

CITY OF SALISBURY  
WORK SESSION  
MARCH 7, 2016

Public Officials Present

Council President John R. "Jack" Heath  
Council Vice President Laura Mitchell  
Councilman James Ireton, Jr.

Mayor Jacob R. Day  
Councilman Muir Boda

Public Officials Not Present

Councilwoman April Jackson

In Attendance

City Clerk Kimberly R. Nichols, Assistant City Administrator Julia Glanz, Public Works Director Mike Moulds, Zoo Director Ralph Piland, Police Chief Barbara Duncan, interested citizens and members of the press.

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On March 7, 2016, Salisbury City Council convened in Work Session at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Government Office Building following the adjournment of the Closed Session. President Heath reported that Council had met in Closed Session to discuss employee benefits. The following is a synopsis of the topics discussed in the Work Session:

**Presentation – Eagle Scout Project- Park Mile Markers – presented by Rich Duncan**

Troop 185 Life Scout Rich Duncan joined Council at the podium and proposed his project for the City Park. The mile marker posts would be installed along the Green Way, a three (3) mile loop along the City Park which runs from Snow Hill Road on the west side of the park to Beaglin Park Drive on the east side of the park. The Green Way is a good running trail but lacks mile markers. Mr. Duncan will use a router to place the miles on thirteen (13) six-foot long posts, which will be sunk in concrete eighteen (18) to twenty-four (24) inches in the ground.

Mrs. Mitchell asked if Mr. Duncan had considered providing a GPS in conjunction with the markers so that people could use an app on their phone. Mayor Day thought the project would be a very useful addition to the Park, and the GPS connection could be considered once the markers were installed. Mr. Boda wished Mr. Duncan luck with the project and President Heath noted that Eagle Scout was quite the accomplishment.

**Acquisition of Forfeited Motor Vehicle**

Police Chief Barbara Duncan reported on a criminal case from July 2015 in which a vehicle was later forfeited. The vehicle will need a replacement battery, rotor and brake repair, and some fender work. Valued at \$1,950.00, Chief Duncan remarked the Chrysler 300M could be used as a covert vehicle in Police operations.

Council reached unanimous consensus to advance the legislation to legislative agenda.

**Budget Amendment – Brass Casings**

Chief Duncan reported the Police Department routinely gather the brass casings from the firearms range and salvage the brass. The request was for the funds, for \$1,269.60, to be placed in the Police Department- Small Tools budget (account 21021-546009) to use to obtain additional tools for firearms and to purchase service weapons for new officers.

Council reached unanimous consensus to advance the ordinance to legislative agenda.

**Accepting Donation from Zoo Commission**

Public Works Director Mike Moulds reported the Salisbury Zoo Commission recently received a donation from Mr. and Mrs. Don Ward of Millsboro, Delaware for the construction of the Red Wolf holding enclosure. The enclosure has been constructed and the Zoo Commission would like to donate it to the City of Salisbury to benefit the Salisbury Zoo, with a value of \$13,495.00.

Council reached unanimous consensus to advance the resolution to legislative agenda.

**Accepting Donation from Girl Scout Troop 634**

Mr. Moulds reported on Girl Scout Troop 634's request to donate a library to the City of Salisbury to be placed near the community garden at the Boundless Playground to benefit the citizens of the City of Salisbury. The library would be valued at \$200.00.

Council reached unanimous consensus to advance the resolution to legislative agenda.

**Budget Amendment for Fitzwater Lift Station and Paleo Well No. 3**

Mr. Moulds reported the budget amendment was needed to transfer funds. When the original Ordinance No. 2287 was prepared which approved the project for the Paleo Well No. 3 using existing bond funds from FY12 GOB transfer from North Division Street Sewer. It was determined that the project was no longer needed, and has been canceled. The project was originally associated when the bond was done with the Fitzwater Lift Station. The bond counsel suggested that instead of re-writing the change, the North Division Street Sewer could be transferred through a budget to the Fitzwater Lift station, then use lawsuit proceeds originally allocated for that, and transfer to the fund for Paleo Well No. 3. This exercise will avoid the bond counsel's time and effort to re-write the bond.

Council reached unanimous consensus to advance the ordinance to legislative agenda.

**Public Comments**

One member of the public provided the following comments:

- Asked Council to write a letter to Wicomico County addressing his concern for the health of the citizens of the City and County if the proposed industrial CAFO (Confined Animal Feeding Operation) is built on Naylor Mill Road and West Road
- These ten (10) large chicken houses are proposed directly on top of the Paleo Channel
- Wicomico County has the authority to protect the Paleo Channel
- There are five (5) subdivisions close to the proposed CAFO site on Naylor Mill Road
- Over 400 individuals have expressed their concern for the health of their water
- If the water quality declines it is not recoverable
- Another facility has been earmarked for the Rockawalkin Village area comprising of eight (8) chicken houses
- Rockawalkin Village has about 125 households, and the residents are alarmed
- The owner of one the proposed CAFOs lives in Virginia and the other lives in New York City

President Heath asked City Clerk Nichols to add the subject for discussion to an upcoming Work Session.

Mr. Ireton requested a legal update on the recent Court of Special Appeals decision regarding the Poplar Hill Avenue zoning case. Mr. Boda whether the changes suggested in the City's new branding should be discussed for implementation.

There being no further business to discuss, the Work Session adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

  
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