

MINUTES

The Mayor and City Council and Department Heads met in regular session on Wednesday, January 9, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the meeting room in City Hall.

PRESENT

Percy J. Purnell, Mayor
LaVerne Johnson, Council Vice President
Raymond Anderson, Councilman
Kimberly B. Lawson, Councilman
Mike Atkins, Councilman
Mark Konapelsky, Councilman
Michael Sullivan, Attorney
Joyce L. Morgan, Clerk-Treasurer
Mike Tabor, Chief of Police
Noah Bradshaw, Inspector

Also in attendance; Valerie Swift, Secretary; Liz Holland; Richard Crumbacker; Dean Goldsborough; Jason Loar & Rob Duma – Davis, Bowen and Friedel, John Dize, and Eddie Heath.

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

Councilman Atkins made a motion to approve the minutes from the Public Hearing and the Regular Meeting of 12/12/12. Motion seconded by Council Vice President Johnson and carried unanimously.

MIKE TABOR, CHIEF OF POLICE, presented his monthly report and reviewed the yearly comparison report and stats.

Mayor Purnell made reference to the recent school shooting, and inquired if it would be feasible for a police officer to be placed at Woodson. Chief Tabor advised that it would be great, but there is a lack of funding.

Councilman Konapelsky commented about all of the time spent at and on Housing Authority

issues making their budget in arrears. Mrs. Morgan advised that this should be back on track by January 31st.

Councilman Konapelsky made reference to the current police department location and the cost to purchase it, but he also made reference to the concern about raising taxes. Councilman Konapelsky commented that public input is needed and a meeting scheduled regarding the issue.

JOYCE L. MORGAN, CLERK-TREASURER, reviewed an update concerning insurance and hurricane Sandy. She advised that she had received calls concerning clean-up of the depot, but advised that she is still working with the insurance company. She advised that bids would be opened later on for the CPD building renovation and the Fire Department floor.

Mayor Purnell interjected that the City will be receiving a grant for two generators and the stoplight. He noted that 30% of the City's housing base was damaged due to the hurricane.

Mrs. Morgan went on to review the financial report from July through December 2012.

Councilman Lawson requested information about what the County receives in lieu of taxes.

Mayor Purnell noted that Mr. Frock was absent due to an injury sustained at home.

NOAH BRADSHAW, INSEPECTOR, presented his monthly report. He advised that he has been working on getting homes damaged by Sandy, back together. Mayor Purnell commented that the City is trying to make sure that nobody falls through the cracks.

APPOINTMENTS

Jason Loar and Rob Duma of Davis, Bowen and Friedel, Inc., appeared before the Mayor and Council. Mr. Loar advised that bids for the wind tubine were opened last Friday and Bearing Constuction

was the apparent low bidder. Mr. Loar advised that they will be installing an aeronotica turbine at a cost of 3.2M to get it up and running.

Councilman Lawson inquired if the City had encountered any problem with Bearing at the treatment plant. Mr. Loar advised that there had been a few delays, but the City was happy with the final project. He also noted that Tieder will be the electrical sub-contractor to Bearing.

Councilman Lawson inquired if Bearing had previous experience with a project of this size. Mr. Loar advised that they had, and that they are bonded.

Mr. Loar advised that he would need a letter or minutes from the City stating that the City accepts his recommendation of Bearing Construction. Mayor Purnell inquired as to when the project would begin. Mr. Loar advised two months.

At this time, Councilman Lawson made a motion, based on the recommendation of Davis, Bowen and Friedel, to move forward with the preliminary approval of Bearing Construction as general contractor of the Crisfield Wind Turbine project. Motion seconded by Councilman Konapelsky and carried unanimously.

BID OPENING – FIRE DEPARTMENT FLOORING

Mrs. Morgan advised that one bid had been received for the replacement of the floor at the fire hall; from Delmarva Coatings, Inc., in the amount of \$7,193.93. She advised that they would be installing a vapor barrier that guarantees the flooring.

Councilman Lawson inquired if there was any conflict of interest as the president is the father of the bidder. Mrs. Morgan advised that the president is not a paid employee of the City.

At this time, Councilman Lawson made a motion to accept the bid of Delmarva Coatings. Motion seconded by Councilman Atkins. Motion carried by Council Vice President Johnson and Councilman Anderson. Councilman Konapelsky abstained, stating that he was not comfortable with just one bid.

BID OPENING – RESTORATION OF 319 A. W. MAIN STREET (FLOORS, WALLS, CEILING)

Mrs. Morgan opened the three bids that were received; 1) Delmarva Coatings - \$49,300, Greg Cox Construction - \$22,932.51; and Eastern Shore Gutter and Construction - \$19,798.

Mr. Sullivan advised that Mr. Bradshaw could do a comparison based on the specifications.

Mayor Purnell commented that there is a close time-line.

CARVEL HALL DOOR BID

Mayor Purnell reviewed the three bids that were received; Yoder Door \$20,288; Salisbury Door; \$29,375; and Hickman; \$24,000. After a brief discussion, Councilman Atkins made a motion to accept the bid from Yoder Door in the amount of \$20,788. Motion seconded by Councilman Kona-pelsky and carried unanimously.

Also at this time, Councilman Atkins made a motion to table the bid award for the police building renovation. Motion seconded by Councilman Anderson and carried unanimously.

AT & T TOWER LEASE RENEWAL

Mr. Sullivan briefed on the history of the lease agreement for the antennas on the Jacksonville water tower, beginning in 2001 as well as the amended lease in 2004 when 6 additional antennas were installed, increasing the rent from \$1900 per month with a 3% yearly increase. He noted that four months ago, they advised that they wanted a flat fee. The second amended lease, as presented by their representative, Shawn Ahmed, requests 6 additional antennas. He noted that the 2004 lease set the precedent; the more antennas – the more the rent increases. Mr. Sullivan noted that any discussion of rental rates must be done in a closed session.

Mayor Purnell advised Mr. Sullivan to email them concerning the 3% yearly increase plus the percentage of increase for the number of additional antennas. Mayor Purnell also advised emailing them that the permit will be issued by the City.

At this time, Councilman Atkins made a motion to authorize Mr. Sullivan to re-submit the

lease agreement with changes to Mr. Shawn Ahmed. Motion seconded by Councilman Anderson and carried unanimously.

SHERWIN WILLIAMS – LEASE AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

Mayor Purnell reviewed the lease agreement and advised that Sherwin Williams would like to continue to lease the building, not take it over themselves. He advised that they would like a two year lease with five one year renewal options and no change in the tax structure.

Mayor Purnell suggested taking in the one year lease option and negotiating with the County to abate 50% of Sherwin Williams personal property taxes and allow the City to get ½ of the City's personal property taxes. He advised that the new Vice President, Richard Weaver, agrees, and wants to meet with the County. Mayor Purnell advised that the lease could be approved after the negotiations.

WATER METER RATE

Councilman Lawson commented that establishing the metered water rate will need much consideration, and should be done during a special meeting.

At this time, a special meeting was scheduled for next Thursday, January 17 at 6:00 p.m., which would also include the bid for the police building.

TAX RELIEF FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION

Councilman Lawson requested input concerning tax relief for new construction.

DECISION ON COLOR OF SOFFIT FOR CARVEL HALL

Hold for recommendation of Councilman Lawson.

ISSUE CONCERNING 13 HAMMOCK POINT

Mayor Purnell reviewed the breakdown of the a situation that occurred concerning water lines at 13 Hammock Point. He recommended that the City pay Mr. Carson, with the agreement that if our insurance reimburses him, the check comes back to the City. He noted that our insurance company thinks Miss Utility should pay.

Mr. Sullivan advised that this issue should be deferred until the meeting next Thursday, in order to make sure LGIT will not penalize the City if we pay Mr. Carson.

(Note – Councilman Lawson was out of the room during this discussion)

PUBLIC INPUT

Dean Goldsborough made reference to the condition of the Armory building with the ceiling down on the 3rd floor. Mayor Purnell advised that the City would take a look at it.

Mr. Goldsborough also commented that the mulch pile at Carvel Hall appears to be burning. Mayor Purnell advised that the City would take a look at it.

Mrs. Morgan made reference to an inquiry for consideration, from the fire department, about obtaining a burning permit for some homes that the property owners wish to have burned.

Councilman Konapelsky commented that the County leaves it up to the fire department.

Dean Goldsborough commented that the fire department has to get Health Department approval.

John Dize made reference to recent violence at Christy Drive. Mayor Purnell advised that the police department would be advised and he would have Noah check permit violation.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORT

Councilman Atkins inquired about the City's line of credit. Mrs. Morgan advised that she had spoken with Mr. Byrd of Hebron Savings Bank and we have \$100K for the storm which can be increased.

Councilman Konapelsky welcomed back Councilman Lawson. He made reference to going back to holding two meetings a month, hiring a City Manager, and also inquired who the State official is that is over the Housing Authority.

Mayor Purnell advised that the Housing Authority answers to themselves. He advised that he would get the number.

Council Vice President Johnson commented that she doesn't want any bad blood between the

City and the Housing Authority. Councilman Atkins suggested that they attend the next Housing Authority Board meeting.

Council Vice President Johnson made reference to the Martin Luther King banquet on the 21st.

Councilman Lawson made reference to obtaining a cable franchise audit. Mrs. Morgan advised that the City receives that information next month, and can then proceed to request an audit.

Councilman Lawson noted that he agrees with two meetings a month. He also requested some signage for the depot to inform the public what is going on.

Council Vice President Johnson suggested rotating the second monthly meeting locations from January to June. Councilman Atkins made commented that the preparation would need to be down-sized to take on the road.

Mayor Purnell commented that holding two meetings will turn into two longer meetings.

Councilman Lawson commented about receiving \$8,000 as payment in lieu of taxes from the Housing Authority, but having to pay \$4 to \$5K in street lighting per year.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce L. Morgan, Clerk-Treasurer

Prepared by Valerie Swift, Secretary