

MINUTES

The City Council of Crisfield met in regular session on Wednesday, May 9, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the meeting room in City Hall.

PRESENT

LaVerne Johnson, Council Vice President
Kimberly B. Lawson, Councilman
Mike Atkins, Councilman
Mark Konapelsky, Councilman
Joyce L. Morgan, Clerk-Treasurer
Mike Tabor, Chief of Police
Harold W. Frock, Sr., Supt. Public Utilities/Works
Noah Bradshaw, Inspector
Michael Sullivan, Attorney
Ashley Bosche, Attorney

Absent – Mayor Percy J. Purnell, Sr.; Councilman Raymond Anderson

Also in attendance; Valerie Swift, Secretary; Liz Holland; Richard Crumbacker; Irving Saltz; Arnold Ajello; Lamount Potter; John Dize; Calvin Rayfield; Austin Cox, Sr.; Eugene Evans and Billy Drewer.

Council Vice President Johnson called the meeting to order, opening with the Lord’s Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. She noted that Mayor Purnell is on vacation and Councilman Anderson is absent due to illness.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

At this time, Councilman Atkins made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of April 11th and the public hearing of April 12th. Motion seconded by Councilman Konapelsky and carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATION – KIDS TO PARKS DAY SAT. MAY 19TH

Councilman Lawson read aloud the proclamation and made a motion that the it be adopted by

the City. Motion seconded by Councilman Konapelsky and carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS – EUGENE EVANS

Mr. Eugene Evans appeared before the Council to present a proposal regarding the Industrial Park. Mr. Evans reviewed his proposal to sell the City his property at 4335 Crisfield Highway for \$1.5M, with a \$250,000 down payment and \$83,333.34 per year for 15 years, interest free. Mr. Evans stated that he feels this offer would jump-start the industrial park. He advised that they would be the lien holder until the property was paid for.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Chief Mike Tabor reviewed his report, highlighting its contents. He also reviewed crime comparison from last year.

Joyce L. Morgan, Clerk-Treasurer, presented her monthly budget report ending April 2012. She noted a budget workshop would be held next week, adding that it is a tight budget. She also advised that a borrowing resolution for the sweeper needs to be done. Mrs. Morgan also noted overtime in the police department, due to the shortage of two officers.

Councilman Lawson inquired about separating water and sewer in accounting. Mrs. Morgan advised that it is separated during the audit. Councilman Lawson advised looking at breaking out water and sewer during the budget meeting.

Harold W. Frock, Sr., Supt. of Public Utilities/Works presented and reviewed his monthly report. Mr. Frock noted that the City may be able to get \$30K back due to the meter project.

Mr. Frock presented pictures of the dump truck (old converted street sweeper). He also thanked Councilman Konapelsky for his assistance with getting the doors on the wells.

Councilman Lawson made reference to the need for new backhoes and suggested looking at used or rentals.

Mr. Noah Bradshaw, Inspector, presented his monthly report, highlighting its contents. He also made reference to abandoned properties creating abandoned yards. Councilman Konapelsky noted that the County has the same problem as people lose their homes to foreclosure.

Council Vice President Johnson also made reference to the grass situation. Mr. Bradshaw reviewed the procedure that is followed before the City cuts grass.

Mr. Bradshaw also noted that the Small Boat Harbor will be transferred back to the City.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Annexation Resolution

Councilman Lawson read a letter from Technical and Community Services director, Gary Pusey, advising that a zoning waiver from the County for the Carvel Hall property is not necessary. He then read Resolution 392. At this time, Councilman Konapelsky made a motion to adopt Resolution 392, seconded by Councilman Atkins and carried unanimously.

Carvel Hall – Electric Bid

Mrs. Morgan advised that one bid had been received – from Scott L. Drewer, in the amount not to exceed \$48,325. At this time, Councilman Atkins made a motion to accept the bid from Scott L. Drewer. Motion seconded by Councilman Lawson.

Councilman Lawson requested that this motion be amended that the bid from Drewer be accepted conditionally upon awaiting the approval of MDE funding. Motion amended by Councilman Atkins, seconded by Councilman Lawson and carried unanimously.

Councilman Lawson requested a closed meeting after the regular meeting for a Personnel

matter.

ELECTION BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Councilman Lawson made a motion for the approval of the Mayor's appointments to the Election Board, Becky Daugherty and Anthony Jackson. Motion seconded by Councilman Atkins and carried unanimously.

EVENT APPLICATION – SOFT SHELL FAIR

Councilman Lawson made a motion to approve the event application for the Soft Shell Fair contingent upon receipt of the certificate of insurance. Motion seconded by Councilman Konapelsky and carried unanimously.

Councilman Lawson requested an additional closed meeting after the regular meeting for a property acquisition matter.

PUBLIC INPUT

Calvin Rayfield made reference to the Donald Gerald ditch and advised that it needs to be cleaned out as it floods his property on Charlotte Avenue.

Councilman Lawson advised that the City is in the lengthy grant process for getting tide gates to install there.

COUNCIL Q & A AND DISCUSSION

Councilman Konapelsky commended the beach revitalization group on the fantastic job they have done at Brick Kiln and invited everyone to come to the beach.

Councilman Lawson made reference to the grass roots effort of Billie Jo Chandler and Facebook. He added that it is gratifying to see people come down there and work.

There being no further business for discussion, Councilman Atkins made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Konapelsky and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce L. Morgan, Clerk-Treasurer

Prepared by Valerie Swift, Secretary