

**CITY OF ABERDEEN
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 10, 2006**

Mayor Morgan Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. City Clerk Marva Jean Mueller was present to record the following minutes.

Council members present were Dena Blaker, Hap Fettis, Mary Leisy, Brian Schneider and Craig Wampler.

Others present at the council meeting were: Lisa Pankau, Kelvin Bowles, Donna Mayer, Richard Mayer, Dan Acevedo, Ray Dalling and Vicki Gamble.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Councilman Schneider made the motion to approve the minutes as typed. Councilwoman Leisy seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

Councilman Darrin Simpson arrived at 7:07 p.m.

MOTION TO APPROVE DECEMBER 2005 BILLS

Councilman Fettis made the motion to pay the bills presented for payment, except the one to Utility Trailer Sales for the skid shoes for the snow plow. We will not pay this bill until we have received them. Checks or Warrants #15846 to #15896 for a total of \$46,747.20 was presented for payment. Of this amount \$34, 175.11 was from General Fund, \$3,160.03 was from the Water Fund, and \$9,412.06 was from the Waste Water Fund. Councilman Wampler seconded the motion.

Roll call: Blaker, yes; Fettis, yes; Leisy, yes; Schneider, yes; Simpson, yes and Wampler, yes. All were in favor, the motion passed.

Mayor Anderson presented Dena Blaker will a plaque for the years of service she gave to the City of Aberdeen as councilwoman. Mayor Anderson stated he had appointed Dena to stay on the RC&D Board to represent the City of Aberdeen.

Dena stated she felt the city has been moving forward and hopes the council would continue moving the city forward. She said that as a council they have been really strong and she hopes they continue that way.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW COUNCILWOMAN

Mayor Anderson gave the oath of office to Lisa Pankau. He thanked Lisa for putting her name in to run for the position as a councilmember.

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Anderson stated that at this time he would like to have the appointments of the department heads. He stated that he would like to have them done separately.

Councilman Fettis made the motion to appoint Marva Jean Mueller as the City Clerk- Treasurer. Councilman Schneider seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

Councilwoman Leisy made the motion to appoint Ray Dalling as the Chief of Police. Councilwoman Pankau seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

Councilman Fettis made the motion to appoint Richard Mayer as the Public Works Director. Councilwoman Leisy seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

Councilman Fettis made the motion to appoint Dan Acevedo as the attorney for the City of Aberdeen. Councilwoman Leisy seconded the motion, the motion carried.

Mayor Anderson advised Richard Mayer he would like to have a meeting with him in the morning at 8:00a.m.

Mayor Anderson thanked the council and the employees for all the hard work they did in the past year, especially keeping within the budget in their departments. He stated that some of the things the city has accomplished are completion of the water system. He stated that in the spring he would like to see the crew start reading the meters and then possibly by late summer the city, with Brian's help, might be able to come up with a figure to charge for the water. He stated that the crew has found a few problems with the water system, but hopefully there won't be too many.

Mayor Anderson stated that he had talked with Marva Jean and she advised him that the revenue for the city is coming in good. In fact the liquor appropriation is more than what we had first anticipated.

He stated that the new middle school was completed this year which is an excellent new facility, Papa Kelsey's opened up a new restaurant, U.S. Cellular has opened up in a new building and A to Z Family Services has opened up in Knudsen's building next door. He advised the council that the Tiger Hut has been purchased and will be turned into a new bank; he stated he believed it will be an Ireland Bank. He stated he felt that an asset to Aberdeen is the extension of the federal building.

Mayor Anderson asked the council if they would look at their departments and write a list of things they would like to accomplish in the coming year and have it ready for the next meeting.

Mayor Anderson stated that we need to encourage our citizens to keep cleaning up their property.

Mayor Anderson said that another problem we have is the dogs running loose and also not being licensed. He asked Dan Acevedo if he could come up with something with some teeth in it to help the dog situation. Dan stated that he thought he could.

Mayor Anderson stated that the only change in departments would be that Councilman Simpson would now be over the streets and Councilwoman Pankau would be over parks and insurance. He advised Lisa to get with Darrin for help on the parks and Marva Jean could help her with the insurance.

Councilman Schneider stated that he hoped that the problems the crew has found in the new water system will be amenable.

Councilman Schneider stated that he wanted to thank the Mayor for all the work he has done on the new city hall.

Councilman Wampler stated that the DEQ sent their report and had a lot of good things to say about the improvements that the city has done out at the treatment plant. They also talked about the things we are working on and they encouraged the city to get the things done that would bring us into compliance. They had also some questions on the sample testing numbers that the city comes up with. He stated that Richard and he had talked about that and has a couple of possible solutions. He stated that they will continue working on the flow meter and try to get it running. He stated that the crew is using the new jetter cleaning out the sewer lines. He stated that he hoped that they would start hauling sludge again, weather permitting.

Councilman Wampler stated that he would like to see the personnel committee work on a personnel manual that would spell out the different responsibilities for each department, as well as the council and in accordance with that include an evaluation procedures. Councilman Simpson stated that he has looked into a lot of that already and has some information to share with the personnel committee.

DEPARTMENT APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Anderson asked the council to oversee the following departments:

Councilman Schneider will be over the water department, planning and zoning and personnel.

Councilman Wampler will be over the waste water department and personnel.

Councilman Fettis will stay over the equipment and sanitation department.

Councilwoman Leisy will be over the airport and planning & zoning.

Councilwoman Pankau will be over the parks and insurance

Mayor Anderson asked councilman Wampler about the metal sheds for the treatment plant. Councilman Wampler stated that he hoped to start on them soon. He stated that he had minor back surgery and that he hadn't been able to start on them.

Councilman Fettis asked if flooring out at the treatment plant needed to be replaced. Richard stated that it is not a priority but there were a few tiles that need to be replaced. Councilman Fettis suggested that we get a bid on having it replaced. Councilman Wampler stated that he thought that would be a good idea.

Councilman Fettis stated that he is looking for information on different options for recycling. He stated that he feels that recycling is a good thing and it is something the city needs to look into.

Councilman Wampler stated that Richard would be able to apply for the grandfather permit for waste water treatment and collection. He stated that this is just a one time opportunity and has to be done April of this year.

Councilwoman Leisy stated that Dan has the lease ready for the airport and will get them sent out with a letter to the hangar owners.

Councilwoman Leisy stated that Lillian Bowen is going to have the manufacturer of the gates out at the airport to come and see why we are having trouble with the west gate.

Councilwoman Leisy stated that she would like to approve a payment for the airport contractor so when the wire transfer comes in from FAA it can be paid. She stated that the airport project is just about completed and is under budget. She stated that the Mayor will need to sign payment request # 4 and send it back to Lillian.

Councilwoman Leisy stated that Direct Communications purchased the old Assembly of God church and would like to move their satellite dishes from Corbridge's, which is across the street to this new location. She stated that it would require a special use permit and a hearing would have to be heard. Councilwoman Leisy stated that she would like to have a combined hearing with the planning and zoning and the council. The council decided to hold the hearing at the next council meeting. She stated that Mike Petersen was elected as the new chairperson of the planning and zoning board.

Councilwoman Leisy stated that the Gem Community is still working on the Wetland Project and will be moving ahead on it.

Councilman Wampler stated that Paula Jones would like to have a meeting with the Mayor, Richard, Mary and himself on January 18th at 4:00 p.m. to talk about the treatment plant, wetland project and the construction of a trail to make sure everyone is on the same page.

Councilman Simpson stated that there are grants available for things like park ways and paths for exercise but there does have to be a plan done before you can apply for the grants. Councilwoman Leisy stated that the Gem Community is working with Paula Jones on a plan for the walk way. Councilman Simpson stated that the community development has a grant writing workshop that Congressman Simpson and others put on every spring that one or two from the city needs to attend. He stated that he will get more information on them for the council.

Mayor Anderson stated that the new city hall is going good. He stated that he would like the council to decide if they want to put carpet or tile in the hallway. The council decided to put tile in the hallway.

Dan Acevedo stated that he is still working with Simplot on the lease agreement for the water shares.

Richard gave his monthly report.

Marva Jean advised the council that there will be an AIC City Official's Day at the Capital starting January 26, 2006 and on January the 30th the Chamber is holding their annual banquet. She stated that if anyone is interested in going to either one of these events to please let her know.

Marva Jean stated that Mrs. Libby called and asked if they could trim some tree branches from a tree that is on city property that are hanging over their driveway. The council said that would be ok.

Mayor Anderson asked Craig and Brian to help Marva Jean set up a computer program for payroll that would help keep track of vacation, holidays, sick leave and compensation time.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Councilman Simpson made the motion to adjourn until February 14, 2006. Councilman Schneider seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10p.m.