

Public Notice
Hazleton City Council Meeting
May 17th, 2017

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, Ekstrand, Duffy, Hayzlett, Miller & Vawter. Also present: City Clerk Baych, Public Works Loomis, Fire Chief Dettbarn and City Attorney Hosack. Duffy/Hayzlett moved to approve the printed agenda, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion carried. Duffy/Vawter moved to approve the consent agenda: a) April 12th, 2017 minutes b) Clerk Report c) Disbursements. Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved.

PUBLIC HEARING: AMEND FISCAL YEAR 2016/2017 BUDGET

Miller/Ekstrand moved to open the public hearing at 7:05 p.m., Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved. No public comment was given. Vawter/Miller moved to close public hearing at 7:06, Roll Call All Ayes, motion approved. A motion by Miller/Duffy was made to approve Resolution #17-05/City Budget Amendment Report for Fiscal Year 2016/2017, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Gene Loomis commented on the reprimand of the public works director. Several residents commented on their concerns regarding the storm/sewer project. Brian Keierleber Buchanan County Engineer addressed their questions. Due to unforeseen circumstances the project has been set back.

BUCHANAN COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT: Deputy onsite. The record of performance for the City of Hazleton was 52.25 hours with 59 records. Report on file. Deputy asked about the parade route for Haze Daze.

HAZLETON FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Dettbarn had no comment.

PUBLIC WORKS: Loomis informed council North Street water project is complete except for the repair of the shoulder of the road. The 1st drawdown at the lagoons is complete. Flyers were handed out at to homes affected by the water shut down for Thursday May 18th. He asked why his request to be put on the agenda wasn't given. Hosack stated the Mayor and Council set the agenda not employees. Personnel matters should be attempted to be worked out outside of a public meeting. Loomis stated he felt that attempt had been exhausted after receiving his reprimand. He proceeded to give the city attorney his written request to have his reprimand reviewed by the council.

CITY CLERK: Baych informed council she was approached by a local card club asking if it were possible to hold their meeting in the council chambers on Wednesday. Miller/Duffy moved to approve the use of the chamber room for a local card club on Wednesday's, Roll Call all ayes.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION/ACTION: Randy Blume addressed the council explaining his reason for asking the city to approve a subordination agreement on his housing rehab project. The council asked Mr. Blume to fill out a permit first and get the compliance officer approval on it and come back to the council with more information. Hayzlett/Miller moved to table this subordination agreement on a housing rehab project. Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved. Mayor VandeVorde informed the council on the meeting he had with the Romper Room group earlier in the day. He was not sure if the group would stop in Hazleton with all the road construction. Vawter/Hayzlett moved to approve Commercial Club beer license for City Park possible Romper Room visit on June 17th, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved. Hayzlett/Duffy moved to approve closing the 100 block of North & South First Street for possible Romper Room visit, Roll Call, Vawter no, Duffy yes, Ekstrand yes, Hayzlett yes, Miller yes, motion approved. A letter notifying all the residents affected to this street closing will be sent out by the city. Ekstrand/Hayzlett moved to approve a contribution of \$480.00 for porta potties to the Romper Room visit, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved. Miller/Vawter moved to approve \$16,686.15 bid for new playground equipment (swings, Merry-Go-All, 4 seat-Buck-A-Bout, 2 backhoes diggers and a tether ball), and have Ekstrand pick the colors, Roll Call All Ayes, motion approved. Clerk will check with vendor on possible saving the freight charge if the city can pick up equipment. Miller/Vawter moved to approve the bid from Graham's Tree & Stump for \$300 to remove tree stumps on Hayes Street. Roll Call, All

Ayes, motion approved. Duffy/Miller moved to approve PW Loomis contract with Smith Excavating to replace a leaking fire hydrant on Short Street, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved. Miller/Vawter moved to approve the council & employees to attend a Small City Workshop, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved. Miller/Ekstrand moved to approve city attorney have a letter served by the sheriff's office to the property in violation of the ordinance pertaining to chickens and campers. Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved. A discussion on seasonal PW work was held. Motion my Miller/Vawter to table hiring a seasonal pw person until Mike requests the help and put together a job description for that type of position. Roll Call, All Ayes, motion carried. A discussion on the park shelter surface water was held. VandeVorde will bring back to council cost associated with fixing this issue to the June meeting. Miller/Vawter moved to approve Resolution 17-06 Transfer \$5000 into Sludge Reserve CD, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved. Miller/Hayzlett moved to approve Resolution 17-07 Transfer \$7500 into Water Tower Painting CD, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved. Duffy/Miller moved to approve Resolution 17-08/Transfer \$5000 into Fire Vehicle Reserve CD, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT: Hosack had no comment

MAYOR REPORT: DOT not onsite to discuss DOT Contract.

CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENT: Gallmeyer questioned needing an engineer to help with the park issue. Arthaud stated the memorial bench for Lloyd Froning & sign has been ordered for the museum. Miller thanked the crowd for coming out. McAllister thanked the council for their hard work.

ADJOURN at 9:25 PM

Lisa Baych, City Clerk

Gerald VandeVorde, Mayor