

MINUTES

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, June 13, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the meeting room in City Hall.

PRESENT

Percy J. Purnell, Jr., Mayor
LaVerne Johnson, Council Vice President
Raymond D. Anderson, Councilman (arrived late)
Mike Atkins, Councilman
Mark Konapelsky, Councilman
Joyce L. Morgan, Clerk-Treasurer
Mike Tabor, Chief of Police
Harold W. Frock Sr., Supt. Public Utilities/Works
Robin Cockey, City Solicitor

Also in attendance; Valerie Swift, Secretary; Michael Sullivan, Attorney; Irving Saltz; Lorraine Wolfe; Liz Holland; Richard Crumbacker; John Phoebus; Susan Phoebus; Lamount Potter, Sr., Robert Hooks, and Eddie Heath.

Absent due to illness; Kimberly B. Lawson, Councilman; Noah Bradshaw, Inspector.

Mayor Purnell called the meeting to order, opening with the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

GENERAL PARDON AND DECLARATION OF AMNESTY

Mayor Purnell read aloud a General Pardon and Declaration of Amnesty for the three peacocks who have been roaming the streets of Crisfield. Councilman Konapelsky made a motion to accept the Declaration. Motion seconded by Council Vice President Johnson and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

At this time, Councilman Atkins made a motion to approve the minutes from the Public

Hearing, Regular Meeting and Closed Meeting held on May 9, 2012. Motion seconded by Councilman Konapelsky and carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Chief Mike Tabor presented his monthly report, crime comparison, events and information, highlighting its contents. Councilman Atkins noted that there had been a 70% decrease in crime in April and May.

Joyce L. Morgan, Clerk-Treasurer, presented the Profit and Loss versus actual for July 2011 to May 2012. Mayor Purnell noted that the City is operating on a close budget.

Mr. Harold W. Frock, Superintendent of Public Utilities/Works reviewed his monthly report, highlighting its contents. He noted that two hydrants had been hit by vehicles in the past month. He advised that he is working with the State engineers concerning the armory building. Mr. Frock noted that the State Boiler inspection had been done at City Hall and the Fire Hall. Mr. Frock also reviewed equipment costs for a new backhoe, John Deere tractor and cutter.

Councilman Konapelsky commented that it is the City's job to look out for City employees and feels that the City needs to seriously consider a tractor. Mayor Purnell commented that he agrees that the equipment is old, but doesn't see it has a safety hazard.

Mayor Purnell commented that the budget is operating on the edge with 5 positions eliminated. He cautioned expenditures and agreed that the City needs equipment, but needs a way to pay for it. He also suggested going with the tractor and cutter first, and borrowing a backhoe.

2nd READER 2012-2013 BUDGET

Mayor Purnell requested approval for Second Reader of the 2012-2013 Budget, as presented.

So moved by Councilman Atkins, seconded by Councilman Konapelsky and carried unanimously.

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF SOMERS COVE SUB-LEASE

Mayor Purnell reviewed the request for the extension of the sublease request for 6 months from Crisfield Associates.

Mayor Purnell advised that they would like to tear down the motel and build another.

At this time, Council Vice President Johnson made a motion to grant the 6 months extension of the sublease, with continued operation as a motel. Motion seconded by Councilman Anderson and carried unanimously.

Mr. Cockey advised that he would contact their attorney, Chip McCleod.

RESOLUTION 398 – SANITARY SEWER MAINTENANCE POLICY

Mayor Purnell reviewed the Resolution pertaining to the maintenance of the City's sewer system. Mayor Purnell noted that this is a requirement of the Local Government Insurance Trust insurance agency.

Council Vice President Johnson made a motion to adopt Resolution 398. Motion seconded by Councilman Konapelsky and carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE 619 - EXEMPTION OF LOBBYIST PROVISION

Mr. Cockey reviewed and explained that this Ordinance would exempt lobbyist from the Ethics Ordinance requirements. The Council concurred that this ordinance was not necessary for adoption.

CHARTER AMENDMENT C2-13 RESOLUTION 399

Mr. Cockey reviewed and explained Resolution 399, which would set forth the legislative

process for the passage of all Resolutions.

After a brief discussion, Councilman Atkins made a motion to adopt Resolution 399. Motion seconded by Councilman Konapelsky and carried unanimously.

REQUEST FROM HERITAGE FOUNDATION FOR WAIVER OF SIGN PERMIT FEE

Mayor Purnell presented a request from the Heritage Foundation for the waiver of a sign permit fee. After a brief discussion, Councilman Konapelsky made a motion to grant the requested waiver. Motion seconded by Councilman Anderson and carried unanimously.

CARVEL HALL ASBESTOS BIDS

Mrs. Morgan opened and reviewed the bids that had been received for asbestos removal;

1) NCM Demo - \$57,745; AIM Services - \$57,400; Mayor Purnell recommended awarding to the low end bidder, with Mr. Bradshaw, Inspector, reviewing. Councilman Konapelsky then made a motion to award the bid to AIM Services, with Mr. Bradshaw's review. Motion seconded by Councilman Atkins and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

Ms. Lorraine Wolfe inquired about the deadline for asbestos removal. Mayor Purnell advised that it is included in the demolition bid package. He also commented that the Carvel Hall building is needed for businesses to come here and all repairs will be done with grant funding.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL Q & A

Councilman Konapelsky commented that when he was first appointed, he came onboard with a feeling of distrust for everyone, as he was new to the area. He advised that he now realizes that all Council put 100% into the City and do their best for the City. He advised that this is a great group of

people for which he has great respect.

Councilman Anderson wished the Council incumbents blessings and good luck in next week's election.

MAYOR PURNELL – RUBBERSET NEGOTIATIONS

Mayor Purnell noted that 40 years ago, Rubberset was a shirt factory. He advised that Sherwin Williams has an agreement to eventually own the plant. Mayor Purnell also advised that previous administration waived their taxes for them to put on a new roof. He advised that last year the City received a \$850K grant for Rubberset to re-tool the plant. Mayor Purnell advised that they now want to own the Plant and also want \$14K in taxes and \$80K in Personal Property taxes abated.

Mayor Purnell advised that the Plant is legally theirs and he would like a decision made at the next meeting regarding turning over the building and the tax abatement. He noted that the County does collection PP taxes from them.

There being no further business for discussion, Councilman Konapelsky made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Atkins and carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce L. Morgan, Clerk-Treasurer

Prepared by Valerie Swift, Secretary