

**BOROUGH OF PITMAN
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 9, 2015
8:00 P.M.**

Call to Order

Time: 8:05 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 2015, which was posted on the Borough Hall bulletin board, sent to the "South Jersey Times" and filed with the Municipal Clerk on January 4, 2015.

Roll Call

Councilman Austin: Present
Councilwoman Higbee: Present
Councilman Pierpont: Present
Mayor Johnson: Present
Clerk O'Donnell: Present

Councilman Blass Present
Council President Kelley: Present
Councilman Razze: Absent
Borough Solicitor Duffield: Present

Proclamation Presentation

Mayor Johnson presented a Proclamation to Mrs. Wilda Laurene Harman on the occasion of her 100th birthday on March 11, 2015.

Approval of Minutes

Closed Formal Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2015

Budget Meeting Minutes of February 18, 2015

Motion: Austin

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Votes to approve the Formal Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2015, and abstains from voting to approve the Budget Meeting Minutes of February 18, 2015.

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Council President Kelley: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razze: Absent

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Open & Closed Work Session Minutes of February 23, 2015

Open & Closed Formal Meeting Minutes of February 23, 2015

Motion: Austin

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Council President Kelley: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Abstain

Councilman Razze: Absent

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Committee Reports

Councilman Austin – Councilman Austin announced that the following employees of the Pitman Police Department have received commendations from Chief Robert Zimmerman:

- Captain Daniel McAteer
- Sgt. Gregg Owens
- Sgt. Thomas Zander
- Det. Sgt. Hunter Moore
- Patrolman Erik Beschen
- Administrative Assistant Susan Wilson

The Police Department has received the 2015 Safe and Secure Communities Grant in the amount of \$13,000.00

The department will sponsor a fishing tournament for Borough children on May 2, from 9:00 a.m. until Noon. The nominal registration fee will benefit the K-9 Trust Fund. Patrolman Parker is scheduled to complete his training with K-9 Unit Ranger by March 20, 2015.

The Pitman Fire Department assisted Glassboro’s department with a dwelling fire located on Heston Road in Glassboro.

Councilman Austin stated that the Arson Investigation Conference was held in Atlantic City this past week.

Councilman Blass – Councilman Blass reported that the Memorabilia Committee’s meeting for March 3rd was cancelled. Their next meeting will be on April 7, at 7:00 p.m.

Councilman Blass stated that there is no report from the McCowan Memorial Library for this meeting, and that the Pitman Board of Education will meet on March 18, 2015 in the Media Center in the High School.

Councilman Pierpont read the following report:

Our entire Public Works Highway and Water Departments were involved in clearing snow and salting streets during the last two winter storm events. For these two storms the department personnel worked a total of 85 hours of overtime and spread 64.89 tons of salt on our roads. In my opinion the Public Works Department did an outstanding job keeping the streets, sidewalks, storm drains, and parking lots clear of snow and ice.

It's the time of year where our old friend "the pot hole" begins coming back to town. Several have been addressed already, but if you should notice a significant pot hole, please report it by calling 589-1040.

Last week Water & Sewer Division personnel were out on Roosevelt Avenue repairing a significant water leak by replacing the line from the water main to the curb stop. This repair had a minimal impact on the residents of Roosevelt Avenue, and service was never interrupted.

Our trash and recycling totals for the period of February 23 through March 6 are as follows:

- Eight loads of trash collected totaling 72.9 tons
- Eight loads of recycling collected totaling 32 tons

Councilwoman Higbee – Councilwoman Higbee reported that taxes collected for the month of February totaled \$3,930,065.79.

The next Historic Commission meeting will be on March 12, at 7:00 p.m.

Councilwoman Higbee reported that last Tuesday she was asked to read at the Walls Café for Dr. Seuss Day.

Council discussed the 2015 Municipal Budget in the Work Session meeting tonight, and are getting very close to the bottom line. Councilwoman Higbee thanked the Borough CFO, Steve Considine, and other members of Council for their efforts in crafting a responsible budget.

Council President Kelley - Council President Kelley reported that the Combined Planning and Zoning Board will meet on March 16, 2015. On the agenda is the approval of one variance, and discussion on a proposed dog obedience school, a party store, and a coffee shop.

The Green Team will meet on March 26 at 7:00 p.m. The members are awaiting word on the approval of a grant that they have applied for from Sustainable Jersey.

New Business

Ordinance No. 2, 2015 – An Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Establishing a Joint Municipal Court for the Borough of Pitman, the Township of Mantua, the Borough of Woodbury Heights and the Borough of Wenonah, and Approving a Joint Municipal Court Agreement for the Operation of the Mantua Joint Municipal Court

Second Reading - Public Hearing

Motion: Austin Second: Blass

Motion to open to the public: Kelley Second: Blass

Time: 8:22 p.m.

No public comment.

Motion to close public portion: Kelley Second: Blass

Time: 8:23 p.m.

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Council President Kelley: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razzo: Absent

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Ordinance No. 3, 2015 – An Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Repealing Chapter 2 Entitled “Administration”, Article IV Entitled “Municipal Court” of the Code of the Borough of Pitman

Second Reading – Public Hearing

Motion: Austin Second: Blass

Motion to open to the public: Kelley Second: Blass

Time: 8:24 p.m.

No public comment.

Motion to close public portion: Kelley Second: Blass

Time: 8:24 p.m.

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes
Councilwoman Higbee: Yes
Councilman Pierpont: Yes
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Councilman Blass: Yes
Council President Kelley: Yes
Councilman Razze: Absent

Resolution No. 56, 2015 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Authorizing a Shared Service Agreement for the Establishment of the Mantua Joint Municipal Court

Motion: Austin

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes
Councilwoman Higbee: Yes
Councilman Pierpont: Yes
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Councilman Blass: Yes
Council President Kelley: Yes
Councilman Razze: Absent

Resolution No. 57, 2015 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Appointing James Foley as Part-time Fire Safety Inspector for the Borough of Pitman, Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Fire Prevention

Motion to table until after the Board of Fire Engineers meeting on March 18, 2015: Austin

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes
Councilwoman Higbee: Yes
Councilman Pierpont: Yes
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Councilman Blass: Yes
Council President Kelley: Yes
Councilman Razze: Absent

Resolution No. 58, 2015 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, Appointing Dave Mason as a Member of the Environmental Commission of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, New Jersey

Motion: Austin

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes
Councilwoman Higbee: Yes
Councilman Pierpont: Yes
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Councilman Blass: Yes
Council President Kelley: Yes
Councilman Razze: Absent

Resolution No. 59, 2015 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pitman, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, Awarding Alternate #2 Contract to Union Roofing Contractors, Inc. for the Municipal Building Roof Replacement Project

Motion: Blass

Second: Higbee

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes
Councilwoman Higbee: Yes
Councilman Pierpont: Yes
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Councilman Blass: Yes
Council President Kelley: Yes
Councilman Razze: Absent

Resolution No. 60, 2015 – 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 subjects to be discussed shall be:

Contract Negotiations: Borough of Pitman and PBA Local 122

Action may be taken upon returning to an open meeting.

Motion: Austin

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Council President Kelley: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razzo: Absent

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Payment of Bills

Motion: Higbee

Second: Pierpont

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Abstains to voting on #30059; Votes to approve all other payments

Council President Kelley: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razzo: Absent

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Event Permit Application

Applicant: Pitman United Methodist Church

*Event: Sunday Evening Church Services

Date: June 6, 2015 through August 30, 2015

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Location: Pitman Grove Auditorium

Contact Person: Thomas A. Bennett

Motion: Kelley

Second: Blass

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Abstain

Council President Kelley: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razzo: Absent

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*This Event Permit was approved contingent upon the submission of a Certificate of Liability Insurance naming the Borough of Pitman as Additional Insured.

Event Signage Application

Applicant: Pitman High School Drama Department

Event: Spring Play

Date: March 10, 2015 through March 15, 2015

Location: Library Lawn & Broadway and Holly Ave. Corner

Contact Person: Judy Walker

Motion: Kelley

Second: Pierpont

Roll Call:

Councilman Austin: Yes

Councilman Blass: Yes

Councilwoman Higbee: Yes

Council President Kelley: Yes

Councilman Pierpont: Yes

Councilman Razzo: Absent

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Public Portion

Motion to open to the public: Higbee

Second: Austin

