

MINUTES

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the meeting room in City Hall.

PRESENTATION

Kimberly B. Lawson, Mayor
LaVerne Johnson, Council Vice President
Erik Emely, Councilman
Mark Konapelsky, Councilman
Barbara Ward, Councilwoman
Richard M. Pollitt, Jr. City Manager
Joyce L. Morgan, Clerk-Treasurer
Michael Sullivan, City Solicitor

Also in attendance; Valerie Swift, Secretary; Dean Bozman, Code Enforcement Officer; Mike Tabor, Chief of Police & members of the Crisfield Police Department. (see sign in sheet for others in attendance).

INVOCATION, LORD'S PRAYER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Lawson requested approval of this evening's agenda. Approval so moved by Council Vice President Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Ward, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Lawson noted that Councilwoman Scott was still absent due to illness.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Emely made a motion to accept the minutes from the Regular and Closed meetings of March 22, 2017, as written. Motion seconded by Councilman Konapelsky and carried unanimously.

1ST SESSION OF PUBLIC INPUT

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Mr. Mike Corbin, resident of 26835 Roland Tyler Road made reference to a letter about water line options provided by Mrs. Outten, representative, and advised that they are leaning toward having the Sanitary District maintain the water line. He advised that they would not get full benefit if annexed into the City.

APPOINTMENTS

MRS. BARBARA OUTTEN RE: OLD STATE ROAD WATER LINE PROJECT STATUS AND AGREEMENT

Mrs. Outten advised that a few years ago, she had been asked by Mayor Lawson to get a consensus on the water line and after several meetings, the residents on the line have decided to have the Sanitary District take over the line. She advised that they will not be able to obtain grant funding unless the Sanitary District or City of Crisfield owns the line.

She advised that they have a \$904K budget, with 50% grant funding. She advised that they need the City's support to get grant funding. Mrs. Outten advised that she has contacted 32 of the users who want the Sanitary District to take over. Mrs. Outten made reference to old agreements from the 60's and advised that she feels the line is owned by the City.

After further discussion, Councilman Emely made a motion to accept the proposal as presented by Mrs. Outten.

The motion died for lack of a second.

Councilman Konapelsky commented that there are matters to be discussed and made a motion to table the request for discussion in closed session and then have a reply by the next meeting.

Motion seconded by Council Vice President Johnson and carried 3 to 1 with Councilman Emely who voted "Nay".

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Councilman Emely inquired about the deadline for the grant application. Mrs. Outten advised she would need an answer as soon as possible.

The closed meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, April 19th at 6:30 p.m.

CRISFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT – (DEFERRED)

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Chief Mike Tabor presented his quarterly report to the Mayor and City Council. Chief Tabor also presented each member of the Crisfield Police Department with Crime Reduction medals.

Mr. Dean Bozman, Code Enforcement Officer, presented his quarterly report, highlighting its contents.

Councilman Konapelsky noted that the Building Code workshop Mr. Bozman attended this morning was very important.

Mrs. Joyce Morgan, Clerk-Treasurer, presented her financial report for the period ending March 31, 2017.

Mayor Lawson noted that Mr. Dennis Parkinson, Director of Public Utilities, was unable to attend the meeting, but had prepared a report for the Council's packet.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Rick Pollitt presented his bi-weekly report, highlighting its contents.

PUBLIC HEARING - GRASS CLIPPING ORDINANCE

At this time, Mayor Lawson opened a Public Hearing for the second and final reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 95 (Streets and Sidewalks) of the Crisfield Municipal Code to add Section 95-16.

Mayor Lawson asked for any comments pro. There were none. He asked for any comments con. There were none.

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Mayor Lawson noted that there were no comments either for or against the Ordinance and also commented that there were only two citizens left in the audience.

Mr. Pollitt noted that this Ordinance was done per the Planning Commission's recommendation.

At this time Mayor Lawson adjourned the public hearing.

2ND READER ORDINANCE 669 – GRASS CLIPPINGS

Mr. Sullivan noted typos of a "period" and an "a".

Councilman Konapelsky made a motion to accept Ordinance 669. Motion seconded by Council Vice President Johnson and carried unanimously, 4-0.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 441 – ADOPTING CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS FOR THE PARKING OF VEHICLES ON CERTAIN CITY STREETS AND PARTS OF STREETS LOCATED WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CRISFIELD

At this time, Council Vice President Johnson made a motion to adopt Resolution 441. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ward and carried unanimously 4 – 0.

Mr. Pollitt advised that the signs would be put up asap.

EVENT APPLICATION – LITTLE LEAGUE PARADE, SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2017

Approval so moved by Councilman Emely, seconded by Council Vice President Johnson and carried unanimously.

Councilman Emely advised that he would like to make a motion allowing Mr. Pollitt to approve all Event Applications.

Mr. Pollitt advised that this and the depot use regulations would be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Mayor Lawson commented that having them approved at the meeting allows the public to know

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what is going on.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL Q & A & REPORT

Councilman Emely made reference to the billboard on the highway and suggested that the City either take it down or rent it out.

Mayor Lawson advised that he would like to see it come down and be replaced by an electric sign.

Mrs. Morgan commented that a representative from Scenic Byways had previously advised we could not use it, but Councilman Emely has different information.

Councilwoman Ward advised that she had nothing.

Council Vice President Johnson apologized for having to cancel the GCAC meeting. She also made reference to scheduling a ride for the Elks Parade on the 23rd. She also thanked Councilman Konapelsky for the motion concerning Old State Road.

Councilman Emely made reference to recognizing Robert Hunt, m of the Public Works Department, for his efforts in beginning CPR on Mr. Gene Scurti (since deceased) before paramedics arrived.

Councilwoman Ward noted that she had spoken with a member of the Hispanic community, Lupita Olivares, who would like to get involved in activities concerning the City.

Councilman Konapelsky noted that there will be an Easter Egg Hunt at the beach this Saturday. He also advised that thanks to County Commissioner Randy Laird, one of the derelict homes on 4th Street will be demolished.

Mayor Lawson made reference to golf cart usage at the Marina. He advised that the 8th and 9th Street gates will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Lawson advised that four of the angled parking spots in front of the former Cove Restaurant/

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Smith Island Cake place will be made in to golf cart parking and he has ordered the signs.

Mayor Lawson made reference to the blue public works pickup truck and advised that it will cost \$500 to fix the damaged door. He suggested purchasing a street legal golf cart costing between \$2,600-\$2,700 for Mr. John Watson to use.

Mayor Lawson made reference to the pre-bid meeting concerning the green space today, with bids due on April 20th.

Mayor Lawson advised that he had met with Mr. Bozman and to concrete contractors concerning Collins Street.

Mayor Lawson advised that the flag pole outside of City Hall needs painting.

Mayor Lawson advised that the new shed will be elevated 6" and will be located on the lot between city hall and the police department.

Mayor Lawson commented that the houses next to St. Paul on 4th Street need to be demolished. He advised that condemnation notices have been issued. Mayor Lawson asked that this be considered for the next meeting. Mr. Sullivan suggested waiting till after tax sale and pursue it, using the avenue of the house the City had demolished on Cove Street.

Mayor Lawson advised that he would like to see the lots redeveloped.

Council Vice President Johnson advised that Dollar General has a new manager and she will be meeting with them concerning issues discussed at the last meeting.

Mr. Jason Loar noted that the turbine is in operation, after some missed days. Mayor Lawson inquired if an additional firewall is needed. Mr. Loar advised that the issue is communication, which could be a Verizon issue.

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Councilman Emely inquired as to when we will get the numbers on its production. Mrs. Morgan advised that we will need to have a consecutive reading first.

Mr. Pollitt noted that the City must make sure we are confident with the turbine in all aspects before we accept it as complete.

Councilman Emely inquired about water rate meetings. Mayor Lawson advised that these will be in-depth meetings.

2ND SESSION OF PUBLIC INPUT

Sue Ransom commented that the City needs a Dollar Tree, as this is a low income area.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for discussion, Councilman Konapelsky made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Vice President Johnson and carried unanimously 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce L. Morgan, Clerk-Treasurer

Prepared by Valerie Swift, Secretary