

MINUTES

The Mayor and Council met in regular session on Wednesday, June 27, 2018 at 6:00 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
Richard M. Pollitt, Jr. City Manager
Joyce L. Morgan, Clerk-Treasurer
Michael Sullivan, City Solicitor

Also in attendance; Valerie Swift, Secretary (see list of others in attendance)

CALL TO ORDER, LORD'S PRAYER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilman Konapelsky made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Council Vice President Johnson and carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Councilman Emely made a motion to adopt the minutes from the following meetings; regular meeting of June 13, 2018, the Election Results of June 20, 2018 and the Absentee Ballot and Provisional Ballot review meeting of June 21, 2018. Motion seconded by Councilman Konapelsky and carried unanimously.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Pollitt reviewed his report, highlighting its contents.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Chief Tabor noted that Crisfield Police Department had received a \$57K grant from the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention.

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Mr. Dean Bozman, Code Enforcement Officer, thanked the outgoing Mayor and Council and welcomed the new ones.

He noted that the new replacement benches have been installed at the Green Space, the Airport had passed inspection with everything looking good. Mr. Bozman also noted that DNR would be repairing the drains at the Marina.

Mr. Dennis Parkinson, Superintendent of Public Utilities, made reference to the sewer line assessment and repair project parallel to Maryland Avenue, noting that the problem wasn't as bad as first thought and all is repaired up to Walnut Street.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

REPORT FROM THE CITY ELECTION CLERK-TREASURER

Mrs. Morgan reviewed the results of the Election which was held on June 20, 2018.

Mayor Lawson noted that this was his final agenda. He stated that it had been a pleasure to serve the City of Crisfield.

At this time, Mayor Lawson called to the front, Mr. Charles Horner, Clerk of the Court for Somerset County, to administer the Oath of Office to Mayor-Elect Barry Dize, followed by Council-Elect Nelson Sheppard, Gail Lankford, and James Ford. All were duly sworn and took their seats at the meeting table.

SELECTION OF COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT

Mayor Dize assumed the gavel and advised that the first order of business was to select the Council Vice President.

At this time, Councilman Ford made a motion to nominate Councilwoman LaVerne Johnson. Motion seconded by Councilman Sheppard and carried 4-0, with abstention by Councilwoman Lankford.

BORROWING ORDINANCE

Mrs. Morgan presented for review an Ordinance for the borrowing of funds for the purchase of three vehicles to be used by the City of Crisfield, to be adopted as an emergency measure.

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Council Vice President Johnson made a motion to consider Ordinance #676 as an Emergency Action. Councilwoman Lankford inquired if this was protocol. Mrs. Morgan advised that it was.

Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lankford and carried unanimously.

At this time, Council Vice President Johnson made a motion to approve Ordinance #676. Motion seconded by Councilman Sheppard and carried unanimously.

EVENT APPLICATIONS

IT TAKES A VILLAGE BLOCK PARTY – SATURDAY JULY 7, 2018

Approval so moved by Council Vice President Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Lankford, and carried unanimously.

WHEELS ON THE WATERFRONT – SATURDAY, JULY 28, 2018

Approval so moved by Council Vice President Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Ward and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT GIVEN BY OUTGOING MAYOR LAWSON

Mayor Lawson commented that Public Input sessions are 2 minutes with no Mayor and Council input given back. He briefed the new Mayor and Council on items that are in the pipeline and urged them to look at the big picture. He closed by saying that he is happy to step aside and thanked everyone.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Sheppard thanked Mayor Lawson for his service. He also thanked the voters for electing him into office and advised that he would do his best.

Councilwoman Lankford advised that she is excited to be in office and that she has a vision for Crisfield and does extensive research on any ideas that she has. She thanked everyone.

Councilman Ford advised that he is here for everyone and to help move the City forward and resolve problems.

Councilwoman Ward thanked Mayor Lawson for his service and his accomplishments while in office. She welcomed the new Mayor and Council.

Council Vice President Johnson commented regarding being more visible, coming to City Hall to ask for information, and showing up for civic activities. She noted that contrary to some comments, she cares

for the youth in our community. Council Vice President Johnson stated that she is excited about the new City Government with a new vision.

Mayor Dize thanked the previous Council, noting that it is a difficult job. He advised that he was fortunate to work with Mayor Lawson and that he has some big shoes to fill. Mayor Dize thanked those who ran for office and those who won. He made reference to setting measures to take the pressure off of selecting a Council Vice President. Mayor Dize advised that this office will be transparent and will move forward.

PUBLIC INPUT

County Commissioner Randy Laird thanked the Mayor and Council for their efforts. He urged them to be nice to one another, adding that he looks forward to working with them.

Senator Jim Mathias offered his congratulations to the new administration and urged them to look toward a bright future while preserving the past. He offered his services, asked God to bless them, and thanked them for serving the City.

Shawna Kearsley of Bay Country Live, advised that she was excited to welcome the new Mayor and Council. She urged them to be transparent, communicate, connect, and collaborate.

She also noted that Mayor Lawson was her son Elija's first Mayor.

Council Vice President Johnson noted that the first session of Public Input will be back on the agenda at the first meeting in July.

Mayor Dize noted that the meeting times and dates would be the second and fourth Wednesday of the month, reserving the third Wednesday of the month for emergency meetings only. Department Heads would continue to report quarterly.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for discussion, Council Vice President Johnson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Ford and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce L. Morgan, Clerk-Treasurer

Prepared by Valerie Swift, Secretary