

December 4, 2023

The regular meeting of the Marcus Hook Borough Council was held on Monday evening December 4, 2023, 7:00 PM, in Council Chambers.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present were Councilors William Cox, Cheryl Everngham, Joseph Flynn, John Johnson, Larry Killinen, Josephine Laird and Michael Manerchia, Also present were Mayor Gene Taylor and Borough Manager Deborah Hurst.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BOROUGH BILLS

Manager advised that the payment voucher for the time period from November 7, 2023 through December 4, 2023 totaled \$_____. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to approve payment of Borough bills. All in favor.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

The Delaware County Board of Assessment Appeals has certified that the aggregate Real Estate Assessment for Marcus Hook Borough for the year 2024 is \$306,224,516. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to record and file. All in favor.

Manager presented the final reading of the proposed 2024 budget, showing total stating that the availability of the budget for public inspection was duly advertised on November 15, 2023 and was the subject of a public hearing on November 28, 2023. Total expenditures were noted at _____ with _____ of this amount allocated to the General Fund. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to adopt the 2024 Borough budget as proposed. All in favor.

Manager presented the second reading and adoption approve Ordinance No. O-23-05, the Tax Levy Ordinance, fixing the tax rate for the year 2024 at 10.84 mills. This Ordinance was duly advertised on November 15, 2023. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to adopt Ordinance No. O-23-05. All in favor.

Manager introduced Resolution No. R-23-11 to support and endorse the application of the Borough of Marcus Hook for PY 2024 Community Development Block Grant funds from the fifty program year for the Streetscape Improvements in Viscose Village, Phase 5 - Walnut Street. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to adopt Resolution R-23-11. All inn favor.

Manager recommended approval of Resolution No. R-23-12 Civil Service Commission Rules and Regulation Revisions. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to adopt Resolution No. R-23-12. All in favor.

Manager presented the Monthly Code Enforcement Report for the month of November, 2023. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to receive and file the Monthly Code Enforcement Report. All in favor.

Manager mentioned the customary practice of free parking within the central business district during the Christmas/New Year holiday season. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to authorize free on-street meter parking within the central business district, two hour time limit, which began November 23, 2023 and will end on January 2, 2024.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Magisterial District Judge, David R. Griffin administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Full Time Police Officer, Claire Burkert. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to record and file. All in favor.

Mayor Taylor presented the Police Report and related statistics for the month of October. Motion by _____, seconded by _____. All in favor.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Borough Council at their September 5, 2023 meeting announced its intention to sell the Borough remnant 0.331 acre land parcel (Tax Folio No. 24-00-00638-50) located in the rear corner of the distribution center development site at 601 E. 10th Street to Prologis who has agreed to clear, grade and landscape the parcel to advance the perimeter site landscape buffering as part of the redevelopment of the 33 acre property. Solicitor Much advised that real estate owned by the Borough may be sold at a consideration of \$6,000 or less without advertisement or competitive bidding only after an appraisal is conducted. The property has been appraised by Coyle, Lynch and Company, dated November 7, 2023, listing an estimated market value of \$6,000. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to convey subject parcel to Prologis for \$1.00 on the condition that the property be cleared, graded and landscaped so that it complements the land development of the adjoining Prologis land parcels. All in favor.

LIBRARY

Manager read the following report submitted by Librarian, Tianjia Wang:

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor L. Killinen reported the November MHTFD report. MHTFD responded to ___ fire alarms November 2023.

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

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

Deborah A. Hurst
Borough Secretary