

Public Notice
Hazleton City Council Meeting
May 20th, 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: Duffy, Ekstrand, Gerstenberger & Miller. Also present: City Clerk Baych, Public Works Loomis. City Attorney Stevens running late. Mayor VandeVorde advised the council that councilman Albert resigned at noon May 20th, 2015 by providing a written resignation. Upon consultation with the city attorney, Mayor VandeVorde declared this an emergency situation requiring that the agenda be amended on less than 24 hour notice for the purpose of both accepting the resignation and taking possible action on filling the vacancy. Mayor VandeVorde asked the council amend the agenda to include excepting Councilman Albert's resignation and possible action on filling the vacancy. Gerstenberger/Ekstrand moved to approve amending the agenda, Roll Call All Ayes, motion carried. Duffy/Gerstenberger moved to approve the amended agenda, Roll Call All Ayes, motion approved. Miller/Ekstrand moved to approve consent agenda: a) April 22nd, 2015 minutes b) Clerk Report c) Disbursements. Roll Call, All Ayes, Motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Citizen commented on mowing the vacated lot next to the Veteran's Park before Memorial Day.

BUCHANAN COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT: Sheriff Wolfgram reported to the council on the months records. Record of performance for the City of Hazleton 140.07 hours with 99 records. Report on file.

HAZLETON FIRE STATION: Dettbarn informed council the tower was put up on Saturday and the radio system is up and running. The old station has been cleaned out. Their garage located at the old creamery has also been cleaned out and will be donated to the skate park. He is waiting on paperwork before proceeding with the control burn on Hayes Street. Dettbarn would like Carter to review cadet paperwork. He also discussed parade route for the fire departments.

AMENT ENGINEERING: Dryden discussed preliminary quote on the storm issue on Westline Drive. No formal action taken.

PUBLIC WORKS: Loomis informed council the spring discharge of the lagoons is completed. The dike wall has been repaired with erosion stone. Municipal Pipe & Tool will contact to schedule sewer jetting. Maguire Iron is scheduled to clean water tower next week. He is still working on obtaining quotes on backup generator. Miller/Duffy moved to approve 2015 renewal application for Loomis & Seiffert, Roll Call, All Ayes. Motion approved. Duffy/Miller moved to approve purchase of \$300.00 recirculating pump for well house and the parts to repair current pump. Roll Call, All Ayes, motion carried.

CITY CLERK: Baych informed council Ekstrand was in to review financials. Clerk and public works attended safety meeting. We did have a mock OSHA inspection but have not received the report. EMC Insurance was onsite to perform annual insurance audit. Duffy/Ekstrand moved to approve letter of understanding for offset program. Roll Call, All Ayes, motion carried. Miller/Duffy moved to approve changing utility application to include social security number, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION/ACTION: Jim Rodemeyer with INRCOG informed council on the progress of the Housing Rehabilitation project. Duffy/Ekstrand moved to approve Resolution 15-10/Awarding French Construction for Project #2 in Housing Rehab Program, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved. Jordan Gallmeyer addressed the council on the property for the Skate Park. Ekstrand/Gerstenberger moved to approve Resolution 15-11/Set a public hearing to designate and establish a skate park with correction to the last sentence of the resolution be changing the wording from "shall" to "may". Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved. Pat Arthaud with the Hazleton Commercial Club asked permission from the city to plant a tree in the City Park for the late president of the Commercial Club Pauline Smith and one tree at the Hazleton Museum for volunteer Loyd Froning. Ekstrand/Duffy moved to approve planting 2 trees, Roll

Call All Ayes, motion carried. Miller/Gerstenberger moved to table purchase of new refrigerator for park shelter till June meeting. Roll Call, All Ayes, motion carried. Duffy/Ekstrand moved to table approving removal of 2 trees in Right-of-Way in order for Alliant to be contacted and bids include clean up, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved. Duffy/Gerstenberger moved to approve mayor attend small workshop, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved. Mayor VandeVorde explained to council he is waiting to hear back from prospective compliance officers. City clerk explained web design quote she obtained. Council requested additional quotes from local web designers are obtained. Miller/Gerstenberger moved to accept Milo Albert's resignation from the council. Roll Call, All Ayes, motion carried. A discussion was held on filling the vacancy by appointment or special election. Duffy/Gerstenberger moved to fill the vacancy by appointment. Council is requesting a letter of interest be submitted to the clerk by 4:30 p.m. June 11th. Roll Call, All Ayes. Motion approved.

MAYOR REPORT: Mayor VandeVorde informed council the BCED meeting is Tuesday, May 26th, at the Hazleton Fire Department. All council members are invited.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT: Carter reviewed fire department cadet program, parent release form. He will revise the parent release form for June's meeting.

CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENT: Loomis asked about mowing parcel next to Veteran's Park.

ADJOURN: Duffy/Miller moved to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. All Ayes

Lisa Baych/City Clerk

Gerald VandeVorde/Mayor