

MINUTES

The Mayor and Council met in regular session on Wednesday, July 25, 2018 at 6:09 p.m. in the meeting room in City Hall.

PRESENT

Barry Dize, Mayor
LaVerne Johnson, Council Vice President
Barbara Ward, Councilwoman
Nelson Sheppard, Councilman
Gail Lankford, Councilwoman
Jimmy Ford, Councilman
Richard M. Pollitt, Jr., City Manager
Joyce L. Morgan, Clerk-Treasurer
Michael Sullivan, City Solicitor

Also in attendance; Valerie Swift, Secretary; Jennifer Merritt, Crisfield Circuit Rider; Richard Crumbacker; and Lamont Potter.

CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR DIZE, LORD’S PRAYER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Dize opened the meeting with the Lord’s Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Dize presented the agenda for the meeting.

Mayor Dize requested approval of the minutes of the Regular and Closed meetings of July 11, 2018. Approval so moved by Councilwoman Lankford, seconded by Councilman Sheppard and carried unanimously, 5-0.

Appointment -Billie Jo Chandler – Presentation re: Waterman's Statue to be placed near the Small Boat Harbor and also a “Wall of Fallen Watermen”

Mrs. Billie Jo Chandler reviewed a presentation concerning a Waterman’s statue and Wall of Fallen Waterman, and the process needed to obtain one. She noted that 60% of the proceeds from the upcoming BBQ competition will go toward the Memorial Wall.

Council Vice President Johnson, who is also a member of the Park Commission and past Chairperson, invited Mrs. Chandler to a Park Commission meeting to try and get the process moving faster.

Councilwoman Lankford made reference to appointing members from each group that was represented on the power point slide, to a committee. Mrs. Chandler advised that she feels the City should do this.

Mayor Dize requested that Mrs. Merritt give a briefing on the recent A & E meeting, prior to Mr. Pollitt's report and after Public Input.

1ST SESSION OF PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Lamont Potter congratulated the newly elected Mayor and Council as well as the previously elected members.

JENNIFER MERRITT, CIRCUIT RIDER

Mrs. Merritt made reference to the recent A & E Public Meeting on the 19th with Stephen Skerritt-Davis. She advised that the next meeting is on August 16th and the A & E Committee is open to all. Mrs. Merritt stated that one of the goals for the A & E District is to be a tool for economic growth. Mrs. Merritt advised that the State agencies feel that the CAED will be a success, noting that it has a 501C3 and MOU with the City. Mrs. Merritt also noted that on October 11, they will be hosting a Small Business workshop.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Richard M. Pollitt, Jr. City Manager, reviewed his report, highlighting its contents.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Joyce L. Morgan, Clerk-Treasurer, presented a Resolution for a Line of Credit with Hebron Savings Bank.

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Councilman Sheppard made a motion to adopt the Resolution for the Line of Credit. Motion seconded by Council Vice President Johnson and carried unanimously, 5-0.

EVENT APPLICATIONS

Info only (Enon Baptist Church -Revival Service 8/9/18-8/11/18),
Crisfield Pride Lodge Sponsored Back to School Block Party 8/25/18
Crab Derby Dockside Church Service Sunday 9/2/18

At this time, Councilwoman Lankford made a motion to approve the Event Applications for the Back to School Block Party and the Crab Derby Dockside Church Service. Motion seconded by Council Vice President Johnson and carried unanimously, 5-0.

FINAL SESSION OF PUBLIC INPUT

None

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Councilman Ford had no comments or questions.

Councilwoman Ward commented that City meetings are going well and she feels we are moving in the right direction.

Council Vice President Johnson made reference to the closing of Charlotte Avenue and advised that she would be meeting with Councilwoman Lankford and Chief Tabor. She advised that she would also ask the Chief about a donation from the benevolent fund for the block party. Councilwoman Lankford advised that Bay Shore Community Counseling Services would also donate to the Block Party.

Council Vice President Johnson also noted that volunteers are needed for National Night out in August.

Councilman Sheppard advised that he had given his presentation earlier.

Councilwoman Lankford thanked everyone for coming out. She advised that she is excited and that this is a good group and in one accord.

Mayor Dize noted that street sweeping will continue, with a notice going in the paper reminding people of the hours for “no parking” for the street sweeper.

Mr. Pollitt advised that the “no parking” regulation will be enforced.

Mayor Dize advised that notes will be left on vehicles first, reminding them. He advised that the sweeper is not able to fully clean the street unless it is clear.

Mayor Dize thanked Mr. Jimmy Charles, Public Works Supervisor, and his staff, for cleaning up the old library.

Mayor Dize noted that the depot area looks good, and now we need to work on cleaning up this portion of the City.

Mayor Dize noted that Department Heads will no longer be required to attend meetings and will only be reporting quarterly.

Mayor Dize advised that he wants the City departments to run efficiently and at this third week in office, there have been improvements. He noted that the Clam Bake was great, as was the weather. Mayor Dize noted that he met with many contacts, who want to help the City. He also noted that he met with Carol Payne of HUD, who wants to help repair the playground equipment at the Housing Authority. He advised that he is also looking at other ideas for recreation. Mayor Dize also thanked everyone for attending.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for discussion, Council Vice President Johnson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Lankford and carried unanimously, 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce L. Morgan, Clerk-Treasurer

Prepared by Valerie Swift, Secretary