

October 7, 2024

The regular meeting of the Marcus Hook Borough Council was held on Tuesday evening, October 7, 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 (Vice-President), John Johnson, Joseph Flynn, Larry Killinen, Josephine Laird (president), Michael Manerchia, and Jeanette 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 Zoning Amendment Hearing on September 3, 2024 that they stand as written. Motion carried. 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. Motion carried. All in favor.

APPROVAL OF RECEIPT VOUCHER

Manager advised that the receipt voucher for the month of September 2024 totaled \$_____. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to receive and deposit. Motion Carried. All in favor.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BOROUGH BILLS

Manager advised that the payment voucher for the time period from _____, 2024 through _____, 2024, totaled \$_____. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to approve payment of Borough bills. Motion Carried. All in favor.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Manager stated that Borough Council needs to designate someone to be the delegate to the Pennsylvania Municipal League 2024 Resolutions Committee. The Manager stated that she would accept the designation on behalf of the Borough if Council so approves. Further, the Pennsylvania Municipal League is proposing the following Resolutions that we should lend our support for as follows: (1) Resolution#5-2024 Submitted by The League's Legislative Committee enacting Commonwealth's Responsibility to Pay Stormwater Management Fees; and, (2) Resolution #6-2024 Submitted by The League's Legislative Committee for State Funding for Local Government Cybersecurity. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to approve and execute. Motion Carried. All in favor

The Borough Manager requested that Borough Council hire Zachary Blair as a full time employee. Zach currently works Part-time for the highway department. This request is being made now because we have 3 highway personnel out, 2 for health reasons and one who is in the process of retiring, who Zach would replace. Zach would earn \$20.00 per hour as a full-time employee with benefits. After two years of service he will be entitled to the full rate which is currently \$27.00. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to approve and execute. Motion Carried. All in favor.

Borough Manager requested approval to purchase 4 computer replacements and to engage Advanced Innovations to install the computers, including man hours in the amount of \$4,800.00 and to also purchase 3 flat panel 24" screens, Word Perfect Software (For Bruce) and one new desktop printer. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to approve and execute. Motion Carried. All in favor.

Our current contract with the SPCA will expire in early October. As such the Borough Manger requested approval of the SPCA's 5 year Animal Control Contract. *(See attached)*. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to approve and execute. Motion Carried. All in favor.

Manager introduced for adoption Ordinance 0-24-12 Proclaiming October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month and October 20th Mammography Day in the Borough of Marcus Hook. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to approve and execute. Motion carried. All in favor.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mayor Taylor presented the Police Report and related statistics for the month of September, 2024. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to approve and file the Mayor's Public Safety Report. Motion carried. All in favor.

Manager stated that the police department computers are using Word 2013 and need to be updated. Manager requested Borough Council to approve engaging Advanced Innovations to update the police software. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to approve and execute. Motion Carried. All in favor.

HIGHWAY AND SANITATION

PLANNING AND ZONING

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Manager advised that the ARPA PA Small Water & Sewer project, which includes 2 rain gardens to be installed, one at Williamson Field (which will replace the existing Tennis Court) and the other at the Robert E. Plaza utilizing a \$50,000 grant the borough received (This is part of our MS4 program requirements) is now ready to be constructed. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to approve and execute. Motion carried. All in favor. *(See attached)*

Manager announced that the construction of the Viscose Village Streetscape Cedar Street Project, From Pine to Chestnut Streets has resumed after being delayed because Delcora needed to replace sewer pipes.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Manager introduced for adoption Ordinance 0-24-11 Re-Dedicating the Community Center as the "Curt Weldon Community Center", dedication to take place at @11:00 AM on October 6th to be followed by Community Day. Curt Weldon is expected to be in attendance. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to approve and execute. Motion carried. All in favor.

Manager stated that the gym equipment in the Community Center needs to be certified. Manager requested approval of an annual contract with Empire Fitness Services in the amount of \$1440.00. Manager stated that as soon as we get a contract signed with Empire Fitness Services we can get the equipment inspected re-open the fitness center.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to approve and execute. Motion carried. All in favor.

LIBRARY:

ENGINEER REPORT: *(See attached)*

COUNCIL REPORTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqui Guenther
Borough Manager