

Public Notice
Hazleton City Council Meeting
April 15, 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, Public Works Loomis and City Attorney Hosack. Vawter/Miller moved to approve the printed agenda, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved. Miller questioned why the Verizon bill was not the normal amount. The clerk explained she made a double payment on previous bill. Miller/Duffy moved to approve the consent agenda: a) March 9th, 2016 minutes b) Clerk Report c) Disbursements. Roll Call, All Ayes, Motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PUBLIC HEARING: INRCOG/HOUSING REHABILITATION STATUS OF FUNDS

Duffy/Hayzlett moved to open the public hearing for the Housing Rehabilitation Program Status of Funds at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 13, 2016. Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved. There were seven residents present at the hearing. Jim Rodemeyer, INRCOG, reported that the amount of the IEDA grant awarded in 2013 was \$197,994, and the City had dedicated \$12,000 of local match, for a total project budget of \$209,994. The City received funding to rehabilitate 6 homes within a designated target area. As of April 13, 2016, 4 homes have been completed and two more homes have been awarded or are under way. The project end date is July 31, 2016. As of April 13, 2016, \$98,386 in CDBG funds had been paid to contractors for rehabilitation work and \$2,850 in CDBG funds had been paid to Contractors for lead hazard reduction activities for the completed projects. In addition, \$8,000 in local match had been paid to Contractors for rehabilitation work from the local match. **Public comments were noted/No public comment was received.** Vawter/Ekstrand moved to close the hearing at 7:10p.m. Roll Call, All Ayes, motion carried

PUBLIC HEARING: ELECTRIC & GAS FRANCHISE ORDINANCE

Miller/Vawter moved to open the public hearing on the electric & gas franchise at 7:11. Roll Call, All Ayes, Motion approved. No public comments were received. Vawter/Duffy moved to close the public hearing at 7:13, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion passed. Keith Sherman with Alliant Energy explained the franchise fee and ordinance to the council and was available for any questions the council had. Duffy/Vawter moved to implement a one (1%) percent gas and electric franchise fee. Roll Call, All Ayes, motion carried. Miller/Duffy moved to approve first reading on Ordinance 16-01/City of Hazleton Electric Franchise, Roll Call, All Ayes motion approved. Miller/Vawter moved to approve waiving 2nd and 3rd readings on Ordinance 16-01, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion carried. Miller/Hayzlett moved to approve Ordinance 16-02 – City of Hazleton Gas Franchise, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion passed. Miller/Ekstrand moved to approve waiving 2nd & 3rd reading on Ordinance 16-02. Roll Call, All Ayes, motion carried.

BUCHANAN COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT: Record of performance for the City of Hazleton 157.30 hours with 118 records. Report on file.

HAZLETON FIRE STATION: No report

PUBLIC WORKS: Loomis informed council that he attended INRCOG Safety meeting and CCR workshop. Muskrats were trapped at the lagoons. Hawkeye Fire inspected all city fire extinguishers. Spring discharge will begin this week. Seneca contacted him regarding replacement of sewer line on North Street. Seneca will receive a grant and the city will not have to pay for it.

CITY CLERK: Baych informed council the Audit was completed and should be released in 6 to 8 weeks. IPERS performed a compliance review on March 30th. Clerk spoke with Randy on several compliance issues and informed Hosack to send a letter regarding a cat issue. Pat completed writing the park and museum grants and began working on old file boxes and destroy old records that are no longer required to keep. The City wide cleanup is scheduled for April 23rd; please have all materials out the night before. City Hall will have office hours posted for next week. Clerk asked Ekstrand to please review financials for May.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION/ACTION: Chad Benter with the Hazleton Planning & Zoning Board addressed the council on the request from Dan Bagby on an easement the city has on his property regarding a possible future street. Benter informed the council the board met and recommends the easement stay in place in case the City were to ever develop the land behind Bagby. Bagby stated he would give the city an easement if he were to purchase the lot next to him. Mayor VandeVorde suggested once he does that to approach the city for another hearing with the board. Vawter/Hayzlett moved to approve the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Board and to leave the easement in place. Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved. Duffy/Hayzlett moved to approve Resolution 16-12/Water Tower Painting CD for \$7500.00. Roll Call, All Ayes, motion carried. Duffy/Vawter moved to approve Resolution 16-13/Park Equipment CD for \$25,000, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion passed. Hayzlett/Vawter moved to approve the hiring committee recommendations, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved. Vawter/Duffy moved to approve Resolution 16-03/Credit Card Policy, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved. Vawter/Duffy moved to approve the Commercial Club Haze Day celebration & beer tent along with closing of 1st block of Hayes St E and placing no parking signs on 150. Roll Call, All Ayes, Motion approved. Chip Horkheimer with the Commercial Club asked the City if they would donate again this year for the celebration. Ekstrand/Hayzlett moved to approve a \$1500 donation to the Commercial Club for Haze Days, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion carried.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT: Hosack had no report.

MAYOR REPORT: Mayor VandeVorde informed council the trees on Hayes St W were taken down and he is working with Randy on the compliance issues.

CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENT: No comments

ADJOURN: Duffy/Hayzlett moved to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. All Ayes

Lisa Baych/City Clerk

Gerald VandeVorde/Mayor