

Public Notice
Hazleton City Council Meeting
March 9th, 2016

Hazleton City Council meeting held at the City Hall called to order with the pledge of allegiance at 7:00 PM by Mayor VandeVorde. Council members present: Duffy, Ekstrand, Miller, Hayzlett & Vawter. Also present: City Clerk Baych, Clerk Assistant Arthaud, Public Works Loomis and City Attorney Hosack. Miller/Vawter moved to approve the printed agenda, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved. Miller/Hayzlett moved to approve the consent agenda: a) February 17th, 2016 minutes b) Clerk Report c) Disbursements. Roll Call, All Ayes, Motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PUBLIC HEARING: BUDGET REPORT FISCAL YEAR 2016/2017

Duffy/Ekstrand moved to open the public hearing at 7:03, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion carried. There was no public comment. Vawter/Duffy moved to close the public hearing, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved. Duffy/Hayzlett moved to approve Resolution 16-06 Budget Report and file as required by law, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved.

BUCHANAN COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT: Record of performance for the City of Hazleton 110.77 hours with 103 records. Report on file.

HAZLETON FIRE STATION: Dettbarn informed council the Soup Supper will be held March 19th from 4:30 – 7:30. He also discussed the procedure for issuing tickets for illegal burns.

AMENT ENGINEERING: A motion by Vawter/Duffy was made to amend the current Ament Contract Roll Call, Duffy yes, Ekstrand yes, Miller no, Vawter yes, Hayzlett yes. Motion approved.

PUBLIC WORKS: Loomis informed council that Cahoy had ordered & installed the touchpad in the well house. He has scheduled the spring hydrant flushing for April 11th & 12th. A discussion was held on repairing or replacement of the tractor plow. Duffy/Vawter moved to approve the bid from Steil Welding with the corrected amount of \$524.26, Roll Call, Duffy yes, Vawter yes, Miller yes, Ekstrand yes, Hayzlett no, Motion carried. Duffy/Miller moved to approve Public Works attend CCR Training April 6th, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved. Vawter/Ekstrand moved to approve PW attend Iowa Rural Water Class on drinking water April 14th, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion carried.

CITY CLERK: Baych informed council the Audit began this week. If any council member would like to meet with the auditor to discuss the finding of the audit please let clerk know and she will schedule for March 23rd or 24th. She informed them on a complaint from a few residents and also the Buchanan County Environmental Health & Zoning regarding a cat issue. She informed compliance officer. City attorney will follow up with a letter to the violator. Ekstrand/Miller moved to approve Clerk attend IMFOA Conference/Datatech April 19th-22nd. Roll Call, All Ayes, Motion approved. Miller/Duffy moved to approve rescheduling the April Council meeting to April 13th at 7:00 p.m., Roll Call, All Ayes, Motion Approved. Miller/Hayzlett moved to approve city clerk attend IIMC Conference in Omaha May 22nd – May 25th, Roll Call, All Ayes, Motion carried. At 7:45 Council member Ekstrand vacated meeting due to family emergency.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION/ACTION: Dan Bagby addressed the council on an easement the city has on his property regarding a possible future street. Attorney Hosack stated according to the ordinance this issue needs to be addressed by the Planning and Zoning Board and they will bring their recommendations to the council at a later meeting. The city clerk will set the meeting and inform all parties. No public hearing was set regarding this easement. Steve Slessor with Buchanan County Health Center shared with the council the expansion planned for the Buchanan County Health Center in the spring of 2018. George Lake with Buchanan County Economic Development addressed the council on progress of BCED. Ryan Brown with Brown Lane Insurance addressed the council on the proposal he provided for continuing coverage with EMC Insurance. Adam Kerns with Hub International/Ruhl & Ruhl Insurance addressed the council on city insurance. The insurance companies he contacted for bids were unable to fulfill the request for quotes because they did not have enough time to prepare the bids. Mr. Kerns asked the council to consider him as a new agent for the city. A motion was made by Miller/Vawter to accept Brown Lane bid on city insurance with the understanding of reviewing the issues of the Fire Department

equipment and missing equipment on the proposal. Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved. Arthaud informed council on grants available through Buchanan County Community Foundation. Duffy/Hayzlett moved to approve applying for a park & museum grant from BCCF, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion carried. Miller/Vawter moved to approve Resolution 16-07 Fire Dept. Truck CD for \$5000.00, Roll Call, All Ayes motion approved. Miller/Hayzlett moved to approve Resolution 16-08 Sludge CD for \$5000.00, Roll Call, All Ayes motion approved. The electric and gas franchise fee was discussed. Miller/Vawter moved to approve Resolution 16-09 Revenue Purpose Statement, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion carried. Miller/Vawter moved to approve a public hearing for April 13th at 7:00 p.m. regarding electric/gas franchise ordinance, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved. Duffy/Hayzlett moved to approve setting a public hearing regarding INRCOG Housing status of funds for April 13th, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., Roll Call, All Ayes, motion passed. Duffy/Hayzlett moved to approve Resolution 16-10/Award French Construction Housing Project #5, Roll Call, All Ayes, Motion carried. Duffy/Vawter moved to approve Resolution 16-11/Award C&R Construction Housing Project #6, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved. Gerry asked council if anyone would like to volunteer to be part of the hiring committee. Hayzlett volunteered. A Motion by Duffy/Vawter was made to nominate Hayzlett to the hiring committee, Roll Call, Miller yes, Duffy yes, Vawter yes, Hayzlett abstained. Motion passed. A meeting was set for March 21st at 6:00 p.m. for the hiring committee. Miller asked to resign from the policy committee. Hayzlett and Vawter volunteered to be on the policy committee. Motion by Duffy/Vawter to add Hayzlett to the policy committee, Roll Call, Miller yes, Vawter yes, Duffy yes, Hayzlett abstained, motion passed. Duffy/Hayzlett moved to appoint Vawter to the policy committee, Roll Call, Hayzlett yes, Miller yes, Duffy yes, Vawter abstained, Motion approved. A meeting was set for March 22nd at 6:00 p.m. for the policy committee. Miller/Hayzlett moved to approve city wide cleanup for April 23rd, Roll Call All Ayes, motion carried.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT: Hosack reviewed gas & electric franchise ordinance. He also informed council on options they have regarding the cat issue.

MAYOR REPORT: Mayor VandeVorde informed council on progress of the audit. The bridge rail is on.

CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENT: Gene Seiffert asked what was being done on the abandoned trailer on Third Street and behind Pronto. The mayor said he has the compliance officer looking into it. Seiffert requested the mayor contact him once he had information on it.

ADJOURN: Vawter/Miller moved to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. All Ayes

Lisa Baych/City Clerk

Gerald VandeVorde/Mayor