

June 19, 2017

The regular meeting of the Pocomoke City Mayor and Council was held in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Monday, June 19, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M.

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

Review Minutes:

In a motion (Downing, Trotter passed) to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2017.

Second Reading of Ord. No. 431 to establish certain City fees and other charges for fiscal year 2017-2018:

ORDINANCE NO. 431
AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF
POCOMOKE CITY, MARYLAND ESTABLISHING THE
FEE SCHEDULE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018

In a motion (Hirshman, Trotter passed) to adopt Ordinance No. 431 establishing the Fee Schedule and other charges for fiscal year 2017-2018.

Second Reading of Ord. No. 432 to adopt the proposed budget for fiscal year 2017-2018:

ORDINANCE NO. 432
AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF
POCOMOKE CITY, MARYLAND ADOPTING THE BUDGET
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018

In a motion (Hirshman, Trotter passed) to adopt Ordinance No. 432 the budget for fiscal year 2017-2018.

Correspondence:

Mayor Morrison read a thank-you note from Penny Butler, SADD Advisor, thanking the Mayor and Council for their continued support.

Comments from Council:

Councilwoman Troast stated that she had received a complaint that a street sign at 9th & Walnut Street needed to be replaced as the one there was damaged. Also, she stated that Brandi Castaneda asked permission to use the field behind 300 Second Street for field hockey clinic.

In a motion (Troast, Hirshman passed) to allow Brandi Castaneda to hold field hockey clinics on the field behind 300 Second Street, the City will maintain the grass cuttings.

Councilman Hirshman presented the Mayor and Council a plaque from Pocomoke Little League for sponsoring them.

Mayor Morrison stated the next Mayor and Council meeting will be July 17.

City Manager Crofoot thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to serve the City and to work with all of them and he wished them the best. City Manager Crofoot stated that he has really enjoyed working with all the staff and he has a lot of respect for the employees; they work really hard.

Mayor Morrison stated that City Manager Crofoot's last day would be July 5, 2017.

Councilman Tasker thanked City Manager Crofoot for his services and stated that all of the employees liked him.

Councilwoman Troast stated that she had already said her good-byes in the office, but she would miss the little red car and his hat.

Comments from Audience:

Ms. Becky Jones stated that she has had water up to her steps at 1922 Orchard Drive. The City put a drain pipe between her house and her neighbor's house. The drain pipe has worked for her neighbor but has not worked for her. She would like to know if the City would install a drain pipe at her house.

City Manager Crofoot stated that there^{are} two types of claimants for Jenkins Orchard. One being individual landowners that had altered the drainage swale. He and Harvey had gone and listed all the properties where that had been done. The Homeowners Association recognizes that those problems are the responsibilities of the homeowners and dealing with it is the responsibilities of the HOA. The other is either the site work was not designed properly or was not followed when the job was completed. He stated that it would cost the City little money to try to get the drainage swale working.

Mr. Charles Fontaine stated that he received a grant from the City with matching funds to do repairs at his barber shop. Mr. Fontaine stated that the contractor was referred to him by Ms. Lacey. The contractor has been working since February 2016, and has not completed the work but has gotten most of the money. The reason he got most of his money was because he would work a couple of days and request money and in the beginning he was doing a great job. The contractor has told Mr. Fontaine that he has completed the work.

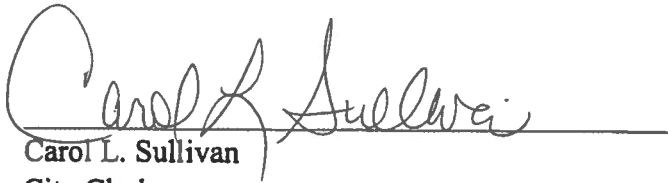
City Manager Crofoot stated that he has met with the contractor several times and he has bent over backwards to work with him on this issue. The reason he hasn't replaced the contractor is because the work balance is more than the money left to pay the contractor. Mr. Fontaine has received estimates that are almost the same as the original contract. City Manager Crofoot stated that he did advise the contractor today if the work was not completed this week

we will file suit. The contractor is named on another job that has not started yet. I told him that would not happen if this doesn't get done.

After some discussion, the Councilmembers agreed to pay an additional \$5,000 to this project and file suit against the contractor. City Manager Crofoot will send a letter to the contractor that he is off the job and he will start the litigation process.

In a motion (Hirshman, Trotter passed) to adjourn at 7:11 p.m.

Approved: July 17, 2017


Carol L. Sullivan
City Clerk