

**BOROUGH OF PITMAN
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 9, 2014
8:00 P.M.**

Call to Order

Time: 8:07 p.m.

Salute to the Flag/Moment of Silence

Councilman Blass

Open Public Meetings Act Statement - Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, I hereby announce that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by adopting a schedule of regular meetings for 2014, which was posted on the Borough Hall bulletin board, sent to the "South Jersey Times" and filed with the Municipal Clerk on January 5, 2014.

Roll Call

Councilman Austin: Present

Councilwoman Higbee: Present

Councilman Pierpont: Present

Mayor Johnson: Present

Clerk O'Donnell: Present

Councilman Blass: Present

Councilwoman Kelley: Present

Council President Razze: Present

Borough Solicitor Duffield: Present

Oath of Loyalty

Eric Weist, Patrolman, Pitman Police Department

Administered by Mayor Johnson

Approval of Minutes

Work Session & Formal Meeting Minutes of May 27, 2014

Motion: Kelley

Second: Pierpont

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Councilwoman Kelley: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Council President Razze: Abstain

Mayor Johnson _____

Committee Reports

Councilman Austin – Councilman Austin reported that Burger Fence Company has donated a chain link fence and a dog kennel to the Police Department for the K-9 unit. The department has also ordered a dog kennel from Springville Woodworks to be installed at the home of the K-9 Officer, Patrolman E.J. Parker.

The Police Department's Community Appreciation Day held last week was a great success.

The Pitman Garden Club has donated \$150.00 from their recent bake sale to the Pitman Police K-9 Trust Fund.

Councilman Austin stated that he attended the Environmental Commission meeting last week

where it was reported that they had a very successful Earth Day event, celebrated during the Spring Craft Show. Next, the members will be working with the Friends of Alcyon Lake planning for the October 4th clean up of the lake and Betty Park.

Councilman Blass – Councilman Blass reported that the Memorabilia Committee hosted third grade students from Walls and Kindle Schools for a tour of the Pitman Memorabilia Museum and Borough Hall. Former Mayor Alice Polocz and Committee member Jane McCausland conducted the tours.

Council President Razzo read the following report:

The basketball courts at Shertel Park have been paved. Recreation Director Fox has already met with an athletic court painting contractor and has been given an estimate in the amount of \$10,000.00 to paint the courts. He will continue to obtain additional quotes. We will also be fixing the backboards, adjusting the rims, installing the fence along the alleyway, and providing more open access to the courts.

Mr. Fox has already met with one of the volunteers who is working with our summer basketball program and agrees the courts look great.

The Fourth of July Parade registration deadline is Friday, June 13. All interested parties should visit pitmanparade.com to apply, or may apply in person at Borough Hall. At this point, we only have two fire departments registered for the parade and neither one of them is from Pitman. We need to get our local fire departments registered. All registered parties will receive an email by June 17th regarding line up. Tickets also will be available as of tomorrow at Pitman Cards and Gifts, Borough Hall, and other select places in town to view the fireworks from Alcyon Park. Someone also suggested having a DJ in Betty Park for the folks that come out early. We are looking into this.

Online registration is currently going on for the Pitman Freedom 4 Mile Run. There will also be in-person registration the night before, and on the day of the race.

Councilman Pierpont read the following report:

Public Works employees are working on repairing the street lights in the Grove that have not been turning off during daylight hours. An electrician is also repairing the control box at Glen Lake for the fountain.

All Public Works employees were recently trained in the use of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE). This is mandatory training and is provided by the Joint Insurance Fund.

Fire hydrants were replaced on Holly Avenue, Elm Avenue, Adams Avenue and Broadway.

The employees of the Water and Sewer Department have performed repairs on Well #4.

The Ice Pigging process was performed on Elm Avenue and Spruce Avenue.

Bulk Trash Week was very heavy this month. As a reminder, bulk items placed at the curb must be limited to five bags or two large pieces of furniture. Any items exceeding these amounts will be tagged with a violation notice and the items will not be picked up.

The Borough Engineer has been asked to submit a grant request to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the following streets for next year; the remainder of Highland Terrace, North

Brentwood Avenue and Spruce Avenue.

The street sweeper generally is in operation every Friday. All streets in the Borough will be swept by section.

Councilwoman Higbee – Councilwoman Higbee reported that the Historic Commission will meet this Thursday night at 7:00, and on June 4, students from Kindle School completed a Clean Communities clean up at Glen Lake.

Councilwoman Kelley – Councilwoman Kelley reported that the Combined Planning and Zoning Board will meet on June 17, at 6:00 p.m., and the Environmental Commission will meet on June 19, at 7:00 p.m.

New Business

Ordinance No. 10, 2014 – An Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Renaming the War Memorial Mall as the “Edward J. Campbell, Jr. War Memorial Mall”

First Reading

Motion: Blass

Second: Austin

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Councilwoman Kelley: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Council President Razze: Yes

Mayor Johnson _____

Resolution No. 91, 2014 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety-2014 Click It of Ticket Seat Belt Mobilization

Motion: Higbee

Second: Kelley

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Councilwoman Kelley: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Council President Razze: Yes

Mayor Johnson _____

Resolution No. 92, 2014 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 New Jersey Clean Communities

Motion: Higbee

Second: Kelley

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Councilwoman Kelley: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Council President Razze: Yes

Mayor Johnson _____

Resolution No. 93, 2014 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Deleting Signers and Designating New Signers on the Pitman Police Department’s “Community Appreciation Day” Account

Motion: Austin

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes
Councilwoman Higbee: Yes
Councilman Pierpont: Yes
Mayor Johnson _____

Councilman Blass: Yes
Councilwoman Kelley: Yes
Council President Razze: Yes

Resolution No. 94, 2014 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Awarding Contract for a Police Vehicle, 2014 Model Year Dodge Charger Pursuit Vehicle for the Pitman Police Department to Carman Dodge, New Castle, Delaware, Pursuant to New Jersey State Contract #82927

Motion: Austin

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes
Councilwoman Higbee: Yes
Councilman Pierpont: Yes
Mayor Johnson _____

Councilman Blass: Yes
Councilwoman Kelley: Yes
Council President Razze: Yes

Resolution No. 95, 2014 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Approving Transfer of a 2005 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor, to the Borough's Fire Safety Office

Motion: Austin

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes
Councilwoman Higbee: Yes
Councilman Pierpont: Yes
Mayor Johnson _____

Councilman Blass: Yes
Councilwoman Kelley: Yes
Council President Razze: Yes

Resolution No. 97, 2014 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing a Closed Meeting

The general nature of the subject to be discussed at said meeting shall be:

Contract Negotiations: AFSCME Local 71

Action may be taken upon returning to an open meeting.

Motion: Pierpont

Second: Higbee

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes
Councilwoman Higbee: Yes
Councilman Pierpont: Yes
Mayor Johnson _____

Councilman Blass: Yes
Councilwoman Kelley: Yes
Council President Razze: Yes

Payment of Bills

Motion: Higbee

Second: Kelley

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes
Councilman Blass: Yes
Councilwoman Higbee: Abstain #28736 & #28750, yes to all others
Councilwoman Kelley: Yes
Councilman Pierpont: Abstain #28979, yes to all others
Council President Razze: Yes
Mayor Johnson _____

Event Permit & Signage Applications

*Event: Monthly Produce Stand

Applicant: Friends of the Grove
Date: Third Saturday of June, July, August & September
Time: 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Location: Ballard Park, Corner Pitman Avenue & Broadway
Contact Person: Michelle LaPlante

Motion: _____ Second: _____
Roll Call:
Councilman Austin _____ Councilman Blass _____
Councilwoman Higbee _____ Councilwoman Kelley _____
Councilman Pierpont _____ Council President Razze: _____
Mayor Johnson _____

***This application was tabled until the next regular meeting of Mayor and Council scheduled for June 23, 2014 at 8:00 p.m.**

Event: Wedding

Applicant: Sean Timothy
Date: August 8, 2014
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Council Chambers, Borough Hall
Contact Person: Sean Timothy

Motion: Razze Second: Blass
Roll Call:
Councilman Austin: Yes Councilman Blass: Yes
Councilwoman Higbee: Yes Councilwoman Kelley: Yes
Councilman Pierpont: Yes Council President Razze: Yes
Mayor Johnson _____

Approved as presented-no insurance needed by the applicant.

Public Portion

Motion to Open to the Public: Razze Second: Austin
Time: 8:35 p.m.

Jim Fortney, 502 Carew Avenue – Mr. Fortney showed photos to Council of bulk trash that was not collected by Public Works, causing it to lie on the curb for days. He asked why this excessive trash was not being addressed by Public Works. Mr. Fortney also advised Council of a water leak on Cedar Avenue.

Councilman Pierpont replied to Mr. Fortney that he has asked the Public Works Manager to step up the tagging of bulk trash ordinance violators.

Marge Monahan, 203 East Avenue – Ms. Monahan complained about the trash piled up in the yard of 29 East Avenue.

Motion to Close the Public Portion: Razze Second: Austin
Time: 8:45 p.m.

Closed Meeting

Motion to enter into a Closed Meeting: Blass Second: Austin
Time: 8:45 p.m.

Motion to return to an Open Meeting: Higbee Second: Kelley
Time: 8:53 p.m.

No action was taken as a result of discussion in the Closed Meeting.

Adjournment

Motion: Razze

Second: Higbee

Time: 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith O'Donnell
Borough Clerk/Administrator