

**MINUTES**  
**THE COMMON COUNCIL**

**December 05, 2016**

**6:30 P.M.**

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF CHARLESTOWN WAS HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 05, 2016 AT 6:30 P.M. AT CITY HALL WITH MAYOR G. ROBERT HALL PRESIDING.**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Mark Obermiller

**Invocation**

Pastor L.C. McCawley

**Agenda**

Councilman Little made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilman Eric Vaughn. Approved 5-0.

**Minutes**

Councilman Hester made a motion to approve the Minutes from November 21, 2016, seconded by Councilman Mike Vaughn. Approved 5-0.

**Claims**

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

**Payroll Allowance Docket**

Councilman Hester made a motion to approve the Payroll Allowance Docket from November 20 through December 03, 2016, seconded by Councilman Mike Vaughn. Approved 5-0.

**Public Comment**

None

### **Stellar Communities**

Mayor Hall introduced Amy Williams with Taylor Siefker Williams Design Group and Jill Saegesser with River Hills for a presentation on the Stellar Communities program.

Mayor Hall said pursuing the award means the City will be committing funds. He gave them a proposal a couple of meetings ago and since it is contractual it has to be approved at the Board of Public Works. He is asking the Council if they would like to go forward with this.

Councilman Eric Vaughn made a motion to move forward to become an awardee of the Stellar Community Program, seconded by Councilman Hester. Approved 4-1, with Councilwoman Barnes voting opposing the motion.

### **2016-OR-21 (Elected Officials Salary Ordinance)**

Councilman Eric Vaughn made a motion to approve Salary Ordinance 2016-OR-21 for the second and final reading, seconded by Councilman Little. Approved 4-1, with Councilwoman Barnes voting opposing the motion.

### **2016-OR-22 (Transfer of appropriations from departments)**

Clerk Treasurer Donna Coomer said this is transferring appropriations for departments.

Councilman Mike Vaughn made a motion to approve Ordinance 2016-OR-22 on the first reading, seconded by Councilman Little. Approved 5-0.

Councilman Eric Vaughn made a motion to suspend the rules in anticipation of passing Ordinance 2016-OR-22, on the second and final reading, seconded by Councilman Mike Vaughn. Approved 5-0.

Councilman Little made a motion to approve Ordinance 2016-OR-22 on the second and final reading, seconded by Councilman Mike Vaughn. Approved 5-0.

### **Mayor Comments**

Mayor Hall said it is our privilege to host a Mayors round table this Thursday. They will tour River Ridge, have dinner, bring their spouses and enjoy a train and carriage ride.

### **Council Meeting**

Mayor Hall said there is no city business to conduct for the remainder of this year and is asking the Council for this to be the final meeting this year. We will start fresh the first Monday in January. We have done a tremendous amount of work this year. Some have attended other meetings to keep up on everything and he commends the Council for their efforts. The Comprehensive Plan was a huge task and the Zoning we did. We restructured the Pleasant Ridge plan both in concept, in the Ordinances and Resolutions that needed to be passed. We did inspection programs and Tony has been super busy with things he has brought forward.

We hired a part-time inspector. Ben Ledbetter has made a big impact since he has been here. The city works and the beautification members have put in a lot of work on Christmas this year. Mayor Hall said the next meeting will be on January 02, 2017.

**Councilman Hester**

Councilman Hester thanked Mayor Hall for making a special day for the fifth graders to ride the train. Mayor Hall said Jonathan Jennings and Pleasant Ridge Elementary Schools are advancing to the final game in Clark County and both ball teams won by one point. So either way Charlestown will be a winner on the championship.

**Adjournment**

Councilman Eric Vaughn made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Hester. Approved 5-0.

*G. Robert Hall*

MAYOR, G. ROBERT HALL

*1/02/17*

DATE

ATTEST:

*Donna S. Coomer*

CLERK TREASURER, DONNA S. COOMER

*1/02/17*

DATE