

MINUTES

THE COMMON COUNCIL

January 04, 2016

6:30 P.M.

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF CHARLESTOWN WAS HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 04, 2016 AT 6:30 P.M. AT CITY HALL WITH MAYOR G. ROBERT HALL PRESIDING.

Council members present were Ted Little, Ben Ledbetter, Brian Hester, Tina Barnes and Eric Vaughn. Also present were Clerk Treasurer Donna Coomer and City Attorney Mike Gillenwater.

Invocation

Josh Aaron

Pledge

Chris Spencer

Minutes

Councilman Little made a motion to approve the Minutes from December 07, 2015, seconded by Councilman Ledbetter. Approved 5-0.

Claims

Councilman Vaughn made a motion to approve the Claims, seconded by Councilman Hester. Approved 5-0.

Payroll Allowance Docket

Councilman Ledbetter made a motion to approve the Payroll Allowance Docket from December 02, 2015 through January 02, 2016, seconded by Councilman Little. Approved 5-0.

Councilwoman Barnes asked about \$111.91 for each employee on the voucher. Mayor Hall replied that it was a bonus.

Public Comment

Mr. Josh Cravens
203 Guilford Road

Pleasant Ridge Steering Committee

Mellissa Crawford
344 Clark Road

Pleasant Ridge Subdivision

City Council President-Pro Tem

Councilman Little made a motion to elect Councilman Vaughn as the City Council President Pro-Tem, seconded by Councilwoman Barnes. Approved 5-0.

Zoning Board Appointments

Mayor Hall said we need three appointments two from the Council and one appointment needs to be a city employee.

Councilman Vaughn made a motion to appoint Ben Ledbetter and Brian Hester as the Council appointments and Mr. John Spencer (a city employee) as the third appointment, seconded by Councilman Little. Approved 5-0.

Redevelopment Commission Council Appointments

Councilman Vaughn made a motion to nominate himself and Councilman Little to the Redevelopment Commission.

Councilman Ledbetter made a motion to appoint Councilman Vaughn and Councilman Little to the Redevelopment Commission, seconded by Councilman Hester. Approved 5-0.

Pleasant Ridge Steering Committee

The previous City Council voted to form a Pleasant Ridge Steering Committee to investigate solutions to the problems in Pleasant Ridge. That Council appointed two Council members as members of the Committee. Pleasant Ridge homeowners opposed to redevelopment plan were also on the Committee but citizens from other areas of the City were not represented. Mayor Hall declined to participate on the Committee since it seemed to be a special interest situation that wasn't representative of Pleasant Ridge, or of the City.

Since its formation Pleasant Ridge Steering Committee has not submitted any reports, or recommendations to the Council.

Councilman Vaughn made a motion to dissolve the Council's Pleasant Ridge Steering Committee until the Council can consider how to restructure it so that City residents outside the neighborhood are also represented. seconded by Councilman Little. Approved 4-1. With a nay vote by Councilwoman Barnes.

Council Meeting to be held 1st and 3rd Monday of each month

Mayor Hall suggested that the Council to meet on the first and third Monday of the month to move things forward.

Once things have progressed to the point two monthly meetings are no longer necessary and all business can be addressed in one monthly meeting, we can return to one meeting on the first Monday of each month.

Councilman Little made a motion to schedule Council meetings on the first and third Monday of each month until further notice, seconded by Councilman Hester. Approved 5-0.

Adjournment

Councilman Ledbetter made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Little. Approved 5-0.


MAYOR, G. ROBERT HALL


DATE

ATTEST:


CLERK TREASURER, DONNA S. COOMER


DATE