

Regular Meeting Minutes

The meeting of the Pocomoke City Mayor and Council was held in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Monday, February 3, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 6:29 PM.

Present: Mayor Bruce Morrison
First Vice President: Todd J. Nock
Council Members: R. Scott Holland, Diane Downing,
Esther Troast
City Attorney: Andrew Illuminati
City Clerk: Michelle Beckett-EI Soloh

Pledge of Allegiance, Prayer by Deacon Ronnie White and Call to Order @ 6:29PM:

Review and Approval of Minutes from Meeting of January 28, 2020:

Motion to approve minutes from January 28, 2020 with 1 grammatical amendment (Troast, Downing passed) @ 6:31PM

Acclamation: Holland-aye, Nock-aye, Downing-aye, Troast-aye; none opposed; motion carried

Review and Approval of Current Bill List:

Motion to approve current bill list (Holland, Nock passed) @ 6:33 PM.

Acclamation: Holland-aye, Nock-aye, Downing-aye, Troast-aye; none opposed; motion carried

Appoint New Board of Elections Supervisor:

Councilmember Nock said he spoke with Joyce Fletcher and she is willing to accept an appointment as a regular member. Councilmember Troast said she spoke with Veronica Gillette, who is willing to accept appointment as an alternate.

Council Comments

Councilmember Troast thanked Public Works Department for quick action on installing grates on the large open-ended pipes in a citizen's back yard on Cedar Run.

Councilmember Nock said he has heard rumors that he is supporting certain candidates for the mayoral and District 3 seats. He would like to set the record straight that that is not true. He is not supporting or endorsing anyone.

Department Comments

Bill East, Public Works Director, he had a meeting with the County to coordinate painting of the crosswalks at the school. He will meet with the County Commissioners.

Karah Burton-Lacey, Downtown Events Coordinator, had a meeting with downtown Pocomoke Association meeting on Wednesday. The DPA has an opportunity to have benches donated. They are of very good quality and are resistant to chipping, warping, fading, cracking, splintering, etc and do not need to be painted or varnished. They should be installed before the springtime events.

Chief M. Lee Brumley, last week when the County and State were in the City doing some interdiction work, they made a total of 20 stops. Drugs were recovered during a few stops. The Police Department will be having an open house on Wednesday, February 5th from 5:00 to 7:00PM. He would like to see everyone stop by.

Jeff Gleason, Human Resources Director, the train station has been cleared out and the City will be in the process of painting. The project should be finished by the end of February. Councilmember Holland asked that he make an announcement regarding the City Manager. Mr. Gleason stated that as of January 30, 2020 the City Manager has resigned and is no longer working for the City.

Audience Comments

Councilmember Nock reminded everyone of the comments rules and read:

Reading of Council Meeting Rules of Order (Adopted August 5, 2019):

1. Everyone in the audience will have 3 minutes to speak, if they choose.
2. There will be no interrupting or comments while other parties are speaking.
3. When at the podium, you must state your name and address or you will be asked to sit down.
4. Speakers will face the council and at no time address the audience.

Jackie Ward, 108 Payne Ave, announced that she has filed to run for candidacy for Mayor of Pocomoke City. She thanked the Council for all their hard work and said that she has enjoyed working with members at various meetings, events and committees. She looks forward to working with everyone in Pocomoke City.

Motion to adjourn meeting (Nock, Troast passed) @ 6:38PM

Acclamation: Holland-aye, Nock-aye, Downing-aye, Troast-aye; none opposed; motion carried

Approved: K.M. Beckett-El Soloh
City Clerk