

MINUTES

The Mayor and Council met in regular session on Wednesday, August 8, 2018, at 6:00 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

Also in attendance; Valerie Swift, Secretary; Richard Crumbacker; Phil & Linda Riggin; Lou & Billy Drewer; Sue Ransom; Jay Tawes; Erik Banks; Erik Emely; Keith & Fran Campbell; Betsy & Donnie Drewer; Linda Singh; Charlotte Scott; Darlene Taylor; Darlene Tyler; and Vincent Kenney.

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Dize requested approval of the minutes from the regular and workshop meetings of July 25, 2018. Approval so moved by Council Vice President Johnson, seconded by Councilman Ford and carried unanimously.

FIRST SESSION OF PUBLIC INPUT

Mayor Dize advised that speakers are allowed two minutes, with no responses given from the Council. No input was offered.

Presentation by Donnie Drewer, Vice President of the Greater Crisfield Action Coalition

Mr. Donnie Drewer appeared before the Mayor and City Council to give a short presentation concerning the Greater Crisfield Action Coalition. He commented that there is this type of coalition all over the country. Mr. Drewer advised the GCAC is here to help the City. He went on to introduce the members, noting that they are not the enemy.

Mr. Drewer went on to highlight their mission statement, noting that their number one focus is to brand and market Crisfield, followed by businesses, workforce development, home ownership and youth recreation. He advised that they are a 501C3 organization and are not asking for any money, yet.

Mr. Drewer advised that GCAC wants to work with the Mayor and Council and offered two voting seats on the Board of Directors.

He advised that GCAC needs the City to;

- 1) trust them
- 2) align goals
- 3) review their 5 year business plan
- 4) see GCAC as an ally
- 5) communicate
- 6) officially endorse GCAC and its mission

Mr. Drewer thanked the Mayor and Council and also invited them to the GCAC Gala on September 15 at Kingsbury Mansion.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Pollitt reviewed his report, highlighting its contents.

NEW BUSINESS – PARKING RESOLUTION #454 PROHIBITING PARKING ON CERTAIN AREAS OF WEST MAIN STREET DAILY FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 7:30 A.M.

Mayor Dize presented the Resolution, and made reference to the need for thorough street sweeping which can't be accomplished if cars are parked in the sweeper zone. He advised that the City would be easing into enforcement of the regulation.

At this time, Council Vice President Johnson made a motion to adopt Parking Resolution #454. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ward and carried unanimously 5-0.

MAYOR'S SALARY REQUEST – MATTER OF RECORD

Mrs. Morgan read into the record a letter from Mayor Dize that he would not be taking any Mayoral Salary and that the \$3,700 per year would be used for budget re-alignment.

2ND PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

Mr. Billy Drewer made reference to the continuing drainage and debris problem in front of his mother's house on Somerset Avenue.

Mayor Dize advised that this problem is being addressed and that drains will be pumped out and sidewalks cleaned.

Mrs. Linda Riffin noted that she is not on the GCAC Board, but is selling tickets for the Gala, at a cost of \$100 each.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Lankford thanked those in attendance. She also thanked Mr. Donnie Drewer for his presentation and stated that she is excited to work with GCAC as a team.

Councilman Sheppard also stated that he appreciates the crowd here this evening. He commented that as a new City Council, they will do their best to make changes.

Council Vice President Johnson thanked Mr. Drewer for the GCAC presentation. She also thanked Mr. Jay Tawes for allowing Somerset Community Services clients to operate Java Jay's. Mr. Tawes commented that they are great, sociable workers.

Councilwoman Ward thanked Mr. Drewer for the GCAC presentation, noting that she had reviewed the handout.

Councilman Ford commented that he is glad for this evening's attendance and comments, noting that City government will try to help everyone.

Mayor Dize thanked Mr. Drewer for his presentation. He stated that he is willing to work with anyone if it is sensible to do so. There will be no exclusions. Mayor Dize stated that he wants to move forward and have the City grow, but proposals have to make sense and put citizens first.

Mayor Dize noted that there was good interaction at yesterday evening's National Night Out event.

Mayor Dize advised that he has appointed Mark Konapelsky to the Crisfield Housing Authority. He advised that another appointment comes up in November.

Council Vice President Johnson added that around 600 plates of food went out at National Night Out.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for discussion, Council Vice President Johnson made a motion to

adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Ward and carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce L. Morgan, Clerk-Treasurer

Prepared by Valerie Swift, Secretary