

Public Notice
Hazleton City Council Meeting
August 21st, 2019

Hazleton City Council meeting held at the City Hall called to order with the pledge of allegiance at 7:00 PM by Mayor Miller. Council members present, Hayzlett, Lujan, Michels, Seiffert & Vawter. Also present: City Clerk Baych, Public Works Loomis, Attorney Prendergast & Fire Chief Dettbarn. Seiffert/Vawter moved to approve the printed agenda, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved. Seiffert/Michels motioned to approve the consent agenda, a) July 10th, 2019 minutes b) Clerk Report, c) Disbursements, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Resident's commented on Westline Drive seeding and properties being cleaned up and the hanging flags that need to be taken down.

BUCHANAN COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT: Deputy Buzinky onsite. The record of performance for the City of Hazleton was 83.55 hours with 93 records. Report on file.

HAZLETON FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Dettbarn had no report.

PUBLIC WORKS: Loomis stated Municipal Pipe was onsite the 11th & 12th and cleaned 10371 feet of sewer lines and lift stations. The main lift station has called numerous times. Electric Pump came to town and replaced burnt wires. Generac serviced the North lift Station on July 25th. All disinfected bi-products were sampled and sent to lab. Loomis stated the mayor instructed him to haul in dirt for Westline project and clean up abatement properties.

CITY CLERK: Baych informed council on classes she attended at the academy. She informed them on the quote to replace the carpet in the foyer and stripping and re-waxing the tile floors at the legion. The web page is being updated.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION/ACTION: Vawter/Hayzlett moved to approve the debt report, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved. Vawter/Seiffert moved to approve Resolution 19-28 Street Financial Report, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved. Hayzlett/Michels moved to approve Pronto's liquor license, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion carried. Vawter/Hayzlett moved to approve mayor sign IA DOT permit, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved. Vawter/Michels moved to approve setting public hearing to increase water and sewer rates for September 18th, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion carried. Lujan/Hayzlett moved to approve Resolution 19-22/Authorizing Abandonment Proceedings, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved. The following liens are all nuisance violations liens. Lujan/Michels moved to approve Resolution 19-23/Property Lien, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved. Seiffert/Lujan moved to approve Resolution 19-24 Property Lien, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved. Vawter/Hayzlett moved to approve Resolution 19-25/Property Lien, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved. Lujan/Hayzlett moved to approve Resolution 19-26 Property Lien, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved. Hayzlett/Vawter moved to approve Resolution 19-27/Property Lien, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved. A discussion was held on contracting for an abatement officer, city clerk will check with neighboring communities and address at the next council meeting. Attorney Prendergast asked Loomis for clarification on wishing this discussion be in open session, Loomis responded yes. Prendergast asked him if the city had offered him a closed session and he had chosen open session and Loomis stated yes. Mayor Miller stated to the council she has had some concerns with Loomis over the summer and wants to be transparent with the council. The mayor stated her concerns to the council. A lengthy discussion followed. No formal action taken. Seiffert/Vawter moved to approve locking the brush pile, Roll Call, Michels yes, Vawter yes, Seiffert yes, Hayzlett no, Lujan yes, motion approved. Vawter/Lujan moved to purchase a Mini Cas for the lift station, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved. An employee job description and policy workshop was scheduled for August 28th at 6:00 p.m. Hayzlett/Michels moved to approve Shaun Mason bid for tree removal in the right-of-way, with Brewer doing stump cleanup for \$1900, Roll Call, Michels yes, Lujan no, Hayzlett yes, Seiffert no, until we review ordinance, Vawter no, motion failed. A discussion on the mower was held. Vawter asked that Mark Beesecker look at the mower. Miller stated to Vawter that he originally suggested Bodensteiner look at it and asked him why he didn't bring up this option prior to

the meeting, Mayor Miller stated we can't continue to table everything, Vawter handed Attorney Prendergast his resignation and left the meeting at 8:16 p.m. Hayzlett motioned Bodensteiner fix the mower and check on the oil temp sensor and if under \$200 fix it, second Michels, Roll Call Lujan no, Hayzlett yes, Seiffert no, Michels yes, motion failed. Seiffert/Lujan moved to have Beesecker look at the mower and repair it, Roll Call Lujan yes, Hayzlett no, Seiffert yes, Michels no, motion failed. Michels motion to have Beesecker look at the mower and give a quote on the repairs, second Seiffert, Hayzlett asked if one of the quotes is lower can we just get the mower fixed, the city can't be without a mower, Michels motioned to alter the previous motion to state get the quote from Beesecker and if that quote is lower than Bodensteiner's the mayor has the authority to order that repair, second Seiffert, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved. Diana McCann presented a petition to the council to enforce all city ordinances that pertain to the beautification, health and safety of all citizens in the categories of home ownership. Mayor Miller accepted the petition and stated the city is working on this and will continue to do so. Hayzlett pointed out that the Commercial Club & United Neighbors are always looking for volunteers to help with cleanup. Jean Gallmeyer addressed the council that there is an ongoing project across the state where there are containers placed in towns that house books and food pantries. She suggested placing one at City Hall. Hayzlett/Monica motioned to approve placement of book and/or food pantries at City Hall, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved. Jean Gallmeyer addressed the council on the skate park. She wanted to know why the council had not approved the electric at the skate park. Seiffert stated there were not lights at the tennis court or basketball courts except for the street lights. Mayor Miller informed Ms. Gallmeyer that the only way the electric could be placed back on the agenda is if one of the council members, who voted no, rescinds that vote or once the park is built to then establish electrical service. She thanked the council for their past support.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT: Prendergast had no statement.

MAYOR REPORT: Mayor Miller informed council the legion hall rental form was changed to stating any issues with the hall on your rental day to contact City Clerk, Mayor or council member. Miller stated she received a letter from the Iowa Municipal Professional Academy stating how important it is for cities to send their staff to training and that they also have training for elected officials. Hayzlett stated he would volunteer to have his name put on the contact list for the legion rental form.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS: Michels asked about the mulch for the park. Baych stated she will order it as soon as possible.

ADJOURN: Hayzlett motioned, Michels second to adjourn at 8:35 p.m.

Lisa Baych, City Clerk

Elizabeth Miller, Mayor