for continuing the golf training classes that Mr. Bob Hawkins had coordinated for many years.

Mr. Holdren stated that he had helped Mr. Hawkins with the classes several years ago and was glad to be able to continue them.

Mrs. Eberhart stated that it was a pleasure to assist in this project and she looks forward to next year. She also stated that she conducts tours at the Delmarva Discovery Center and thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing her to be a part of the community. She stated that she is a “come here” but has enjoyed learning about Pocomoke City and its history.

Review recommendation letter from PZC Chairman Kennis Austin, for approval of revised Comprehensive Master Plan:

Mayor Morrison read the letter for the record.

Consider Resolution No. 485 to adopt new Comprehensive Master Plan:

In a motion (Tasker, Trotter passed) to table this item until next meeting.

Discuss letter from Mr. Fred Webster, Worcester County Emergency Services, regarding update of the County’s Hazard Mitigation Plan, which includes Pocomoke City, and consider Resolution No. 486:

Mayor Morrison read a letter from Mr. Fred Webster, regarding whether Pocomoke will participate in the County’s 2014 Hazard Mitigation Plan update.

In a motion (Trotter, Clarke passed) to adopt Resolution No. 486 to participate in Worcester County’s 2014 Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Discuss letter from Wor-Co Federal Credit Union regarding possible Credit union membership as a benefit to City employees:

City Manager Blake stated that this would be similar to the City’s existing credit union plan with SECU, but Wor-Co is a lot closer and more convenient.

Councilwoman Downing asked if Wor-Co Federal Credit Union offers low interest rate loans as other credit unions.

City Manager Blake stated yes, and they also have savings, vacation clubs, Christmas Club, and new and used vehicle loans.

In a motion (Downing, Cottman passed) to allow employees to participate in Wor-Co Federal Credit Union at no cost to the City.

Comments from the Audience:

There were no comments.

Mayor and Council items:

There were no other items to discuss.

There being no further business a motion was made by Councilman Clarke and seconded by Councilwoman Cottman to adjourn at 7:52 P.M.

Carol L. Sullivan
City Clerk