

July 1, 2024

The regular meeting of the Marcus Hook Borough Council was held on Tuesday evening, July 1, 2024, 7:00 PM, in Council Chambers.

CALL TO ORDER

Josephine Laird, Council President, called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present were Councilors Cheryl Evernham, Joseph Flynn, John Johnson, Larry Killinen, Josephine Laird, Michael Manerchia, and Janette Weigand. Also present was Mayor Gene Taylor and Borough Manager Deborah Hurst.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by C. Evernham, seconded by L. Killinen to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and that they stand as written. All in favor.

APPROVAL OF RECEIPT VOUCHER

Manager advised that the receipt voucher for the month of June 2024 totaled \$154,849.66. Motion by M. Manerchia, seconded by L. Killinen to receive and deposit. All in favor.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BOROUGH BILLS

Manager advised that the payment voucher for the time period from June 4, 2024 through July 1, 2024, totaled \$222,244.66. Motion by L. Killinen, seconded by C. Evernham to approve payment of Borough bills. All in favor.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Manager requested a motion to accept the bid from Lenni Electric Corporation to replace the 15 defective LED cobra heads throughout the Borough in the amount of \$5,281.88. Motion by J. Flynn, seconded by M. Manerchia. All in favor.

Manager requested a motion to accept the bid from ProAction Restoration in the amount of \$2,359.00 to clean the Community Center 2nd floor, which includes the 2 hallways, steps to the first floor, cleaning of floors and walls, baseboards all other cleaning as necessary. Motion by M. Manerchia, seconded by L. Killinen. All in favor.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mayor Taylor presented the Police Report and related statistics for the month of June 2024. Motion by L. Killinen, seconded by J. Johnson to receive and file the Mayor's Public Safety Report. All in favor.

Manager requested a motion to approve the following change to police policy 1.8.1-2 Uniform and Appearance, Section VI. Grooming, subsection 4 to read as follows: Beards and goatees are permitted, and shall be well kept and groomed and shall not exceed a half inch in length. Non-uniform employees may deviate from the above beard standard as authorized by the Chief of Police or his designee. Motion by M. Manerchia, seconded by L. Killinen. All in favor.

HIGHWAY AND SANITATION

Manager requested authorization advertisement for bids for the 2024 Road Program. Motion by M. Manerchia, seconded by C. Evernham. All in favor.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Manager requested a motion to approve the bid from Pro-Tech Floors in the amount of \$19,800.00 to replace the first floor at the Community Center. Motion by M. Manerchia, seconded by J. Flynn. All in favor.

Manager requested a motion to approve the low bid from PJG for the painting of the Community Center. Motion by J. Weigand, seconded by L. Killinen. All in favor.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Received from Prologis is an Addendum To Standard Agreement For The Sale Of Real Estate, as prepared by Marcus Hook Borough, for the transfer of the 0.30 acre land parcel (Folio No. 24-00-00638-50) in the southwest corner of the Prologis property. Borough Council approved the transfer of this property to Prologis at its September 5, 2023 meeting. Motion by J. Flynn, seconded by J. Weigand to approve the Agreement of Sale Addendum received from Prologis upon its review and acceptance by the Solicitor. All in favor.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Manerchia reminded everyone to drive carefully in the rain and the dangerous storms we have been having.

Councilor Weigand stated that the Recreation Board did a survey regarding the basketball courts that they would like opened up on Yates Avenue. There 125 replies, 80 voting yes to open the courts and 46 voting not to open them. Councilor Flynn is for opening the courts, with them being closed at dusk. Councilor's Manerchia and Evernham believes a plan needs to be put in place and that more discussion has to happen before we do anything. Solicitor Much would like the opening of the courts to be advertised to get input from the Police Department and the residents near the site.

Councilor Killinen said that the trash company has been doing a fine job.

Mayor Taylor reminded everyone about the concert tomorrow night and wished everyone a Happy 4th of July.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Montella, 57 Spruce Street, requested asphalt speed bumps be put on Roberts Lane. Mr. Montella also stated that he is against the basketball courts being opened on Yates Avenue.

Jon Robinson, owner of Jonnie Slow's War Ready Boxing at 801 Market Street, stated that he would like to hold a boxing match at Market Square Memorial Park on Saturday, August 10th. from noon to 6:00 PM This event will be sponsored USA Boxing. Mr. Robinson is expecting approximately 150 people to attend the event, and will provide security and chairs. They will provide the Borough with an Insurance Certificate listing Marcus Hook and Market Square Memorial Park as an additional insureds. Solicitor Much asked if he will open his shop for attendees to use his bathroom. Mr. Robinson agreed he would. Councilor Evernham stated that there is a port-a-potty at the park since the Borough is currently holding summer concerts. Once Mr. Robinson submits his application Solicitor Much and Chief Ireland will review it and reach out to Mr. Robinson with any questions and concerns.

Bill Cox, 206 Market Street, asked if the highway employees could clean up the park before tomorrow night's concert.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by J. Flynn, seconded by L. Killinen to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:38 PM.

Deborah Hurst
Borough Secretary