

April 29, 2025

The regular meeting of the Marcus Hook Borough Council was held on Monday evening May 5, 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, John Johnson, Joseph Flynn, Larry Killinen, Josephine Laird, Michael Manerchia, and Janette Weigand. Also present were Mayor, Gene Taylor, and Borough Manager, Jacqui Guenther.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Conditional Use Hearing of Jennifer Ortiz on Maech 3, 2025and that they stand as written. All in favor.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____ 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

The manager advised that the receipt voucher for the month of March 2025 totaled \$ _____. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to receive and deposit. All in favor.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BOROUGH BILLS

The manager advised that the payment voucher for the period from March 4, 2025, through April 7, 2025, totaled \$ _____. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to approve payment of Borough bills. All in favor.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

The Borough Manager stated that FMC Corporation, who have been completing the environmental assessment of the former East 10th Street Site (the current warehouse property owned by Duke Realty Corp/Prologis). ERM presented their East 10th Street Final Report to Borough Council. Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to accept FMC providing an electronic copy of the report for the Borough to post for review on its website for a 30-day public comment period. A hard copy of the Report is available for review at Borough Hall Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM until 4:30 PM. Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to accept and file. All in favor.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mayor Taylor presented the Police Report and related statistics for the month of April 2025. Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to receive and file the Mayor's Public Safety Report. All in favor.

Chief has requested authorization to apply for a Vest-A-Cop Grant to assist in providing resources to local first responders to procure body armor. The grant will fund up to 90%, the Borough would be required to pay any percentage not covered. Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to approve and execute the Vest-A-Cop grant application. All in favor.

Chief has requested approval of the price increases for the Luongo Towing contract beginning in May 2025. The current contract is month to month until one party gives a 30 day notice to terminate. The Borough Manager stated that she received a proposal from Clayton Towing which is significantly less than the Luongo 2025 price increases.

Motion to accept the contract from _____ Towing for 2025. Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to approve and execute. All in favor.

ENGINEERING REPORT:

FIRE REPORT: MARCUS HOOK TRAINER FIRE DEPARTMENT

MONTHLY REPORT

APRIL 2025

Larry Killinen presented the Fire Report and related statistics for the month of April 2025. Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to receive and file the Fire Report. All in favor.

LIBRARY: Mary M. Campbell Marcus Hook Public Library Monthly Report

1. The library would like to hire Joann McElwee as a Library Assistant – Collection Development, for 20 hours per week at a rate of \$16.00 per hour.
2. Wendy VanCleve has submitted an application to join the Library Board.
3. This month's library circulation total is 1,298.
4. The library's "Community Read" challenge runs from April 16 through May 31, is open to all ages, and participants have a chance to win a prize.

_____ presented the Library Report for the month of April 2025. Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to receive and file the Library Report. All in favor.

HIGHWAY AND SANITATION

PLANNING AND ZONING

PARKS, RECREATION & SHADE TREE COMMISSION

The Borough Manager stated that in keeping with the Borough's annual Arbor Day observance, the Highway Department planted a Cherry Blossom tree at Robert E. Haebel Plaza on April 22, 2025, in a Ceremony led by Ben VanCleve, the Marcus Hook Elementary First Grade Class read a poem and helped plant the tree. Representative from the DCNR, Kayla Kehres was also in attendance. The Borough Manager stated that the Highway Department also planted Otto Luyken Cherry Laurels on the islands and at Market Square Monument Park, as well as 2 cedar Atlas Trees and 6 Jane Austen Magnolia Trees.

The Borough Manager stated that the Parks & Recreation Board has asked that Borough Council remove Mary LaValle from their board due to lack of participation. Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to approve and execute. All in favor.

The Borough Manager stated that the Parks & Recreation Board has a vacancy that should be advertised. We already have one application from Lisa Hawkins. Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to advertise the vacancy. All in favor.

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

COUNCIL REPORTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by _____, seconded by _____. All in favor.
Meeting was adjourned at _____ PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqui Guenther
Borough Manager