

**CITY OF ABERDEEN
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 11, 2006**

Mayor Morgan Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. City Clerk Treasurer Marva Jean Mueller was present to record the following minutes.

Council members present were: Mary Leisy, Lisa Pankau, Brian Schneider, Darrin Simpson and Craig Wampler. Councilman Hap Fettis was unable to attend.

Others at the meeting were Ray Dalling, Richard Mayer, Dan Acevedo, Jose Carrillo, Victor Carrillo, Brian Beck, Flor Beck, Emma Simpson, Alma Carrillo, Sydney Simpson and Natalie Simpson.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Councilman Wampler made the motion to approve the June minutes as written with two corrections. Two items had been left out of the minutes.

1. The council had approved a wine license for the Maverik Country Store.
2. The council had approved the transfer of an on/off premise beer license to Mooner's Bar from Sunset Bar.

Councilman Schneider seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion passed.

Flor Beck advised the council that she is in the process of removing the trees in front of the trailer park on South Main and she wants to put a flower garden where the trees are to make the area look nicer. She asked if there is something that could be done about the trucks that park there on Main Street. She stated that she would hate to go to all the expense and time to put in the garden and then no one would be able to see how pretty the garden is because the trucks are parked in front of it. She stated that also there is a safety issue, because it is hard to see the on coming traffic when you are driving on Fremont going on to Main Street. Mayor Anderson advised her that they are trying to find a place for the trucks to park besides Main Street but because of insurance issues they have to be parked where it is in a lighted area. Mayor Anderson informed her that the City is still looking for a place for them to park their trucks and trailers.

Mayor Anderson asked Brian Beck if he had heard from Direct Internet about the building on North Main Street. Brian said that he had not heard from them. Flor stated that she had heard that there might be some kind of a grant they could get to help tear the building down. Councilwoman Leisy stated that she needs to get with the Brian and Flor and get some information, but that there is a possibility that they could get a grant.

Flor Beck asked if the City could possibly help with the flower garden by hauling some dirt in. Mayor Anderson said that they might be able to help some. Councilman Simpson stated that she might want to contact the Rotary

or the Lions Club; they might be looking for a service project. She could possibly ask them for their help. He also stated that she might want to talk with Steve Love. He could possibly help her with some ideas of what to plant that would not require a lot of maintenance.

Alma Carrillo stated that they came to the council meeting to advise the council that they will be opening up a Mexican Restaurant. She stated that they will also serve some American Food. Councilman Schneider asked if they will have enough parking area. She stated that it will be more like a take out restaurant. Mayor Anderson asked Richard to check to see if they would have enough room for a drive-through window on the east side of the building next to the truck route.

Councilman Simpson asked Richard about seal coating and magnesium chloride for the streets. Richard stated that Bingham County came in and helped the city with the seal coating. Mayor Anderson stated that he had talked with Clay Shackelford and he said that the county might let us use their truck for put the magnesium chloride down. Councilman Simpson asked Richard if he has ordered the new streets signs. Richard advised him he had not ordered them yet. Councilman Simpson stated that he would need to get them ordered so they could get them in before school started.

Lisa asked Richard if all of the new play ground equipment has been received yet. Richard stated that some of it has but there is a lot more to come.

Lisa said she would like Richard to tell the crew that she appreciated the way the parks looked for Aberdeen Daze. She said she had a lot of people tell her how good the parks were looking. She asked about whether the city park benches could be fixed up. Councilman Simpson said that he had looked into it and you could almost buy new ones for what it would cost to repair them. Councilwoman Pankau asked if they were having problems with the bathrooms at the park. Mayor Anderson stated that they were having some trouble with the women's bathroom toilet plugging up so they called Roto-Rooter and they will come over and see if they can fix the problem. Councilwoman Pankau asked if they have had any vandalism to the bathrooms at the park. Chief Dalling stated that they have had no problems.

Councilman Schneider advised the council that they had started the youth clinic at the golf course and it is going real well.

Councilman Schneider stated that Richard had sent a copy of the water report that was in the paper and everything looks good as far as the water testing. He thanked Richard and the crew for rearranging the watering of the park for the tent meetings at the park.

Councilman Wampler said they still have not heard anything about the grant yet. He said he spoke with Keller Associates and they advised him the City is sixth of the list. Wampler stated that he would like to have Keller Associates do the waste water treatment study if we get the grant. He stated that a small portion of the grant can be used to put a camera in some on the problem areas in the collection system.

Councilman Wampler said that D.E.Q. had advised him that they were not going to fine the city for what happened out at the treatment plant. But we still have not heard from the E.P.A.

Councilman Wampler stated that when the accountant was here he said we need to look at the current charges and the cost of running the treatment plant. Councilman Wampler said that he would possibly be raising the fees in the near future.

Mayor Anderson asked if there was a problem with the garbage pickup. Marva Jean said that they have a new driver and he had missed a lot of the cans. She said that they came back and picked up some of the ones they had missed, but there was a lot that did not get picked up.

Councilwoman Leisy said she would still like the crew to go out and take care of the weeds at the airport. Richard said that the crew was almost done cutting the weeds in town then they will go out to the airport.

Councilwoman Leisy asked about the Kiosk if someone had been taking care of it. Richard stated he was not sure, but he would look into it. She said that she thought someone had been taking care of it because it looks pretty nice.

Councilman Leisy stated that the Gem Group has almost completed the grant application to have someone do a plan for the walkway.

Councilwoman Leisy stated that she has not spoken with Lillian about the airport project, but she will be getting a hold of her and see how things are going.

Councilwoman Leisy said that she has been working with Steve Love on the rose garden at the Rotary Park.

Councilwoman Leisy asked if the city reserves the park or if it is first come, first serve. Mayor Anderson stated that we do not reserve the park, but if they let us know they want to use it then if someone else calls we can let them know that someone else will be there.

Mayor Anderson said that Paul Muirbrook had called and he wanted to know if he could bring in some students to do a study on the various weeds we have in Aberdeen. Mayor Anderson said that he told him that would be great.

Mayor Anderson stated that he would like in next years budget to start looking into a GPS system for Aberdeen. He stated that he felt it would be an asset to the city to have a GPS system.

Mayor Anderson stated that Diana Roberts from the District Library was going to be here tonight but because she was not feeling well she could not be here. He stated that she was coming to the meeting to talk about the lease.

Marva Jean stated that because neither the City nor the Library had a copy of the lease between the City and District Library they felt that we should update it and get a signed copy to the city and library. She stated that Dan had a copy of it and had sent her a copy, but it was not a signed copy.

Mayor Anderson stated that Marva Jean had made a copy for each of the council members and asked them to look over it and see if they have any questions.

Councilwoman Leisy asked if the Library had any questions about the lease. Marva Jean stated that she would ask them and inform the council at their next meeting.

Dan Acevedo stated that at the last council meeting the council had discussed changing some language to our zoning ordinance so that there would only have to be one public hearing on a planning and zoning issue. He stated that as he was looking over the ordinance he noticed that it had already been done a few years back, but as requested by the council he has written an ordinance giving the Planning and Zoning Board decision authority over special use permits, conditional use permits and variances only, with other decisions made by the planning and zoning board being deemed as recommendations to the City Council, who shall make the final decision.

Councilwoman Leisy made the motion to read Ordinance 270 once by its entirety and wave the second and third reading. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion passed.

Dan Acevedo read ordinance 270 by its entirety.

MOTION TO PASS ORDINANCE 270

Councilman Schneider made the motion to pass Ordinance 270, giving decision authority to the Planning and Zoning Board on special use permits, conditional use permits and variances. Councilwoman Pankau seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion passed.

Dan Acevedo stated that he still has not be able to get a hold of Kirk Adkins on the water share issue, but he had talked with Steve Houser at the Aberdeen-Springfield Canal Co. and he said there would not be a problem with Simplot leasing the city's water shares.

Mayor Anderson stated that he had talked with Melody at Bingham County Planning & Zoning and she said that she would be willing to come to Aberdeen to meet with Aberdeen's Planning & Zoning and talk about the process of getting an impact area for Aberdeen.

Chief Dalling stated that the police dept. is cracking down on dogs running around. He stated that they have written a lot of citations in the past month. Chief Dalling stated that he is going to put an ad in the paper for a part-time dog catcher.

Richard Mayer gave his monthly report. He stated that the crew had finished alley cleanup, finished fixing the sewer line going to the treatment plant. He said that Troy and Dean have been checking the water meters. He stated that they had to fix a water leak on a service line.

Richard said that Kelvin has been hauling sludge, but still have a lot to haul.

Richard stated that he had a plumber come and put a camera down the sewer pipe behind the police department to see what is causing the sewer to back up. He stated that they did find the problem so they dug up the pipe and replaced it and also put in a new sewer saddle.

Councilman Schneider asked about the area where they took the trees down by the school. He said it looks like one of the trees is growing. Richard said that he had noticed that also, and they would see what they could do.

Marva Jean stated that Kim Padgett has gone to work at the bank, so we will need to advertise for a part time office helper.

MOTION TO PAY JUNE 2006 BILLS

Councilman Simpson made the motion to pay the bills presented for payment. Councilman Schneider seconded the motion.

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

Checks or Warrants #16196---#16244 for a total of \$ 29,869.48 were presented for Payment. Of this amount \$ 18,245.09 was from the General Fund, \$ 4,691.38 was from the Water Fund and \$ 6,933.01 was from the Waste Water Fund.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Councilman Simpson made the motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Pankau seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

A. Morgan Anderson
Mayor

Marva Jean Mueller
City Clerk/Treasurer

