

Regular Meeting Minutes

The meeting of the Pocomoke City Mayor and Council was held in Council Chambers on Monday, November 7, 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-El Soloh

Pledge of Allegiance, Prayer by Councilmember Tarr and Call to Order:

Approval of Minutes from Meeting of October 17, 2022:

Motion to approve minutes for October 17, 2022 as written (Troast, 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 (Holland, Tarr passed)

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

Recognition of Police Officers, Patrolman Rachael Northam, Patrolman Ray Fitchett & Patrolman Tyler White

Chief Hancock started by saying that the Police Department will be doing a new shoot for a commercial. It will be partially shot in the downtown area and partially at the department. Chief Hancock will be some of the narration. An airing of Delmarva Life will feature Patrolman Rachael Northam and Patrolman Ray Fitchett. That airing will be coming soon. An audit for the handling of juvenile issues was completed by the Governor's office. Pocomoke City Police Department was found to be 100% in compliance. Staffing was also discussed. Chief advised the office that Pocomoke City was only one officer from being fully staffed. Pocomoke is one of only 6 departments out of 142 in Maryland that are totally staffed. A new officer, Isaiah Thomas who is from Lancaster, PA, will be starting with the department on November 17th, 2022. Chief wanted to remind citizens that vehicle break-ins usually escalate in November and December.

An award was presented to Patrolman Tyler White for responding to a disturbance at the Holiday Inn Express where an off-duty officer had also responded and was holding a weapon. Patrolman White exhibited sound decision making in an emergency situation that probably saved lives. He also had lucrative work production for the amount of calls he responded to that month.

An award was presented to Patrolman Rachael Northam for receiving training in car seat installation. She also arranges for training for all officers for "Adolescent Safe Sleeping" class. Because of this training. The Department received Pack N' Plays that were able to be distributed to needy families.

An award was presented to Patrolman Ray Fitchett for

Mayor Marshall Harrison commented that our officers are extremely valued.

Comments from Council

Councilmember Holland thanked Chief Hancock for the recruitment that's been done and keeping the department well-staffed.

Comments from the Mayor

None

Comments from City Manager

The bridge operator's house is being painted. The city is trying to make arrangements with the supervisor to have the entire bridge painted.

Comments from Chief of Police

None

Comments from Audience

None

Motion to adjourn meeting (Tarr, 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