

Public Notice  
Hazleton City Council Meeting  
December 18<sup>th</sup>, 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, Heckert, Lujan, Michels & Seiffert. Also present: City Clerk Baych, Public Works Loomis, City Attorney Prendergast, City Engineer Dryden & Fire Chief Dettbarn. Heckert/Seiffert moved to approve the printed agenda, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved. Hayzlett/Heckert motioned to approve the consent agenda, a) November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 minutes b) Clerk Report, c) Disbursements, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Hazleton Fire Department – USDA Rural Development application for financial assistance for Fire trucks & related safety equipment.

Hayzlett/Michels motioned to open the public hearing at 7:04 p.m., Roll Call All Ayes. Chief Dettbarn informed the council that the fire department applied for a grant and asked the council for approval to sign all documents. No public comment was given. Hayzlett/Heckert moved to close the public hearing at 7:05, Roll Call All Ayes, motion approved. A motion by Heckert, second by Michels was made to approve Resolution 19-32/Approve Mayor and Fire Chief to sign all documents relating to USDA grant, Roll Call, Lujan yes, Hayzlett yes, Seiffert yes, Heckert yes, Michels yes. Motion approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Pat Arthaud stated the kids Christmas Shopping was a huge success, serving 90 children and thanked the council for allowing the use of the Legion Hall & 103 Hayes St W. She also stated several of the Christmas Street lights were not working and asked they be looked at. Darin Hayzlett stated he would like to grant an easement for neighbor Lehman to hook up water and sewer through his property to help with his winter freeze ups.

**BUCHANAN COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT:** The record of performance for the City of Hazleton was 52.65 hours with 58 records. Report on file.

**HAZLETON FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Chief Dettbarn thanked the council for approving the grant application.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Loomis stated currently in the 3<sup>rd</sup> draw down of the lagoons and also the overhead door on the City Shop had to be repaired by Christie Door. A DNR inspection was done on December 4<sup>th</sup> with no violations.

**CITY CLERK:** Baych had no comment.

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Brian Keierleber the Buchanan County Engineer addressed the council regarding the Hayes Street project. He stated the city had never accepted the road and the county has no idea why. The DOT will not close out the project. Keierleber stated interest charges could be accrued with the contractor on retainage because they cannot release retainage until the project is closed out. Attorney Prendergast asked for answers to the questions raised by the city regarding the final bill. She stated the meeting we had earlier in the year with Ament Engineering, the County and County attorney the city presented a breakdown on the issues the city had with the project and those issues have never be addressed. Copies of the concerns were given at the meeting. Prendergast stated she advises the council not to accept the project until these issues are addressed. Keierleber asked for a copy of the issues. Supervisor Gissel asked if there were any other issues with the road. John Lehman a homeowner who has problems with water & sewer freeze up since the road has been constructed stated he never had that problem until the road was put in. Ament engineer Dryden stated the problems with Lehman's property and other issues. Prendergast asked for another meeting to address these problems. A budget workshop was scheduled for January 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. City Clerk gave oath of office to Miller, C. Hayzlett & D. Hayzlett.

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT –** Prendergast stated the City will be acquiring a 657A property soon.

MAYOR REPORT: Mayor Miller thanked everyone for their hard work over the past two years, Seiffert for his service on the council and welcomed Darin Hayzlett and Jane Heckert. She wished everyone Happy Holidays.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS: No comment

ADJOURN: Hayzlett motioned, Michels second to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.

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Lisa Baych, City Clerk

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Elizabeth Miller, Mayor