

MAYOR & COUNCIL

February 3, 2020

Mayor Houlihan called the regular scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council of Delmar, Delaware to order at 7:00 P.M. In attendance were Vice Mayor Pase, Council Members Smith and Boyan, Town Manager Bynum-King, Police Chief Barkley and Clerk of Council Fisher. Guests: Town Engineer Josh Taylor, Chris Brown and Alan Solis.

The Mayor and Council performed the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Houlihan asked anyone who would be addressing the Council to sign in at the podium for the written record. Mayor Houlihan also informed everyone that Craig Holmes gave his resignation last month effective January 31, 2020 he will no longer be able to serve as a Council Member. The Council currently only has 4 members.

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Boyan made a motion to approve the January, 2020 minutes as circulated. Vice Mayor Pase seconded the motion which passed with 3 ayes and Council Member Smith abstaining since he was absent last month.

New Business

Town Manager Bynum-King informed the Council that the Town Solicitor, James Waehler, will be resigning as Delmar, Delaware's legal counsel as of March 31st. The Town will have to solicit for a new Town Attorney for the Delaware side. He served the Town of Delmar for 25 years.

Committee Reports:

Student Advisory

No one was present to give a report. Mayor Houlihan did say that the School had a Professional Day today.

Police Chief's Report

Chief Barkley reported that the shooting incident is still an on-going investigation with the Delaware State Police involved. He will say that the incident was targeted and not a random shooting. It appears to be some sort of retribution for a relative of the victim.

There was an armed robbery on the 23rd of January at the Stop and Shop. There were several individuals involved. The Delmar Police is working with Maryland State Police, Salisbury Police and Wicomico County law enforcement agencies on this case.

They assisted CAC on the Maryland side in regards to a child welfare incident. Children were being abused in the house. The adults had the children smoking weed every day and one of the children even tested positive for cocaine. He added that the children were 5 and 7 years old.

As a public service he is informing everyone that identify theft is up. Several residents have come into the Police

Department to report scammers that have called and wanted to get money off of the residents.

Parks and Recreation

The report indicated that Parks and Rec. will be starting their garden back up on the 21st of March. They are considering having an event for the dogs called “Bark in the Park”.

Code Enforcement Officer Report

Mayor Houlihan said that the report was included in the mail packets. Town Manager Bynum-King said that she had asked CDC Hardin to include information about the permits and inspections that he is performing for new construction as well as issued Certificates of Occupancy.

Utility Commission

Vice Mayor Pase reported that the Stage Road Water/Sewer Main Project is proceeding well. She said that the Waste Water Treatment Plant is moving in the right direction to get back on track. The Supervisor of the Plant has ordered 25 tons of sand to be delivered on Wednesday for the sand filter.

Public Works

Council Member Smith reviewed the report that was included in the mail packet.

Planning & Zoning

Council Member Boyan reported on the following:

Dawn Raborn- Rite Lite Signs- Replacement of exterior sign for Food Lion, Delmar, DE

The proposed sign will be smaller than the actual sign that is currently on the building. Council Member Boyan said that it would be a low energy sign.

Council Member Smith made a motion to accept the favorable recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission for a new exterior sign for Food Lion located at 38650 Sussex Highway, Unit 1, Delmar, DE, per the attached drawings. Council Member Boyan seconded the motion which passed with 4 ayes.

Chris Brown- Ryan Homes- New home build on Lot 78, 11489 Buckingham Dr., Delmar, DE

Upon reviewing the documentation presented, Vice Mayor Pase made a motion to approve the favorable recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission for the new house build on Lot 78, located at 11489 Buckingham Drive, Yorkshire Estates, Delmar, DE, per the attached drawings. Council Member Smith seconded the motion which passed with 4 ayes.

Chris Brown- Ryan Homes- New home build on Lot 184, located at 11688 Buckingham Drive, Delmar, DE

Upon reviewing the documentation presented, Council Member Smith made a motion to approve the favorable recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission for a new home build on Lot 184, located at 11688 Buckingham Drive, Yorkshire Estates, Delmar, DE, per the attached drawings. Council Member Boyan seconded the motion which passed with 4 ayes.

Chris Brown- Ryan Homes- New home build on Lot 188 located at 11712 Buckingham Drive, Delmar, DE

Upon review of the documentation provided, Council Member Boyan made a motion to approve the favorable recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission for a new home build on Lot 188, located at 11712 Buckingham Drive, Yorkshire Estates, Delmar, DE per the attached drawings. Council Member Smith seconded

the motion which passed with 4 ayes.

Alan Solis- Placement of a shed at 36447 Carriage Walk Lane, Yorkshire Estates, Delmar, DE

Council Member Boyan said the Planning and Zoning Commission gave a favorable recommendation contingent upon Mr. Solis providing a certified site plan showing the dimensions of the shed and the setbacks for the shed, which he did this evening. Council Member Smith made a motion to approve the favorable recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission for the placement of a shed at 36447 Carriage Walk Lane, Yorkshire Estates, Delmar, DE per the attached drawings. Vice Mayor Pase seconded the motion which passed with 4 ayes.

Town Manager's Report

The Town Manager reported that on February 13th, she and Mayor Houlihan will be attending an Economic Development meeting in Bridgeville, DE. Gov. Carney and The Speaker of the House are among some of the speakers.

At the first budget workshop on February 26th at 6 p.m., the department heads will do their presentations.

Town Manager Bynum-King said that tomorrow and the 5th of February, she will be out of the office for her mother's surgery, but reachable by phone.

Council Comments

Council Member Boyan thanked Chief Barkley and his Officers for the diligent work they do.

Council Member Smith said that they were very successful with the Tree in the Park. The Church raised \$6,000. The Tree has been removed and the electric panel box is secured and locked up. He thanked everyone for their help.

Vice Mayor Pase said that she is happy that the weather is good. She also said that the members of the Renovate Church will be leaving on February 7th to go to Puerto Rico to help out.

Mayor Houlihan said that he will not be able to attend the first Budget workshop as it falls on Ash Wednesday.

Adjournment

Upon hearing no public comments, Vice Mayor Pase made a motion for adjournment. Council Member Smith seconded the motion which passed with 4 ayes.

Submitted by:

Cindy Fisher
Clerk of Council