

MINUTES

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, May 8, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the meeting room in City Hall.

PRESENT

Percy J. Purnell, Jr., Mayor
LaVerne Johnson, Council Vice President
Raymond Anderson, Councilman
Kimberly B. Lawson, Councilman
Mike Atkins, Councilman
Mark Konapelsky, Councilman
Joyce L. Morgan, Clerk-Treasurer
Michael Sullivan, Attorney

Also in attendance; Valerie Swift, Secretary; Richard Crumbacker; Liz Holland; Chris Tyler; John Dize; Arnold Ajello; John Phoebus and Eddie Heath.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Vice President Johnson requested an amendment to wording of minutes on Page 9 of the regular meeting. After further discussion, Councilman Atkins made a motion to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting of April 3rd, the Special Meeting of April 4th, the Regular Meeting of April 10th and the Special Meeting of April 17th, with the necessary correction, noting that Councilmen Anderson and Konapelsky were not present on the 17th. Motion seconded by Council Vice President Johnson and carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION – 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF CRISFIELD HERITAGE FOUNDATION

Mayor Purnell read aloud and presented the 30th Anniversary Proclamation to Mrs. Chris Tyler, Director of the Crisfield Heritage Foundation. Council Vice President Johnson apologized to Mrs.

Tyler for missing the event.

PARK PROCLAMATION

Mayor Purnell read aloud a proclamation encouraging residents to take their kids to a local park on Saturday, May 18, 2013.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2ND READER RESTRICTING PARKING ON BROADWAY BETWEEN SPRUCE STREET AND 9TH STREET BETWEEN 11:00 P.M. AND 10:00 A.M.

Councilman Lawson made a motion to adopt the Parking Ordinance for 2nd Reader. Motion seconded by Councilman Konapelsky.

NEW BUSINESS

1st Reader Water and Sewer Increase

Mayor Purnell made reference to the proposed \$1.50 each in water and sewer. Council Vice President stated that she is not sure about the \$1.50 increase and advised that she had proposed \$1.00. Mayor Purnell advised that the City would not even be covering depreciation with the increase. He commented that it is not fair to raise taxes because it falls back only on property owners. The Mayor advised that since the garbage fee was raised, garbage pays for garbage. At this time, Councilman Lawson made a motion that the water and sewer increase ordinances be adopted for first reader. Discussion – Councilman Atkins commented that the City has to meet the bills, fairly. Councilman Konapelsky commented that it is hard to make a decision because \$1.50 will hurt in this economy, but it is a good step. He commented that he hopes the turbine savings will stop the increase, even lower it. Councilman Lawson advised that he agrees with the Council. Council Vice President Johnson advised

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that she was ok with the increase after hearing the discussion. Motion seconded by Councilman Konapelsky and carried unanimously.

FIRST READER 2013-2014 BUDGET

Mayor Purnell reviewed the proposed budget for \$3,511,404 and noted several increases in expenses. He advised that the City will be purchasing a new garbage truck and maybe a dump truck and backhoe. He also noted that there would be no raises or new personnel hired and that the City Manager position is being reviewed.

At this time, Councilman Konapelsky made a motion to accept the 2013-2014 Budget for first reader.

Motion seconded by Councilman Anderson and carried unanimously.

FIRST READER – DIAGONAL PARKING ORDINANCES

Mrs. Morgan, Clerk-Treasurer, noted that no diagonal parking is allow, except in the area of Main Street as noted in the next ordinance. At this time, Councilman Atkins made a motion to adopt for First Reader an Ordinance amending Section 106-18 of the City Code – Diagonal Parking prohibited. Motion seconded by Councilman Lawson and carried unanimously.

At this time, Councilman Atkins made a motion to adopt for First Reader an Ordinance adopting Section 106-20 of the City Code – Diagonal Parking Allowed. Motion seconded by Councilman Konapelsky and carried unanimously.

Councilman Lawson commented that diagonal parking on both sides of W. Main Street does not work; it should be on one side or the other, given the size of some of the vehicles parking there.

FOLLOW UP CONCERNING DOG CONTROL ORDINANCE

Councilman Konapelsky made reference to the need of a Dog Control Ordinance for the enforcement

of leash laws, compliance with the Noise Ordinance due to barking and to address how long a dog can remain chained.

Mayor Purnell suggested adopting what the County has and let the County modify it to suit the City.

Councilman Konapelsky advised that he would look at what the County has.

SIGN ORDINANCE DISCUSSION/FIRST READER

Mr. Sullivan presented a proposed ordinance to the Mayor and Council. Mayor Purnell inquired if it would impede planned or existing signs. Mr. Sullivan advised that it would not, per Mr. Bradshaw.

Councilman Lawson advised that this is not correct. Mr. Sullivan advised the Ordinance would have to be reviewed and fine-tuned, repealing Article 16 of the Code, replacing it with brand new material.

At this time, the matter was tabled for discussion during the next Wed. meeting.

EVENT APPLICATION REQUEST

Mayor Purnell reviewed the Event Application request for "Music on the Beach". He inquired who would cover the event with liability insurance. Mrs. Morgan advised that she is working on a form.

Councilman Lawson inquired if the Legion approved. Mrs. Morgan noted that they don't have to as we lease the beach from them.

At this time, Council Vice President Johnson made a motion to approve the Event Application, contingent upon them having proper insurance coverage. Motion seconded by Councilman Lawson.

During discussion, Mrs. Morgan noted that if they (Events) sign the waiver, the insurance will fall under chamber insurance. Councilman Lawson commented that he is afraid of not knowing their intentions such as plans for bigger concerts and whether or not the Legion approves. Councilman Konapelsky noted that he understands that the beach group notified the Legion of activities first.

Councilwoman Johnson commented that they don't want to discourage events. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY LEGACY – REDIRECTION OF FUNDING

Mayor Purnell briefed on what had been done thus far with Community Legacy funding and also noted the recent sidewalk project. He advised that the City has \$119K in Community Legacy funding left over to spend. Mayor Purnell made reference to using the funding for paving Locust Street, between 3rd and 4th and Tawes Drive. He advised that if approved, residential curb could also be installed. Mayor Purnell advised that he had received one bid for concrete from Goldsborough Concrete and construction in the amount of \$54,000, and two bids for paving; one from George & Lynch in the amount of \$68,770 and one from R. L. Ewing Contractors, Inc., in the amount of \$55,918.

Councilman Lawson made reference to the trees on the corner of Tawes and Mill Lane, and noted that there needs to be an agreement that they won't be disturbed during paving.

Councilman Atkins commented that the roots may affect the paving.

Mayor Purnell advised that he will be visiting each resident on the street before work is done.

Councilman Lawson made reference to the water problems there now and requested that Mr. Bradshaw meet with a State Engineer about the water issue. Mrs. Morgan inquired as to when the problem first occurred. Councilman Lawson advised that it had been going on for the last two years, but was worse since the hurricane, that's why an engineer needs to look at the area.

He also requested that Mr. Bradshaw look at the houses that had been abandoned on Tawes Drive.

Councilman Atkins made reference to the funding for these projects. Mayor Purnell noted that there is \$119K Community Legacy money.

At this time, Councilman Atkins made a motion to approve the bid of Goldsborough Concrete for \$54,000 and R.L. Ewing paving for \$55,918. Motion seconded by Councilman Lawson and carried unanimously.

Directed to Mr. Bradshaw, Councilman Lawson made reference to condemned property on 4th Street next to St. Paul's church and advised that he would like to see utility lines for one service run under the street once the property is demolished

PUBLIC INPUT

Eddie Heath complained that he had just received a written warning from a CPD Officer for making a U turn when coming off of Mariners Road to go back down the highway. Mayor Purnell advised that he would contact Mr. Donnie Drewer, State Highway Administration, regarding the matter.

ADJOURNMENT FOR CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Purnell advised that the Council would now be adjourning into a Closed Session regarding the discussion of a possible lawsuit from the company who installed the water meters.

Motion to adjourn so moved by Council Vice President Johnson, seconded by Councilman Atkins and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce L. Morgan, Clerk-Treasurer

Prepared by Valerie Swift, Secretary