

Regular Meeting Minutes

The meeting of the Pocomoke City Mayor and Council was held in Council Chambers on Monday, October 21, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm. After momentary delay, meeting began at 6:35 pm

Present:

Council Members: R. Scott Holland,
C.L. Marshall, Diane Downing,
Brooke Cottman
City Manager: John Barkley
Attorney: Andrew Illuminati
City Clerk: Melinda Stafford

Pledge of Allegiance, Prayer by Councilmember Cottman and Call to Order

Approval of Minutes from Meeting of October 7, 2024

Motion to approve the minutes of October 7th made by Councilwoman Downing and seconded by Councilwoman Cottman. Motion passes.

Review and Approval Current Bill List

Motion to approve current bill list made by Councilman Holland, seconded by Councilwoman Cottman. Motion passes.

Future Warriors Program

Mayor & Council received a letter asking for a donation to the Future Warriors Program. Mayor Nock asked for a consensus to donate \$250 to the program. Each councilmember acknowledged consent and a donation will be made.

Oath of Office, Ethics Commission

Mayor Nock swears in the members of the Ethics Commission.

First Reading, Resolution No. 2025-R-4, Utilization of ARPA Funds, Pocomoke City Police Department In-Car Radios

Resolution No. 2025-R-4 was motioned and seconded to become an Emergency Resolution. Pocomoke City Police Chief Hancock come forward to address the Mayor and Council. He explains the situation on how this has is a dire need for his department. There are in car radios waiting to be purchased from the county in the amount of \$84,000 and after July 1, they would increase to \$112,000. Worcester County EMS agreed to hold them for the original amount and now the department needs to purchase them as the life expectancy of the current radios are expiring. Mayor Nock stated he is hoping that the County will hold them for Pocomoke City. Mayor Nock and Councilman Marshall asks questions and a discussion ensues. Mayor Nock reminds the Chief that budget time is the time for adding items and a budget amendment can always be done if the line item goes overbudget. Mayor Nock reads the Emergency Resolution.

First Reading, Ordinance No. 2025-O-3, City Council Code of Conduct

Mayor Nock introduces and reads Ordinance No. 2025-O-3.

Comments

a. Comments from the City Council Members

1. Councilwoman Cottman –Thank you to the members of the Ethics Commission for your willingness to serve.
2. Councilwoman Downing – None.
3. Councilman Marshall – Attended meeting in Ocean City for Public Works and that information will help the residents of Pocomoke City.
4. Councilman Holland – None.

b. Comments from the Mayor

1. Tired of people getting causing issues and and filing open meeting act violations that take up time from the hard-working staff that knows what they are doing. If people want to know what was said in the meetings, they should be here in the audience to know what was said. We have employees that do not deserve the treatment from other elected officials and residents. Speaking for himself, he is at town hall every day for 20 minutes checking on what needs to be done.

c. Comments from the City Manager

1. City received 1.25 million dollars in water construction funds for Phase 2 of the CIPP line project.
2. Received \$300,000 from Project Restore. Thank you to the staff for their work.
3. There will be a ribbon cutting for the new Hebron Savings Bank on November 20, 2024

d. Comments from the Audience

1. Chief Hancock thanks the Mayor and Council on helping with the cameras in the City to help deter crime.

Motion to adjourn at 7:00 to adjourn

Approved: _____

City Clerk

Agenda items may or may not be considered in sequence. This agenda is subject to change to include the addition or deletion of items, including executive/closed session.