

## MINUTES

The Mayor and Council met in regular session on Wednesday, August 22, 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  
Jimmy Ford, Councilman  
Richard M. Pollitt, Jr. City Manager  
Joyce L. Morgan, Clerk-Treasurer  
Michael Sullivan, City Solicitor

Absent due to prior commitment; Gail Lankford, Councilwoman

Also in attendance; Valerie Swift, Secretary; Richard Crumbacker; Sara Rayne; Ladell Dorman; and Erik Banks.

## INVOCATION, 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

Councilman Sheppard made a motion to approve the minutes from the meetings of August 8, 2018. Motion seconded by Council Vice President Johnson and carried unanimously.

## PUBLIC INPUT – FIRST SESSION

Ladell Dorman made reference to the proposed Rental Registration Ordinance and commented that this will be costly to those with several rental properties and the costs will be passed on to renters. Mr. Dorman stated that this will affect retirees, the disabled, etc. He asked that the Mayor and Council reconsider the fee and make it personal.

## CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Pollitt reviewed his report, highlighting its 'contents. (see attached for file)

PROCLAMATION – RAINING PURPLE IN SEPTEMBER AND DECLARING SEPTEMBER AS “NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH”

Mr. Pollitt read the proclamation aloud, supporting September as National Recovery Month.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS – FIRST READER – RENTAL REGISTRATION ORDINANCE

Mr. Sullivan reviewed a summary of the Ordinance, noting that the annual fee would be paid on January 1, 2019 and the renewal fee would be paid on December 31, 2018 and any extra inspection fee. He advised that the fees would be passed by Resolution and no dollar amounts are stated in the Ordinance.

Mr. Sullivan advised that the Mayor and Council have two weeks to decide the fee by Resolution and can pass the fee resolution at the second meeting in September. Mr. Sullivan advised that this is universal in municipal government and by leaving what is currently used as-is, provides no means of enforcement.

At this time, Mayor Dize called for a motion on First Reader of the Rental Registration Ordinance. Approval so moved by Councilman Sheppard, seconded by Councilman Ford, and carried unanimously 4-0.

EVENT APPLICATIONS – FLY-CASTING EVENT, WOODSON SCHOOL EVENT

Mayor Dize noted that Mr. Pollitt be authorizing Event Applications from now on and announcing them in his bi-weekly reports. The Council concurred.

After review of the two event applications; Fly-Casting Event and the Woodson School Event, Council Vice President Johnson made a motion to approve both events. Motion seconded by Councilman Sheppard and carried unanimously 4-0.

FINAL PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

Ladell Dorman commented about Rental Inspection and made reference to the derelict property he passes to get to his rental units. He stated that there needs to be a balance between who has to clean up their property and who doesn't. Mr. Dorman commented that this just opens the door for other regulations to be imposed and suggested raising taxes instead.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Ford commented that this is a legislative experience for the new Mayor and Council and not all problems will be solved here. He noted that about 65% of property owners in Crisfield do not live here.

Councilwoman Ward noted that the Mayor and Council can't just push through items and need to hold meetings to make decisions.

Council Vice President Johnson stated that she respects Mr. Dorman's concerns, noting that she cannot give answers during public input.

Council Vice President Johnson reminded everyone about the Block Party on Saturday from 1-6 p.m. She noted that this is a community effort and they will be feeding everyone.

Council Vice President Johnson extended the City's sympathy to Dr. Mike Atkins on the loss of his mother. She wished everyone a safe Labor Day weekend.

Councilman Sheppard commented that some of the Council is new to the job, but there will be changes for the good, just give them time.

Mayor Dize also offered his condolence to Dr. Atkins. He also asked that we keep Mr. Bozman in our prayers, as he goes in for leg surgery on Friday. He noted that Mr. Pollitt would be handling his duties.

Mayor Dize noted that the BBQ Event at the Marina was very nice.

Mayor Dize made reference to his meeting with Mr. Pollitt and members of the ambulance squad. He noted that they would also be meeting with the Fire Department.

Mayor Dize noted that there are several street lights that are out and asked that people report them to City Hall.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for discussion, Council Vice President Johnson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Sheppard and carried unanimously 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce L. Morgan, Clerk-Treasurer

Prepared by Valerie Swift, Secretary