

MINUTES

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, September 26, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the meeting room in City Hall.

PRESENT

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

Absent; Barbara Ward, Councilwoman

Also in attendance; Valerie Swift, Secretary; Mike Tabor, Chief of Police; Delegate Charles Otto; County Commissioner Randy Laird; and Somerset County Director of Economic Development, Danny Thompson. (See sign in sheet for others in attendance.)

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Vice President Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes from the special meeting and regular meeting of August 22, 2018 as written. Motion seconded by Councilman Sheppard and carried unanimously 4-0.

RECOGNITION OF MAYORS

Mayor Dize advised that recognition of the previous Mayors was long overdue, and that at this time, he would be recognizing Mayor Richard Scott, Mayor Pjay Purnell, Mayor Catherine Brown, and Mayor Kim Lawson.

At this time, Mayor Dize asked Mr. Pollitt to read the definition of "Mayor". Mr. Pollitt referred to the City Code, noting that being a Mayor encompasses much more than stated.

Mayor Dize presented each Mayor an engraved plaque with their years of service, a gift card from the City, and also a certificate of recognition from Senator Jim Mathias.

Mrs. Joyce L. Morgan commented on her years of service working with each of the Mayors, as well as the late Mayors Charles McClenahan and Fritzi Gerald.

At this time, comments of appreciation were given by each Mayor, and also words of wisdom and well wishes to the current administration.

#### REMARKS

Several members of the audience, including Delegate Charles Otto, Commissioner Randy Laird, and EDC Director Danny Thompson, offered kind words, remarks, and congratulations to each of the Mayors.

#### SERVICE AWARDS

At this time, Mayor Dize presented Years of Service plaques and gift cards to Council Vice President Johnson, Joyce L. Morgan, Clerk-Treasurer, and Valerie Swift, Secretary.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Following further remarks, Mayor Dize requested adjournment of the meeting. Council Vice-president Johnson moved to adjourn, a number of council members seconded and the meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote. Mayor Dize then invited everyone in attendance to join in for a time of fellowship and light refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce L. Morgan, Clerk-Treasurer

Prepared by Valerie Swift, Secretary