

**CITY OF ABERDEEN
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2007**

Mayor A. Morgan Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m. City Clerk-Treasurer Marva Jean Mueller was present to record the following minutes.

Council members present were: Hap Fettis, Mary Leisy, Lisa Pankau, Brian Schneider, Derek Tilley and Craig Wampler.

Others present were Richard Mayer, Ray Dalling, Dan Acevedo Vicki Gamble and Delwyn Wheeler.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES

Councilman Brian Schneider made the motion to approve the December 2006 minutes. Councilwoman Leisy seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

Chief Ray Dalling stated that he would like to promote Officer Delwyn Wheeler to Sergeant of the Aberdeen Police Department. He stated that Delwyn has stepped up to the plate and has assisted in the running of the police department. Chief Ray Dalling presented Sergeant Wheeler with his sergeant stripes.

Mayor Anderson thanked Sergeant Wheeler for the good job he was doing.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Anderson stated that with the council's approval he would like to appoint Brian Schneider as president of the council.

Councilman Fettis made the motion to appoint Brian Schneider as President of the Council. Councilman Wampler seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion passed.

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

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

Councilman Tilley made the motion to appoint Ray Dalling as Police Chief. Councilman Schneider seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion passed.

Councilman Wampler made the motion to appoint Dan Acevedo as the City Attorney. Councilman Fettis seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion passed.

Councilwoman Leisy made the motion to appoint Dena Blaker to represent the City of Aberdeen on the board of Three Rivers RC&D. Councilwoman Pankau seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion passed.

DEPARTMENTS

Councilwoman Leisy stated that HDR will be sending some papers that Dan will need to look over.

Councilwoman Leisy stated that The Great Rift Economic Development Organization has hired Kristen Jensen to be the Economic Development professional. She would like to come to the council meeting in February.

Councilwoman Leisy asked if the agenda for the council meeting could be put into the Aberdeen Times.

The council discussed the possibility of setting an ending date for the agenda that anyone that would want to be heard by the council would need to have their name on the agenda by that date.

Mayor Anderson asked the council to think about what they would like to do about closing the agenda at a certain date, and then they can discuss it at the next council meeting.

Mayor Anderson stated that the Transportation Department called and they would like to attend the council meeting in February, so they would need to be put on the agenda for next month.

Councilman Wampler advised the council that the City has been awarded the grant to do the Waste Water study. He stated that they are getting the power run to the sheds out at the treatment plant.

Councilman Wampler stated that the city will be advertising for someone to work at the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Councilman Wampler stated that Richard had spoken to Jerry Giesbrecht and Pete Cortez and they are willing to work for the city, but there should be a contract drawn up between the city and them and was wondering if Dan should draw one up.

Mayor Anderson stated that he had called American Falls to ask them about a contract for Jerry and Pete, but their Mayor was not in. The Mayor did call back and talked with Marva Jean.

Marva Jean stated that the Mayor of American Falls said that the contract should be with Jerry and Pete, not the City of American Falls,

but they would like a memorandum between the City of Aberdeen and City of American Falls that if Jerry or Pete is called to work in Aberdeen during regular working hours they will go off the clock for American Falls and on Aberdeen's.

Mayor Anderson stated that the Three Rivers RC&D magazine had pictures of Aberdeen's new play ground equipment in it.

Councilman Fettis stated that he did get some comments about the 25mph speed limits, some like the idea and some don't. But he said that he advised the ones who didn't want the speed limit changed to take their families and see how it is when you want to cross the street that they would be concerned also with the speed of the trucks and cars driving on Main Street.

Councilman Tilley stated that the City had received the new air-compressor. He stated that the crew is happy to have it.

Mayor Anderson asked Richard about the chlorinator. Richard stated that he was still looking for the operating manual. Mayor Anderson stated that if he doesn't find it, he should contact someone to come and show us how to run the chlorinator.

Mayor Anderson stated that the City's main computer went down so the girls were not able to send out the water bills. Marva Jean stated that the computer has been down for two weeks, but they do now have a borrowed one and Larry Rawlins helped set it up so they can at least keep things going until they get the new computer set up.

Mayor Anderson stated that the city will be advertising for help in the Public Works Department at the treatment plant. He stated that Marva Jean will be putting it into the different papers advertising for help and he asked Richard to work on the qualifications that they would need to work at the treatment plant.

Mayor Anderson stated that Keller Associates came over and signed the contract for the Transportation Project. He stated that Marva Jean and he has been working on it for a couple weeks and they have decided to take the \$45,000.00 plus some money form cash management and put it into a C.D. for seven months at 5.2 %. She stated it will be making more money in a C.D. than sitting in cash management.

Mayor Anderson stated that he would like to recommend the council approve the three new members for the Planning and Zoning Board.

Councilwoman Leisy made the motion to appoint Kevin Klassen, Rose Elguezabal and Greg Westover to serve as board members on the Planning and Zoning Board. Councilman Schneider seconded the motion.

Roll call: Fettis, yes; Leisy, yes; Pankau, yes; Schneider, yes; Tilley, yes and Wampler, yes.

Mayor Anderson stated that he wanted to thank the council and employees for the hard work they did this past year. He stated that it has been a good year and a lot has been accomplished. He stated that there is a lot in the works for this next year, with the transportation and wastewater plan getting underway and the new airport project paper work getting started.

Mayor Anderson asked the council to think about putting the agenda into the paper so people will know what the topics for the council meeting will be. He stated that they will discuss it more at the next meeting.

Chief Dalling stated that one of the full time dispatchers has resigned and that Genie Mack will be taking her place.

Chief Dalling stated that the officers will be having training on the laser guns they purchased from the state tomorrow.

Richard gave his monthly report. Some of the things they have accomplished this month are:

1. Clean up the shop.
2. Worked on the equipment.
3. Worked on the contact chamber at the plant.
4. Sanded streets.
5. Dug graves.

Work they hope to be able to do this month:

1. Work more at the treatment plant.
2. Finish working on the equipment
3. Start hauling gravel.

Richard stated that he needs to get with Hap to find out how many and which streets he wants to pave this coming summer.

Mayor Anderson stated after talking with Richard during his interview Richard stated that the most important piece of equipment they need to purchase for the next year is a sander box that would slip into the back of the truck.

Marva Jean explained the problems that they are having with the computers. She stated that their main computer went completely down and the other one is an old computer. She stated that they did purchase another computer, but they were having problems getting everything set up on it.

Dan Acevedo stated that the city needs to get an external hard drive so that they can have all the information off of the computer stored in a safe place. Dan stated that the city needs to put some money into a good computer system. Dan stated that his company has two external hard drives; one goes home with an employee and the other one goes into the safe. Dan stated that he could bring over someone from his company that could look at the City's system and tell them what they need to update it. Marva Jean stated that would be great, any help she

could get would be great because she is not very knowledgeable about computers.

MOTION TO PAY BILLS

Councilwoman Leisy made the motion to pay December 2006 bills presented for payment. Councilman Schneider seconded the motion.

Roll call: Fettis, yes; Leisy, yes; Pankau, yes; Schneider, yes; Tilley, yes and Wampler, yes. Voting was unanimous, the motion carried.

Marva Jean asked what amount she was supposed to charge the pilots for rent at the airport this year. She stated she could not find it in the contract where it stated what was to be charged each year. Dan stated he would look into it, but he thought it stated that the council would do it by resolution. Dan asked that it be put on the agenda for February and then the council would make a decision then. Marva Jean stated that she would wait to send out the bills until after February's meeting.

Councilwoman Pankau made a motion to adjourn until February 13, 2007. Councilwoman Leisy seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.