

#### CITY OF DELAWARE CITY

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MINUTES
CITY OF DELAWARE CITY
SPECIAL MEETING OF
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.
DELAWARE CITY FIRE COMPANY
DELAWARE CITY, DE 19706

# **CALL TO ORDER**

The Honorable Mayor Green called the Special Meeting of Mayor & Council to order at 6:30 pm.

# **ROLL CALL**

Present were Mayor Green, Vice Mayor Malinowski, Council Members Buchheit, Titus, and Konkus. Council Member Renoll was not present. Also attending was Interim City Manager David Baylor and Acting City Secretary Britney Loveland.

# PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Green led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

### ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE RETIREMENT OF STANLEY E. GREEN AS MAYOR

Mayor Green asked to take the podium.

Mayor Green addressed the council, city manager, the president of Main Street, Tim konkus and Fort DuPont Executive Director Jeff Randol, along with the Fire Department President Paul Johnson and Chief Wally Poppe, Delaware City Refinery and their Representative Lisa Lindsey and all distinguished guests.

Mayor Green announced that after much deliberation, he will be resigning from his position as Mayor of Delaware City on this date 4/25/19 at the conclusion of the nights special meeting.

He spoke about his 6 years as mayor of Delaware City, what an honor it has been and he hopes everyone is pleased with his services to the city and thanks everyone from the bottom of his heart.

He will always be grateful for the opportunity he had to work on behalf of our community and is proud of the improved playgrounds for the children, the expanded baseball fields for the young athletes, the continued success of the Mayor's Ball, and the money that was raised to assist our community and the annexation of the Ft. DuPont property into Delaware City.

The most important and valuable things that has been reemphasized to him over the years is there is no "I" in team work. He extended his heart felt thank you to every volunteer that has assisted the Mayor and Council during his tenure.

He recognized all the businesses and corporate companies for all the support and kindness they have shown to Delaware City. Then he recognized a few who have done so much to assist in making Delaware City the strong entity it is.

First was Betty Barrett, who served on Council for quite a few years. He recognized what she's done for the city and as a council member. He presented her with a proclamation. Second was the Police Chief and Interim City Manager David Baylor. He recognized the Chief for what he has done over the last 5 months, serving as the chief of police and the acting city manager. He multi tasked, juggled a lot of hats, and insured the integrity of getting things done with a rapid response despite it not always being easy on him. The mayor presented Chief Baylor with a proclamation.

He then turned his attention to the present Council members, he wished each of them the very best, knowing they will continue to represent our citizens in a professional matter. To the new mayor, Robert Malinowski, he said you are following a tradition very few people are given the opportunity to have. It is incumbent on you to represent the office of mayor with respect and dignity.

In closing, he thanked all of them for assisting him during his tenure as mayor, and said it has been an honor to work alongside each one of them and accomplish the many tasked they have accomplished.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Mayor Robert Malinowski requested a motion to close the meeting. Council Woman Megan Titus made the motion, Council Woman Beth Konkus seconded. All ayes

Vice Mayor Malinowski adjourned the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

Vice Mayor Robert Malinowski then announced he would be turning the proceedings over to Chief David Baylor.

Chief Baylor took the podium and addressed the Council and citizens, friends and family of Mayor Green. He stated how hard it is to see someone with the stature of Mayor Green leave us, but he knows he won't be leaving us, just moving on to bigger and better things. He will be leaving behind a tradition he has started that we hope others will continue. Vice Mayor Malinowski began the tributes that people have brought fourth for Mayor Green.

Vice Mayor Malinowski presented the Mayor with a plaque from Mayor and Council and the people of Delaware City for 6 years of dedicated service as Mayor.

Council Member Titus took the podium to give tributes to the Mayor from Senator Nicole Poore and Representative Valerie Longhurst who could not be present that night. Best Wishes from them on all of the Mayor's future endeavors.

Lisa Lindsey Representative for the Delaware City Refinery shared stories of interactions she had with the Mayor and his rapid responses and concerns for impacts to the city. She then presented the mayor with a plaque and commended him on the positive shifts he brought on and the relationship he built between the Refinery and the City.

Barry Nixon, from the Delaware City baseball field spoke on behalf of the League and the kids in the community acknowledging all of the things Mayor Green has done for the Delaware City Baseball field. His fondest memories of Mayor Green were that he didn't only help get the equipment for the field that was needed but he was right out on the field helping get everything done. They presented him with an award on behalf of Delaware City Babe Ruth and they hope he enjoys his retirement!

Main Street President, Tim Konkus awarded the Mayor with a certificate of behalf of all the volunteers and Board of Directors from Main Street Delaware City. They wish to express their sincere gratitude and thanks for many years of dedicated service to the town and to Main Street. Mr. Konkus informed Mayor Green that there is an open seat for him on the volunteer's roster!

Mr. Paul Johnson, President of the Delaware City Fire Company spoke on the Fire Companies behalf as their chief was unable to be at the meeting. He thanked the Mayor for everything he's done to support the department, whether through the Mayor's Ball or communication to bridge the gap for the Fire Department and City government. He addressed the personal relationship he developed with the Mayor, serving with him on Council and serving as his Vice Mayor and thanked him for his friendship.

Chief Baylor recognized a friendship he's come to know the Mayor has developed with the City Manager of New Castle, William Barthel, and mentions how he admires watching that friendship from afar. He then asked Mr. Barthel to come up and speak to his, friend.

New Castle City Manager, and good friend of Mayor Green, Mr. William Barthel took the podium to recognize the relationship they have built between the two Cities and what an asset Mayor Green has become to the City of New Castle.

Chief David Baylor felt it was fitting to mention how Mayor Green started out as a police officer and led the Wilmington police department as a drill instructor for many years. He recognized the integrity and pride Mayor Green has for having been a police officer. When David Baylor started as Chief, he recalls Mayor Green telling him, treat the community with dignity and respect and they will do the same, and he says Mayor, you were right. You will always be a police officer in our eyes. The Chief then invited the two officers that were in attendance up to give a police inspired plaque from the police department for his commitment to public safety and citizens of Delaware and appreciation from the Delaware City police department.

Mayor Green took to the podium again to take the opportunity to express his appreciation one more time.

Respectfully submitted, Britney Loveland