

MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 9, 2019 @ 8:05 PM
WALTER WARD – MAYOR
EBBIE LOVER – MAYOR PRO TEM
JANEEN LUCAS – COUNCIL MEMBER
SHEARON COLEMAN-COUNCIL MEMBER
LATOYYA WRIGHT-YOUNG-COUNCIL MEMBER

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Walter Ward called meeting to order at 8:05 PM.

B. PRAYER

Prayer was offered by Mayor Pro-Tem Ebbie Lover

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge was led by Mayor Pro-Tem Ebbie Lover

D. Roll Call- Precious Wafer, City Secretary

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EBBIE JOHNSON-MAYOR PRO-TEM
LATOYYA WRIGHT-YOUNG-COUNCIL MEMBER
SHEARON COLEMAN-COUNCIL MEMBER
A quorum was present.

E. Motion to the agenda with changes- Motion to Approve Agenda

(Changes were made to add Resolution)

- Motion to the Floor- Mayor Pro Tem, Ebbie Lover
- Second Motion- Councilwoman Latoyya Wright-Young
- Vote-Majority

F. APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES

Minutes read by Secretary, Precious Wafer
Motion to Accept Minutes- Councilwoman Ebbie Lover
Second Motion- Councilwoman Shearon Coleman
Vote-Majority
Mayor Ward announced the absence of Ayanna Merchant, City Accountant

G. FINANCIAL REPORT

- **Motion to Accept Financial Statement**-Mayor Pro-Tem Ebbie Lover
- **Second**- Council Woman- Shearon Coleman
- **Vote**-Majority

H. REPORTS- Precious Wafer

• **GAS SYSTEM-**

- Explained the functions and benefits for customers to sign-up for E-Bill and E-Pay
- Electronic billing will add value and saving the Gas System
- Discussed the positive goals related to Electronic Billing
- Discussed a pilot group of 10 customers are assessing the system for external and/or internal issues
- Discussed minimize cash transactions and office transactions

Artis Anderson

- Gas Damage Prevention-Program must be re-written for review (3 months submission)
- RRC-Gas Public Awareness-Program must be re-written for review (3 months submission)
- Painting and Cleaning around the meter- GOAL-August 2019
- Future Potential Customer

MAINTENANCE REPORT

- No Report

• **FIRE/SAFETY REPORT-Fleming**

Kristin Fleming introduction. Stated that she has a strong background in grant writing. She shared that her goals are to bring about improvements via an administrative role.

Mayor Ward-announced the purchase of the televisions and equipment's were purchased to provide for future training.

- **TURNIP GREEN FESTIVAL-**
 - Mayor Ward spoke about the City of Easton assisting with the purchase of the equipment needed of for the festival (ie...tents, golf carts, etc.)
 - Mayor Ward asked that City Secretary Wafer to read the Volunteer Letter for Turnip Green Sponsors and Scholarship Support

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS-

- Approve Fire Department Application Process (tabled)

OLD BUSINESS ITEM (S)- Purchase of New Track-hoe. Discussed equipment capability. Discussed the need for a trailer.

NEW BUSINESS ITEM(S)

City Renovation- Mayor Ward offered an opportunity to have round-table discussion with board members

EXECUTIVE SESSION-9:42 pm

Executive Session: Adjournment- Mayor Ward

Convene- General Session-Mayor Ward

Reconvene Open Session: 10:00 PM

PRESENTATION- Resolution to accept the Career and College Scholarship in the name of: Late Officer, Stedman Coleman

Motion to Accept: Council Woman-Latoyya Wright-Young

Seconded- Council Woman- Shearon Coleman

Vote- Majority

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Citizen concern related to Fire Department structure

Citizen concern related to Employee Information

I. Adjournment

Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Mayor Ward made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro-Tem, Ebbie Lover seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.