

MINUTES

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, September 28, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room in City Hall.

PRESENT

Kimberly B. Lawson, Mayor
LaVerne Johnson, Council Vice President
Charlotte Scott, Councilwoman
Erik Emely, Councilman
Mark Konapelsky, Councilman
Joyce L. Morgan, Clerk-Treasurer
Michael Sullivan, City Solicitor

Also in attendance; Valerie Swift, Secretary See list of others in attendance.

INVOCATION, LORD'S PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilman Emely made a motion to approve the agenda for this evening's meeting. Motion seconded by Council Vice President Johnson. Mayor Lawson requested that Mr. Jason Loar give his report after the City Manager's report. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mayor Lawson advised that Mr. Pollitt was out due to participation in interviews for Mr. Donnie Drewer's replacement.

Councilman Emely inquired if it would be ok for the Mayor to allow the Council to review Mr. Pollitt's report, rather than reviewing it aloud, and made a motion as such. Motion seconded by Councilman Konapelsky and carried unanimously.

REPORT FROM JASON LOAR, DAVIS, BOWEN & FRIEDEL

Mr. Loar noted that as everyone is aware, the wind turbine is up and we are waiting for electricity to be installed. He advised that hopefully, it will be fully commissioned in two months, or at least by Christmas.

Mr. Loar advised that the electricity that is generated by the turbine will go directly to the treatment plant, with the excess going to the grid, for which Delmarva Power will pay the City.

Mayor Lawson advised that he wanted an in depth explanation for the public. He also made reference to meeting with Council concerning the area around the turbine.

Councilman Emely noted that he was recently accosted by a gentleman in Gordons about the danger to animals.

Mayor Lawson noted that the turbine was an eight year project with hard work and research done by Mr. Noah Bradshaw, as well as Mayor Purnell and Councilman Atkins who were instrumental in seeing that it was approved. Mayor Lawson commented that the City does not take the turbine's operation lightly and will keep a record of any dead birds that occur for the first year.

Mayor Lawson noted that the turbine was a \$4.2M project, with 90% paid by Federal grant money for a Green Energy Project.

Mayor Lawson noted that the work on the highway is complete. He also noted that the Council needs a work session with Mr. Loar. Mr. Loar advised that he would be reviewing Inflow and Infiltration issues.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2ND READER – ORDINANCE 665 AMENDING SECION 112-47(A) CHAPTER 112

At this time, Councilman Emely made a motion to strike the addition of §112-47(A) 35. Motion seconded by Councilman Konapelsky and carried unanimously.

Councilman Konapelsky made a motion to adopt Ordinance #665 for 2nd Reader, with amendments. Motion seconded by Councilman Emely and carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF ELECTRIC SIGNS

Mayor Lawson requested a motion to refer electric signs to the Planning Commission as per last meetings discussion.

Councilman Konapelsky stated that he does not feel this is an issue as it is addressed if a problem is brought to the inspector.

Mr. Sullivan advised that you can't pick and choose which laws to enforce, so the Code would have to be changed.

At this time, Councilman Emely made a motion to refer the review of electric signs to the Planning Commission for direction concerning blinking signage. Motion seconded by Council Vice President Johnson.

Councilman Konapelsky made reference to blinking Christmas Trees. Mr. Sullivan advised that this is not included in the Ordinance.

Councilwoman Scott inquired if Council could testify. Mayor Lawson advised that Council could testify.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION #439 ENTERPRISE ZONE

Approval for the adoption of Resolution #439 so moved by Councilman Emely, seconded by Councilwoman Scott and carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF H.E.A.T. (HAZARDOUS ENTRY AND TACTICS TEAM) MOU BETWEEN THE SHERIFF OF SOMERSET COUNTY, THE CITY OF CRISFIELD AND THE TOWN OF PRINCESS ANNE

Mayor Lawson advised that Mr. Sullivan had read the document and had no comments.

Approval so moved by Councilwoman Scott, seconded by Councilman Emely and carried unanimously.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL DISCUSSION, Q & A

Councilman Emely advised that he would be scheduling a meeting with property owners at the Small Boat Harbor along with Mr. Pollitt and Mr. Bozman, addressing clean-up and other matters. He advised that the tentative date would be next Wednesday, October 5th at 6:00 p.m.

Councilwoman Ward made reference to the Circuit Rider for Pocomoke and Crisfield. Mayor Lawson advised that he would be meeting with Tracey Gordy, MDOP, concerning stipulations on the interviews.

Councilwoman Ward also made reference to the status of the WBOC camera at Water's Edge. Mayor Lawson advised that we are still waiting on an answer from the American Legion.

Councilman Emely noted that the proposed hydroplane project won't work.

Council Vice President Johnson made reference to a meeting with the Salvation Army and other representatives concerning the relocation of the Youth Club. She noted that Dr. Gaddis was also present at the meeting. Council Vice President Johnson advised that Mr. Pollitt would report on this meeting.

Councilwoman Scott inquired if there would be a discussion with the Small Boat Harbor concerning land survey and cost. Councilman Emely advised that there would be. Councilwoman Scott advised that there have been improvements over the years and the City wants to keep it a working waterfront.

Councilwoman Scott advised that she is excited about the wind turbine. She commented that Mr. Noah Bradshaw had always said we have the greatest wind energy in the State and she is proud we own the turbine.

Councilman Konapelsky advised that Santa would be in Crisfield on November 26th for the Second Annual Christmas in Crisfield.

Mayor Lawson made reference to a call from Mr. Jay Tawes about a discussion with Senator Jim Mathias concerning a Bond Bill for the Customs House. He also made reference to the need for consideration of a Bond Bill for the Armory and advised the Council he would poll them regarding which project a Bond Bill should be requested for. Mayor Lawson advised that he does not want any confusion in the General Assembly about the requested Bill. He advised that there may be matching funds for the Customs House.

Councilman Konapelsky made reference to the meeting Council Vice President Johnson spoke about, and advised that the dynamics of the Armory could change.

He inquired if the Customs House could use matching funds from Sandy. Mayor Lawson advised that he does not know.

Mayor Lawson advised that Mr. Bozman is getting prices on paving Hammock Point and noted that Mr. Buddy Carson would be installing curbing.

Mayor Lawson commented that there is a lot to finish before winter gets here. He advised that the State wants the walking trail done. He also advised that the money is available for the Green Space.

Councilman Emely advised that the City dump truck needs to be repaired and advised that the cost would be between \$7K and \$13K, including engine replacement. He advised that he would email the information for a vote.

PUBLIC INPUT

George Friedley made reference to the flashing sign issue and commented that this had never caused any accidents. He noted that the business needs this sign.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for discussion, Councilwoman Johnson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Emely and carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce L. Morgan, Clerk-Treasurer

Prepared by Valerie Swift, Secretary