

Public Notice  
Hazleton City Council Meeting  
March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015

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: Albert, Duffy, Ekstrand, Gertenberger & Miller. Also present: City Clerk Baych, Public Works Loomis & City Attorney Hosack. Miller/Duffy moved to approve the printed agenda, Roll Call All Ayes, motion carried. Duffy/Albert moved to approve consent agenda: a) February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 minutes b) Clerk Report c) Disbursements All Ayes, Motion approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Citizen informed council the noise issue is continuing. Attorney Hosack updated council on the complaint.

**BUCHANAN COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT:** Record of performance for the City of Hazleton 88.80 hours with 70 records. Report on file.

**HAZLETON FIRE STATION:** Dettbarn informed council he received three bids for electrical service to move the siren to the new station. Gary's Electric for \$750.00, Ken's Electric \$1,100 and L&M Electric for \$1,352. Duffy/Gerstenberger moved to approve the bid from Gary's Electric. Roll Call, all ayes, motion approved. Chief Dettbarn informed council the soup supper is scheduled for Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup> from 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$6.00 in advance and \$7.00 at the door. Dettbarn informed council that with all the energy efficient measures taken with building the fire station, the city received an \$11,400 rebate from Alliant. He publically thanked Alliant for working with them. He informed council on the progress of the cadet program. He received a letter from the city attorney and Insurance agent on all necessary steps that need to be taken to move forward with this program. The Hazleton Fire Departments Annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for April 4<sup>th</sup> at Hazleton Park beginning at noon.

**AMENT ENGINEERING:** No report

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Loomis informed council the detour signs for the bridge closure were put up. A leak detection test was done on the possible leak on Short Street. A small leak around the hydrant and one by the valve in the street was found. No immediate action is required. Seneca Company has completed their drilling. He advised council a water main break had happened and has been repaired and that hydrant flushing will take place April 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>. A couple of residents asked questions on street repairs and erosion. Miller/Albert moved to approve public works attend Consumer Confidence Workshop, roll call, all ayes.

**CITY CLERK:** Baych informed council the phones have been changed at the shop and fire station. In addition, the cell phone for the mayor has been disconnected saving the city about \$55.00 per month. Duffy/Gerstenberger moved that each month a council member review the financial reports and bank statement. Roll call, all ayes, motion carried. Miller will begin the rotation.

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Pat Arthaud president of the Commercial Club addressed the council on the upcoming Haze Daze town celebration. She asked councils permission to use City Park, have no parking signs placed on 1<sup>st</sup> block of Hayes St E (both sides) and beginning at Benton St /Hwy 150 one block North (both sides). In addition, have First St S closed for the Fire Man's kid's water ball fight. She asked the council and public works director to become members of the Commercial Club. Duffy/Ekstrand moved to approve the requests of the Commercial Club. Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved. Chip Horkheimer also of the Commercial Club addressed the council asking permission for a beer tent and funding for the Haze Daze Celebration. Motion by Miller/Duffy approve \$1500.00 to the Commercial Club for the town celebration. Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved. The beer tent approval will be addressed at the next meeting since it wasn't on the agenda. Hazel Kout with the Hazleton Bloomers addressed the council, thanking them for their donation of \$400.00 to help with the cities flowers. Duffy/Ekstrand moved to approve the policy committee's recommendations to the Employee Policy and job descriptions. Public

Works Director questioned allowing unauthorized persons to ride in any city vehicle unless under emergency situations, sick time off requests, and smoking policy. In addition he asked for clarification on work hours/compensatory time. After much discussion, Mayor VandeVorde asked for Roll Call on the motion to approve the revised policy, with the following changes; removing facilities from the no smoking policy and adding to the employee job descriptions An excess of 40 hours per week will be in writing and signed by the mayor or his/her designee, All Ayes, motion approved. Miller/Duffy moved to approve city wide cleanup for April 25<sup>th</sup>. Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved. Duffy/Miller moved to hold a public hearing on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the council chambers to amend the current 2014/2015 budget. Roll Call, All Ayes, motion carried. Miller/Ekstrand moved to approve city clerk attend IMFOA/Datateck conference April 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved. Duffy/Miller moved to approve changing the April's council meeting to April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved. Duffy/Miller moved to approve City Insurance in the amount of \$23,963.00 Roll Call, All Ayes, motion carried. Miller/Duffy moved to approve Resolution 15-07/\$5000.00 deposit into a sludge reserve cd, Roll Call All Ayes, motion approved.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT: No report

MAYOR REPORT: Mayor VandeVorde informed council that the skate park committee at the last fund raiser they raised \$1,100. The bridge will be closing March 23th. No fishing around the construction will be allowed.

CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENT: none

ADJOURN: Miller/Albert moved to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. All Ayes

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Lisa Baych/City Clerk

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Gerald VandeVorde/Mayor