

MINUTES

The Mayor and Council of the City of Crisfield held an open session meeting on June 25, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the meeting room in City Hall. Pursuant to § C2-4 of the Charter of the City of Crisfield, the meeting was held for the purpose of organizing the newly elected City Council of the City of Crisfield.

PRESENT

Percy J. Purnell, Jr., Mayor
Kimberly B. Lawson, Councilman & Mayor-Elect
LaVerne Johnson, Council Vice President
Raymond D. Anderson, Councilman
Paul Erik Emely, Councilman-Elect
Charlotte Scott, Councilwoman-Elect
Mike Atkins, Councilman
Mark Konapelsky, Councilman-Elect
Joyce L. Morgan, Clerk-Treasurer
Michael Sullivan, City Solicitor

Also in attendance; Valerie Swift, Secretary; Liz Holland; Adam Gibson; Tillie Doyle; Lloyd Ward; Margo Green-Gale; Jason Loar, D.B.F.; Frankie Pruitt, Fire Chief; Bonnie Strohmer; David Rossi; Reuben Evans; Barb & Dan Kuebler; Gail Sheldon; Karen Konapelsky; Jenny Tawes; Bernice Evans; Chief Mike Tabor; Steve Ward; Doug & Judy Crockett; Jordan Emely; Sue & Eddie Heath; Phil Riggin; April Todd and family; and Richard Crumbacker.

INVOCATION

At this time, Mayor Purnell called the meeting to order, opening with the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mr. Ted Phoebus, Clerk of the Court for Somerset County, administered the oath of office of Mayor of the City of Crisfield to Kimberly B. Lawson.

Mr. Ted Phoebus, Clerk of the Court, administered the oath of office to Councilmembers Charlotte Scott, Erik Emely, and Mark Konapelsky.

Mayor Lawson noted that this would be the last act of Mr. Phoebus, who is retiring after 51 years.

At this time, Mayor Lawson congratulated the newly elected Council.

PRESENTATION BY COUNCILMAN MIKE ATKINS

At this time, Councilman Lawson thanked the City of Crisfield voters. He also thanked Mayor Purnell and Councilman Raymond Anderson for their dedication and years of service to City government. He also presented Mayor Purnell with a commemorative plaque for his many years of service as both Mayor and Council, and for all of the work that he has done for the City.

Mayor Purnell expressed his appreciation stating that he loves Crisfield and that the plaque means a lot.

Council Vice President Johnson concurred with Councilman Atkins. She stated that the City had both a Mayor and City Manager in Mayor Purnell. She advised that he was a friend, and one of the finest gentlemen she had ever known.

MEETING SCHEDULE

After a brief discussion, Council Vice President Johnson made a motion to retain the second and fourth Wednesday of the month for the Regular Meeting schedule. Motion seconded by Councilman Atkins and carried unanimously.

SELECTION OF COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT

Mayor Lawson opened the floor for nominations.

Councilman Emely placed Councilman Konapelsky on the floor for nomination as Council Vice President, with Councilman Emely and Councilman Konapelsky in favor.

Councilman Atkins placed Councilwoman Scott, who was the top vote getter, on the floor for the nomination, with Councilman Atkins and Councilwoman Scott in favor.

After a brief deliberation by Council Vice President Johnson, who would have to be the tie breaker, Council Vice President Johnson concurred that she was ok with Councilwoman Scott as Council Vice President. At this time, Councilwoman Scott was declared as Vice President of the Council.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENT

Mayor Lawson commented that Mayor Purnell is a tough act to follow. He requested that the Council bring in their ideas for the July meeting.

He commented that Mayor Purnell took over the city manager position, and could not have done a better job. Mayor Lawson commented that he hopes in two years we can afford to look at hiring a City Manager with the wind turbine and tax raise. Mayor Lawson pledged to move forward.

Council Vice President Scott commented that it is an honor to be here and thanked everyone for their support. She advised that she is excited to move forward and work together.

Councilman Konapelsky requested that for the next meeting the following be placed on the agenda for discussion – 1) City manager position – does not want to wait. 2) A way to reach out to the community and businesses who can't vote; and 3) He urged the other Councilmembers to contact City Hall with items they want to be addressed on the agenda.

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Councilman Konapelsky offered his congratulations to the new Mayor and Council.

Councilwoman Johnson offered her congratulations to all, and advised that she looks forward to working with everyone.

Councilman Emely thanked the voters and noted that he is the youngest Councilmember ever elected. He advised that he is ready to work with everyone, and with the community.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce L. Morgan, Clerk-Treasurer

Prepared by Valerie Swift, Secretary