

Regular Meeting Minutes

The meeting of the Pocomoke City Mayor and Council was held in Council Chambers and via Zoom/Facebook livestream on Monday, October 3, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

Present: Mayor Susan Marshall Harrison
First Vice President: Esther Troast
Council Members: R. Scott Holland, Diane Downing,
Daniel J. Tarr and Todd J. Nock
City Manager: Jeremy Mason
City Attorney: Andrew Illuminati
City Clerk: Michelle Beckett-EI Soloh

Pledge of Allegiance, Prayer by Mayor Susan Marshall Harrison and Call to Order:

Approval of Minutes from Meeting of September 19, 2022:

Motion to approve minutes for September 19, 2022 as written (Nock, Tarr passed)

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

Review and Approval Current Bill List:

Motion to approve the bill list (Downing, Nock passed)

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

Council Comments

Councilmember Troast said she is feeling better and glad to be back after her illness. She thanked Chief Hancock for checker on her almost every day. She enjoyed and appreciated her flowers and thanked everyone who helped to keep her updated.

Councilmember Nock reminded everyone that October is breast cancer awareness month and encouraged everyone to wear pink. A friend of his was just recently diagnosed with stage 3 breast cancer.

Mayor Comments

Mayor Susan Marshall Harrison welcomed back Councilmember Troast.

City Manager Comments

Mr. Mason welcomed back Councilmember Troast. Dockside has signed a new lease and will remain in town. The parade committee for Pocomoke's Christmas parades needs volunteers for the upcoming annual parade. The Grants Administrator summarized all the current grant information that was distributed to the Mayor, Council, City Manager and City Clerk.

Chief of Police Comments

The most recent crime comparison for the period from 2021 in 2022 shows a decrease in total crime. Chief contributes that to being fully staffed. When he made his announcement that he was considering retirement, 6 officers said they were going to consider transferring somewhere else. Since then, 5 have confirmed that they will continue on with Pocomoke. Sometimes the younger generation doesn't take commitment seriously. They chase money and sometimes think that a few

dollars are worth making a change. Chief is working on a new fundraiser to pay for new badges by selling tee-shirts at the fall festival. Chief wanted to give an update at the recent threat that occurred at the Pocomoke Middle School. A threat was received through a social media platform. The situation was evaluated quickly and determined not to be a serious threat.

Audience Comments

None

Motion to adjourn meeting (Nock, Holland passed)

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

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