

MINUTES

THE COMMON COUNCIL

April 18, 2016

6:30 P.M.

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF CHARLESTOWN WAS HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2016 AT 6:30 P.M. AT CITY HALL WITH MAYOR G. ROBERT HALL PRESIDING.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Pleasant Ridge Elementary Cheerleaders

Invocation

L.C. McCawley

Agenda

Mayor Hall suggested that instead of adding items to the agenda at each meeting, that the Council approve a standing item on the agenda for a *Mayor's Update*.

Councilman Vaughn made a motion to approve a section on the Agenda for the Mayor's Update, seconded by Councilman Ledbetter. Approved 5-0.

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

Minutes

Councilman Ledbetter made a motion to adopt the Minutes from April 04, 2016, seconded by Councilman Vaughn. Approved 5-0

Claims

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

Payroll Allowance Docket

Councilman Vaughn made a motion to approve the Payroll Allowance Docket from April 03 through April 16, 2016, seconded by Councilman Ledbetter. Approved 5-0.

Public Comment

None

Sanitation Study

A discussion was led by the Mayor regarding the fiscal health of the City's sanitation department. Some key points:

- A sanitation study is being conducted.
- There are about 2,600 customers.
- In 2003, every house received a can and some received a second can at no charge.
- When the Mike Hall de-annexation occurred the City picked up those cans and gave them to people at no charge. Now we charge for an extra can and currently have about 400 customers that have 2 or 3 cans.
- The City has almost enough demand an extra day of pickup.
- We are picking up some businesses two or three times a week and they are paying the same price as residential customers.
- Rubbish, grass clippings and yard waste have increased.
- There has been no fee increase since 2003.
- Last year the City supplemented sanitation by \$252,830.
- We charge \$10.50 for trash pickup monthly.
- If we increase the charge to \$18.50 monthly we could make up the difference.
- We lease our trucks and still have two years left on the lease.

No other action was taken. The Mayor hopes to have the study done by May.

City Planners

Mayor Hall said we have engaged the planners and have meetings set up for rezoning and the master plan.

Redevelopment of Pleasant Ridge

The Redevelopment Commission has invited Pleasant Ridge Neighborhood Association to the next Redevelopment Commission meeting to present their plans for Pleasant Ridge.

Part-Time Inspector

The rental property inspection ordinance will take effect June 01, and inspections will start July 1, 2016. The City is looking for a part-time inspector.

Adjournment

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

G. Robert Hall
MAYOR, G. ROBERT HALL

5/2/16
DATE

ATTEST
Donna S. Coomer
CLERK TREASURER, DONNA S. COOMER

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