

## Regular Meeting Minutes

The meeting of the Pocomoke City Mayor and Council was held in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Wednesday, December 4, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

Present: Mayor Bruce Morrison  
First Vice President: Todd J. Nock-Not Present  
Council Members: R. Scott Holland, Diane Downing,  
Esther Troast, Dale Trotter  
City Attorney: Roscoe Leslie  
City Manager Interim Basis: David J. Deutsch  
City Clerk: Michelle Beckett-El Soloh

Pledge of Allegiance, Prayer by Councilmember Esther Troast and Call to Order @ 6:30PM:

Review and Approval of Minutes from Meeting of November 18, 2019:

Motion to approve Minutes from November 18, 2019 (Trotter, Downing passed) @ 6:32 PM

Acclamation: Trotter-aye, 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 (Troast, Trotter passed) @ 6:33 PM.

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

Approve Permit for Trapping on City Property for Larry Lynch:

Larry Lynch, 24 14<sup>th</sup> St, Mr. Lynch stated he is here to ask for permission to trap muskrat in ditches on City property. Last year he was granted permission. He had a good season with no incidents. He would like to ask for 2 slight changes this year. He would like to check in with the City Clerk and the Police Department so that the City is aware that trapping has begun. This year the City is a little longer. Last year, the City began digging in the ditches and he had to pull traps early. Councilmember Nock asked how many muskrats were trapped last season. Mr. Lynch answered 43. Mr. Lynch stated that he and his family ate what was caught. He has also applied for his State permit. He needs the Compass sheet signed tonight to present to the State.

Motion to approve Larry Lynch for 2019-20 hunting season to trap on City property. (Trotter, Troast passed) @ 6:40PM

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

Approve Permit for Hunting on City Property for Roger Nelson:

Councilmember Trotter said Mr. Roger Nelson approached him regarding bow hunting in the area that's known as the "fish farm" and the area behind Southern Fields. Mr. Major East was approved earlier for hunting in that area also.

Motion to approve Mr. Roger Nelson for hunting on named City property (Holland, Troast passed) @ 6:45PM

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

Adopt Ordinance 449, Zoning Text Amendments, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:

Councilmember Nock asked for Ordinance 449 to be tabled until January 6, 2020 council meeting to have more time to review changes.

Motion to table Ordinance 449 until January 6, 2019 (Nock, Trotter passed) @ 6:50PM

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

Council Comments:

Councilmember Holland said the Recreation Committee will kick off its first 3 events in December. The first event will be a game night for board games and card games at Pocomoke City Library on December 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:00PM to 8:00PM. Pizza and drinks will be provided. On December 21<sup>st</sup> at MarVa Theater, there will be a video game tournament. The third event will be a Christmas light competition for houses and businesses in Pocomoke city. Councilmember Troast volunteered to take pictures. She normally takes pictures every year.

Department Comments:

Karah Lacey, Events Coordinator, she is getting ready for Mayor's Old-Fashioned Christmas event. Public Works has done a good job getting ready. It will be 5:30PM to 8:30PM. Lots of free food.

Jeff Gleason, Human Resources Director, went to his first Christmas Parade. Was a great event, had lots of fun.

David Deutsch, Interim City Manager, congratulated the City Attorney, Roscoe Leslie, on his appointment as County Attorney. This will be the City Attorney's last Council meeting as well as his. He has enjoyed his time in Pocomoke City and met a lot of good people. He thanked the staff and said the City has a great team with a lot of talent. There is a lot of teamwork in the organization. The last item is that Senator Mary Beth Carozza will have a meeting on December 23, 2019. Each municipality will have an opportunity to voice their concerns or issues. This meeting is approximately one month before the commencement of the Maryland General Assembly session.

Motion to adjourn open session (Trotter, Troast passed) @ 6:47PM

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

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