

Public Notice  
Hazleton City Council Meeting  
July 19<sup>th</sup>, 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 amend the agenda to include the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and possible waive 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of Ordinance 11-01 Deletion of Existing Provisions pertaining to Firearm or weapon free zones, Roll Call, all ayes, motion carried. Duffy/Vawter moved to approve the amended agenda, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved. Miller/Duffy moved to approve the consent agenda: a) June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 minutes b) Clerk Report, c) Disbursements. Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Pat Arthaud stated she had 4 residents ask her why we had no street lights and 1 asked about water lines on Hayes St W. Mayor VandeVorde stated he had contact with the electrical company working on the street lights and was informed the Main Street lights & East Hayes will be back on by July 26<sup>th</sup>. West Hayes may take a while longer. Mike Gallagher discussed the issue with a dog that was running at large. The sheriff informed Mr. Gallagher to call the sheriff next time it happens. A formal complaint has been received and the sheriff will be addressing the problem. Delbert Rhines talked about issues he was having with residents not being in compliance with the ordinances. The city attorney addressed his concerns.

**BUCHANAN COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT:** Deputy Buzynski informed council on reports the sheriff's office has received. The record of performance for the City of Hazleton was 47.92 hours with 54 records. Report on file.

**CITY ENGINEER:** Mike Dryden addressed the council on alternatives to checking the depths of the water service lines on Hayes Street. He shared some preliminary pricings on hydrovacating the service lines. Mayor VandeVorde asked him to contact the contractor (Buchanan County) on the steps they were taking and report back to council in August.

**HAZLETON FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Chief Dettbarn stated the fire department was having some issues with illegal burns. He asked the council for authority to issue citations and or fines if necessary. A long discussion followed. Chief Dettbarn will work on modifying the current burn ordinance and have city attorney review prior to the August meeting. A motion by Ekstrand/Vawter was made to set a public hearing for August 16<sup>th</sup> to amend ordinance 105.05 Open Burning Restricted with Chief Dettbarn's recommendations and possible waive 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Readings, Roll Call, All Ayes, Motion approved. A discussion was held on Bennett's brush pile. The City has a brush pile that it can be hauled too, no action taken. Miller stated the 1<sup>st</sup> Responders had an audit on July 19<sup>th</sup> and passed.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Loomis informed council Municipal Pipe had cleaned 7800 feet of sewer main, Maguire cleaned the interior of the water tower & Skyline replaced manholes on Hayes E. The Fire Hydrant that was replaced on Short Street was recycled at Tourniers, a couple of alleys were grated and protective clothing purchased. A resident with a private well contacted the City about hooking up to city water and a resident just outside city limits asked about hooking up to city sewer.

**CITY CLERK:** Baych informed council she has received complaints regarding another property in violation of the ordinance regarding a camper and informed the attorney of the property owner. She has received numerous calls from residents on their concerns regarding the street lights. City Hall will be closed July 26-28<sup>th</sup> to attend Iowa Municipal Professionals Academy.

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION/ACTION:** Hayzlett/Vawter moved to approve both Resolution 17-09 City Clerk pay increase & 17-10 Public Work pay increase to 3%, 1% toward wages and 2% toward health insurance premium pre-tax, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved. Miller/Duffy moved to approve Transfer Station Agreement with Buchanan County Sanitary Landfill Commission and Waste Management, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved. VandeVorde informed council he got some pricing on piping to address the

drainage issue at the Hazleton Park but does not have the cost to install it. Vawter stated he doesn't want to approve the project until all cost is available. Duffy/Ekstrand moved to set a public hearing to adjust water & sewer rates according to the consumer price index for August 16<sup>th</sup>, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved. Miller/ Vawter moved to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance 11-01 Deletion of Existing Provisions pertaining to Firearm or weapon free zones, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion carried. Duffy/Hayzlett moved to approve waiving 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of Ordinance 11-01, Roll Call, All Ayes, motion approved.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT: Hosack informed council on the legal reasons on going into closed session. Attorney will discuss with sheriff's office on enforcement of our ordinances. A discussion on fireworks was held. VandeVorde asked what options can be done to make a property owner make there dwelling safe.

MAYOR REPORT: VandeVorde gave update on Skate Park; they have \$14,500 saved for it. He will contact Electrician on the street lights. He discussed the service lines on Hayes Street. DOT not onsite to discuss DOT Contract. Hayzlett asked if we could add a subject to the agenda where council members could discuss items they think would be good for the community with no action taken, not during public comment. Hosack stated some communities add a communications item to their agenda's.

CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENT: Pat Arthaud mentioned additional campers in town & the Museum's new sign & bench has been installed. She asked if the blacktop in front of museum could be removed. Tony McAllister informed council of back to school party at Hazleton City Park starting at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thanked council for getting the playground equipment and discussed fireworks. Ekstrand stated the playground will be set up by July 20<sup>th</sup>; however, the mulch and boarder will be installed the week of July 24<sup>th</sup>. She thanked everyone that helped with this project.

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ADJOURN at 9:15 PM

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Lisa Baych, City Clerk

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Gerald VandeVorde, Mayor