



City of Charleston, MO

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Charleston City Council July 10, 2018

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Mayor Jack Feezor. In addition to Mayor Feezor, Council members Jackie Whiteside, Tommy Butler, and Phil Halter were present. Council member Patrick Farmer was out of town and unable to attend. Also present were City Manager Richard Goode, City Attorney Michael O'Rourke, City Hall staff member Liz Roberts, DPW Director David Harris, DPS Director Robert Hearnese, and DPS Captain Anthony Moody.

Employee of the Quarter: As the first order of business DPW employee Allen Rodgers was recognized as the Employee of the Quarter. Allen has worked for the city for 41 years. He was presented with a plaque and photos were taken.

Recognition of Visitors: There were no visitors in attendance.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: After review of minutes from the June 12, 2018 meeting, Mr. Halter made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Mr. Butler seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Monthly Report of City Business / Operations: City Manager Richard Goode had provided a written report as part of the meeting package. In addition, he reported that the concrete slab for the new fire building has now been poured, that street repairs are in progress and will be completed in a few days, that the street sweeper has been repaired and is back in operation, and that tree trimming is being done along Hunter St., Commercial St., and Cypress St.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

- 1. Full –time hire for Dept. of Public Works under Nepotism Policy:** After brief discussion, Council approved the full-time hire of Hunter Harris, a nephew of DPW Director David Harris, under the city's nepotism policy. Mr. Halter made the motion for approval, Mr. Butler seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- 2. Discussion of insurance coverage for lost sales tax and diesel fuel tax revenue:** Mr. Goode briefly reviewed the need for insuring the city against lost sales tax revenue and diesel fuel tax revenue due to businesses being forced to close because of fire, flood, earthquake, etc. He also expressed concern with a \$7,000 annual premium with Boomland, the city's largest sales tax producer, being excluded

from coverage due to the nature of their business. He then briefly reviewed coverage available from another carrier that will include Boomland but will increase the premium to \$8,100 annually and asked Council members for their thoughts. Tommy Butler inquired about distributing the premium cost across various funds, and Mr. Goode advised that the premium would be divided among the General Fund, Transportation Fund, and Capital Improvements Fund. Mr. Goode noted that the approximate \$2,700 annual cost for each fund is fairly insignificant.

After additional discussion, Mr. Whiteside suggested the city proceed with the coverage. Mr. Goode indicated that he will iron out the details of the coverage with Coon Insurance and bring the issue back to City Council for approval at the August meeting.

- 3. Discussion of fireworks problem on July 4th:** DPS Director Robert Hearnese and Captain Anthony Moody reviewed the problem that occurred on July 4th with “fireworks wars” taking place in town between town residents and visitors from other towns who had been invited to participate on social media. Council members made various comments and suggestions. City Attorney Michael O’Rourke suggested an ordinance prohibited the possession of fireworks within the city limits. Everyone agreed that DPS should contact other area towns to see how they are handling the problem. Mr. Goode suggested that Council members call City Hall with any substantive ideas that may come to mind, and that DPS and Council continue the discussion at a later date.

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

Attest:

City Clerk

Mayor

City Clerk

Presiding Officer