



City of Charleston, MO

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Charleston City Council April 10, 2018

Meeting Minutes

Mayor Phil Halter called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Also present were Council member Jack Feezor, Council member Jackie Whiteside, newly elected Council member Tommy Butler, and re-elected Council member Patrick Farmer along with City Manager Richard Goode, City Attorney Michael O'Rourke, and City Clerk Stefanie Self.

Awards / Recognition: As the first order of business, Council recognized Denis Rapert (Public Works) and Percy Owens (Public Safety) as the Employees of the Quarter. Mayor Halter and the 4 respective department heads presented the awards.

Resolution 1078: Accepting Results of April 10, 2018 City Council Election: City Attorney Michael O'Rourke presented the resolution formally accepting the results of the recent City Council election. Jack Feezor made a motion to approve the resolution, Jackie Whiteside seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Oath of Office: City Clerk Stefanie Self then administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Council member Tommy Butler and re-elected Council member Patrick Farmer.

Election of Mayor: Mayor Halter then called for nominations for Mayor for the 2018-19 term. Jackie Whiteside nominated Jack Feezor to serve as Mayor, Patrick Farmer seconded the nomination, and Jack Feezor was elected unanimously. Mr. Halter then turned the meeting over to Mayor Feezor.

Election of Chairman Pro-Tem: Mayor Feezor then called for nominations for Chairman Pro-Tem for the 2018-19 term. Phil Halter nominated Patrick Farmer, Jackie Whiteside seconded the nomination, and Patrick Farmer was elected unanimously.

Recognition of Visitors: Mayor Feezor then asked if any visitors wished to speak to the Council. Raymond Ivey of Vine Street requested that the city consider installing speed bumps along his stretch of Vine Street to slow vehicle traffic and also consider re-opening the old police substation at the former McDowell Subdivision location to house a neighborhood watch program. (Note: The city does not own this building.)

Monthly Report of City Business / Operations: A written report had been provided to Council members by City Manager Richard Goode as part of the meeting packet. Mr. Goode added some brief comments to the written report:

- The new Animal Control Officer, Tim Williams, is now attending a training class in Jefferson City to become a certified ACO.
- Public Works Director David Harris is currently working on bids for this summer's street work project.
- Utility Services is about to begin work cleaning, sealing, and re-painting the interior of the in-ground water storage tank.
- The Molly French garden Club has been doing significant work at the Fish Pond and recently donated two new benches in memory of Lee Ann Cullison.

Mr. Whiteside asked a question about code enforcement at 501 W. Marshall. Mr. Goode and Mr. O'Rourke advised that a special hearing will have to be conducted by City Council to determine the renewal of the liquor license at the location since necessary building repairs have not been completed. Mr. O'Rourke briefly explained the hearing process and asked for input on a date and time to schedule the hearing. After brief discussion, Council members agreed that Monday, June 4 at 6:00 pm is a good time to conduct the hearing.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: Phil Halter made a motion that the minutes from both Council meetings held on March 13, 2018 be approved as presented. Patrick Farmer seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

- **Bill No. 3778 / Ordinance 2918:** City Attorney Michael O'Rourke explained that the ordinance allows the city to take possession of property located at 121 W. Missouri St. and 109 Lafayette St. and to record the deed for the property along with the transfer of ownership. He explained that the property was coming from the estate of a deceased owner and was being conveyed to the city to satisfy a tax lien. Phil Halter made a motion to approve the ordinance, Jackie Whiteside seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

- **Public Hearing:** Phil Halter made a motion to suspend the regular meeting and open a public hearing on a proposed revision to water rates to be effective May 1, 2018. Raymond Ivey of Vine Street spoke briefly in opposition to any increase in rates. There were no other public comments.

Phil Halter then made a motion to terminate the public hearing and return to the Council's regular meeting. Jackie Whiteside seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

- **Resolution 1079 / Approval of Delinquent Property Tax List:** Mr. O'Rourke explained the purpose of the annual resolution, and Mr. Goode explained that the total delinquent taxes from 2017, as of April 5, 2018, was approximately \$22,000 which is about the same as the prior year. Phil Halter made the motion to approve the resolution, Tommy Butler seconded, and the resolution was unanimously approved.
- **Bill No. 3789 / Ordinance 2929: Approval of SRO Contract With School District:** Richard Goode explained that the current contract with Charleston R-1 School district for the School Resource Officer expires at the end of June and that the new contract is for a new two-year period under the same terms and conditions. Mr. Whiteside made a motion to approve the new contract, Mr. Halter seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- **Bill No. 3790 / Ordinance 2930: Purchase of New Backhoe:** Mr. Goode explained that the price of the new backhoe is \$103,027.07 from Erb Equipment, a state approved vendor and will be financed on a lease / Purchase arrangement with Focus Bank at 4.0% interest for five years. The old backhoe being

replaced will be sold outright. Mr. Halter made a motion to approve the purchase and the related ordinance, Mr. Farmer seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

- **Bill No. 3791 / Ordinance 2931: Approval of Contract for Construction of New Fire Building:** Mr. Goode explained that negotiations with the low-bid contractor have not been completed and suggested this item could be dealt with at a Special Called meeting later in the month.
- **Bill No. 3792 / Ordinance 2932: Revision of Residential Water Rates Effective May 1, 2018:** After brief discussion, Phil Halter made a motion to approve the ordinance. There was no second to the motion. Ordinance not approved.
- **Approval to Purchase New Pump for Main Sanitary Lift Station:** Mr. Goode explained that one of the three 55-hp pumps at the lift station needed extensive repairs and said that David Harris recommended replacement of the pump instead of repair. Jackie Whiteside made a motion to approve replacement of the pump at a cost of \$54,871 plus installation cost using Vandevanter Engineering. Phil Halter seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Closed Session for Discussion of Personnel Issues: Mr. Goode suggested that the closed session could be eliminated from this month's meeting, so it was not held.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Attest:

City Clerk

Mayor

City Clerk

Presiding Officer