

Public Notice  
Hazleton City Council Meeting  
February 17<sup>th</sup>, 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. Vawter/Duffy moved to approve the printed agenda, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved. Duffy/Vawter moved to approve the consent agenda: a) January 20<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016 minutes b) Clerk Report c) Disbursements. Roll Call, All Ayes, Motion approved.

BUCHANAN COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT: Record of performance for the City of Hazleton 89.19 hours with 81 records. Report on file.

HAZLETON FIRE STATION: Dettbarn informed council the Soup Supper will be held March 19<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 – 7:30. The cost is \$6 in advance \$7 at door. He asked for council's approval to issue tickets for illegal burns; city attorney will provide tickets to be issued.

AMENT ENGINEERING: Dryden informed council on details of current contract Ament has with the City.

PUBLIC WORKS: Miller/Ekstrand moved to approve Loomis attend Region 1 training March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Loomis informed council on the issues with the touchpad for VFD in well house control panel. Miller/Duffy moved to approve purchase of new touchpad for VFD control panel, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved.

CITY CLERK: Baych informed council within the next week or two she should be back to full time. The City Audit has been rescheduled for March 7<sup>th</sup>. The City has received complaints on the Hatchery but it has since been cleaned up. The new copier shall be installed on Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Assistant Arthaud has been working on job descriptions for custodian and compliance officer. A letter of resignation was received on Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> from City Custodian.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION/ACTION: Maggie Burger with Speer Financial presented to council the options available if the city chooses to finance the Hayes St resurfacing project. Duffy/Vawter moved to approve rescheduling the March meeting to March 9<sup>th</sup>. Roll Call, All Ayes, motion carried. Duffy/Hayzlett moved to approve setting a public hearing for March 9<sup>th</sup> to approve the 2016/2017 budget, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved. Adam Kerns with Hub International/Ruhl & Ruhl Insurance addressed the council on insurance available to the city. Vawter/Duffy moved to go out to bid for city insurance. The clerk informed council that other agents were also interested in providing insurance quotes. After a discussion the motion was withdrawn and the city clerk will contact additional insurance brokers and ask them to provide a bid for city insurance for the March meeting. Ekstrand/Duffy moved to approve Resolution 16-05 Appointments with corrections, Roll Call, All Ayes motion approved. A discussion was held regarding the current Ament contract. Mr. Dryden will provide an amendment to the contract regarding council meetings for approval at the March meeting. Roll Call, All Ayes, motion carried. Duffy/Hayzlett moved to approve liquor license for Eagles Roost, Roll Call, All Ayes motion carried. George Lake with BCED was not in attendance. Duffy/Ekstrand moved to approve employee pay \$25.00 per paycheck for their health insurance, Roll Call Vawter No, Hayzlett No, Duffy yes, Ekstrand yes, Miller No, motion dies. Keith Sherman with Alliant Energy addressed the council on renewing the current Gas & Electric Franchise and informing council of options of a franchise fee. After a long discussion the council will further investigate the gas & electric franchise and set a public hearing at the March meeting for possible implementing a franchise fee. Duffy/Ekstrand moved to approve allowing the skate park committee to hold a fund raiser at the legion at no charge. Roll Call, All Ayes, Motion carried

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT: Hosack will review gas & electric franchise ordinance.

MAYOR REPORT: Mayor VandeVorde informed council on some compliance issues he will be addressing with compliance officer. Brief discussion of the cleaning position was discussed.

ADJOURN: Duffy/Vawter moved to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. All Ayes

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Lisa Baych/City Clerk

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Gerald VandeVorde/Mayor