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Council

Minutes

03 Aug 16

Regular Meeting

Matamoras Borough Council Minutes
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1 The regular meeting of the Matamoras Borough Council was called to order at 1930 hrs., Wednesday, 03 Aug
2 16 by President Sain followed by a salute to the flag.

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4 Roll call was taken. Present were Joe Sain, Pete Sigreto, Dee Losee, Kevin Rose, Thomas Greiner, David Clark,
5 Mark Madsen and Mayor Janet Clark. Also present were Chief Chad Stewart, Secretary/Zoning Officer Bob
6 Fitch, Treasurer Greg Myer, Recreation President Al Holtzer and Solicitor Eric Hamill. Chief Tom Long and EM
7 Coordinator Tom Olver were excused. There were approximately 15 members of the general public present.

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9 **Motion** to approve the minutes of 05 Jul 16 as presented by Rose/Sigreto; carried without dissent

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11 **Motion** by Clark/Rose to accept the Jul 2016 Treasurer's report as presented; carried without dissent.

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13 **Motion** by Rose/Clark that the bills are accepted and, when approved by the Finance Committee, orders are
14 drawn on the Borough Treasurer for the same; carried without dissent.

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16 **PUBLIC COMMENT:** The following citizens offered comments:

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18 **John Dalton**, Westfall Township –commented on the streets lights on PA Avenue. He was
19 researching the required lumens by PennDOT and felt once work was complete on all phases of the
20 Pennsylvania Avenue Revitalization that Council should approach our state legislators concerning
21 changing the lumen requirement so the borough could turn off every other street light and save
22 money. Councilmen Sigreto commented that the Borough had already reduced the utility bills on PA
23 Ave lighting by 78% through installing LED bulbs. Prior to Public Comment Mr. Dalton objected to
24 the minutes being passed as presented as he felt his comments from the July meeting were not
25 properly stated. Mr. Sain and the Solicitor informed him that the minutes were not inaccurate as
26 approved and would not be changed.

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28 **Lee Cokelette** – 6 Avenue G – Thanked the EPRPD for their helping with traffic to get the engines out
29 on Pennsylvania and he thanked Councilman Losee for being the only member of council to support
30 the department at this year's parade.

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32 **Betty Reaggs**, 701 Pennsylvania Avenue– Commented that she lives on Pennsylvania Avenue and
33 appreciates the nice strong lighting and has had no complaints from any of her neighbors about the
34 lighting. She felt it was a very good thing and made walking on the avenue at night safe and inviting
35 and would be happy to pay the cost to keep the lighting as is.

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37 **Lynn Homer**, 501 Avenue L – Shared with council the upcoming events sponsored by the Heart of
38 Matamoras. The events are a couponing class on August 11th in the borough hall, senior estate
39 planning at 7:00 pm in the borough hall on September 7th, and wreath making on September 10th at
40 1:00 pm in the Borough hall. All events other than wreath making are free to the public.

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44 **REPORTS**

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46 **Mayor** – Discussed the upcoming Borough Hall Centennial Celebration said things are moving right along. She

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1 reminded about the Kiss A Pig contest with all proceeds to benefit the Unite Way of Pike County. She also
2 mentioned the EPRP Foundation having a dunk tank. She reminded everyone of the September 11th
3 candlelight ceremony being held at Veterans Park on 11 Sep 16 at 1900 hrs.

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5 **Junior Councilwomen** – No Report

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7 **General Government** – No Report.

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9 **Fire Department Chair** – Nothing to report

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11 **Public Works and Facilities Chair** – Mr. Greiner reported on trash collected and other tasks accomplished.
12 Reminded everyone of the Borough Ordinance concerning garbage can size, lid requirement and times for
13 placement times for cans. He announced that effective 1 October we would be enforcing the ordinance, no
14 more than two cans 20-38 gallons in size with lids on, nothing stacked on top of the cans or bags on the
15 ground.

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17 Mr. Greiner requested an Executive Session to discuss the potential for litigation. The council adjourned to
18 Executive Session at 1948 hrs. and returned at 2004 hrs.

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20 **Road Task Force** – Nothing to Report

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22 **Finance Committee Chair** – Mr. Clark noted that we need to set dates for the 2017 budget workshops.

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24 **EPRPD** – Asst. Chief Stewart reviewed crime statistics, full report on file. Chief Stewart announced the
25 department had received a \$10,000 grant to put computers in all its vehicles and that they would be doing
26 children’s finger printing on August 7th from 1200 to 1500 hrs in Airport Park at the aid for Homeless Veterans
27 Concert.

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29 **Fire** – Mr. Fitch read Chief Long report on call activities for the month and fireman training. Full report on file

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31 **Emergency Management** – Report on file.

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33 **Recreation Advisory Board** – Al Holtzer reported Tuesday Tunes continue to be a success, the splash pad is
34 busy, lawn games are out daily and being used, softball will be done this week, P.A.Y.A.L football has started,
35 Rec. ran a basketball camp for youth with 29 attendees and a 3-on-3 basketball league is starting.

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37 **CORRESPONDENCE** – On file

38 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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40 1. Mr. Clark reported the grant for final phase of sidewalks on Pennsylvania Avenue was completed and
41 submitted. He thanked Bob Fitch for all his work on the project.
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43 2. Mr. Greiner made a motion to authorize research for finances to fund a new government building.
44 Second by Mr. Rose, passed without dissent.
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- 1 3. Mr. Madsen reported on the building inspectors report on the unsafe building at 406 Avenue I and
2 noted the Borough will be sending a letter to the owners to inform them of the repairs needed and
3 giving them 30 from receipt of the letter to complete the repairs. The solicitor will research who is the
4 legal owner of the property. Should the owner fail to make the required repairs, the Borough will start
5 litigation.
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7 **NEW BUSINESS:**
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- 9 1. Bids for Phase Development of Airport Park were opened. Wayco Construction was the low bidder at
10 \$227,159.00 with UP 1@\$90/CY and UP 2@\$55/CY. Motion by Losee/Greiner to award the bid to
11 Wayco contingent on the success review of the bid by the borough engineer. Bid tab is attachment A.
12 Passed without dissent.
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14 2. **Motion** – by Losee/Rose to approve Tri State Chamber of Commerce’s request to use the borough
15 streets for their 5-10 K run on 18 Sep 16. Passed without dissent.
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17 3. **Motion** – by Clark/Rose to approve hiring a school crossing guard for Pennsylvania Avenue with EPRPD
18 performing the job until the school district can assume hiring and responsibility for the position, DVSD
19 will cover the cost for EPRPD performing the duties. Passes without dissent.
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21 4. **Motion** by Rose/Losee to authorize the Secretary to advertise for a public hearing at 1915 hrs. on 6
22 Sep in Borough Hall on Ordinance 326, an ordinance allowing DVSD to assume responsibility for a
23 school crossing guard on Pennsylvania Avenue, the new ordinance contingent on receiving a
24 resolution from DVSD requesting said authority. Passed without dissent.
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26 5. **Motion** by Clark/Rose to set the 2017 Budget Workshops for 5 Oct, 12 Oct and 26 Oct at 1830 hrs. in
27 the Borough Hall and authorize the secretary advertise same. Passed without dissent.
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29 6. **Motion** by Madsen/Losee to approve the Knights of Columbus request to hold their 5K Jingle Jog on 10
30 Dec 16 pending submission of all required paperwork. Passed without dissent.
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32 7. **Motion** by Greiner/Clark to amend Chapter 67-2 of the Borough Code to increase the increase the
33 additional trash can fee to \$75 per annum and add a provision for a per bag fee of \$5.00 each and to
34 remove these fees from the ordinance and add them to the annual fees schedule and authorize the
35 secretary to advertise a public hearing on 06 Sep at 1900 in the Borough Hall on the proposed
36 changes. Passed with dissent.
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41 There being further business to cover the President adjourned the meeting at 2036 hrs.
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43 Respectfully submitted,
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- 1 **Robert J. Fitch**
- 2 Secretary