



## **City of Charleston, MO**

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### **Charleston City Council August 14, 2018**

#### **Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Mayor Jack Feezor. Also present were Council members Patrick Farmer, Phil Halter, Jackie Whiteside, and Tommy Butler along with City Manager Richard Goode, City Attorney Michael O'Rourke, DPS Chief Robert Hearnese, DPS Captain Anthony Moody, and Liz Roberts of the City Hall staff.

**Recognition of Visitors:** David Hart, a resident of Lafayette Street, expressed dissatisfaction that the city had not mowed two vacant lots adjacent to his house and shared photos of the lots with Council members. Council members Butler and Whiteside both commented the city should do a better job of mowing vacant lots consistently. There were no other visitors to be recognized.

**Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:** After review, Phil Halter made a motion that minutes from the July 10, 2018 Council meeting be approved as presented, Mr. Farmer 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 packet and had no additional remarks.

**Quarterly Budget Report:** A summary of all revenues and expenses for all five city operating funds had been provided in the meeting packet. Council members had only a couple of questions about the report, and City manager Richard Goode commented that there are no budget concerns evident through the first three months of the fiscal year.

#### **Old Business:**

- 1. Purchase of Insurance Coverage Against Lost Sales Tax Revenue:** Mr. Goode reminded Council that, at the July 10 meeting, Council members had expressed an inclination to purchase insurance coverage against lost sales tax revenue and diesel fuel tax revenue when a business is forced to close in the event of fire, floe then presented the details of coverage attainable via Lloyd's of London where the city can protect the revenue from its top eight producing businesses specifically. He also explained that the city can regularly update the list to add businesses or delete businesses for a small charge. The total cost of the coverage is \$8,196 annually, which will be split between General Fund, Transportation Fund, and the Capital Improvements Fund. Phil Halter made a motion to approve purchase of the insurance coverage, Jackie Whiteside seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

## New Business:

1. **Public Hearing on Property Tax Rate Levy for 2018.** Mr. Halter made a motion to suspend the regular meeting and open the public hearing on the 2018 property tax rate levy. Mr. Whiteside seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

There was no one present to make any comments.

Mr. Halter then made a motion to close the public hearing and return to the regular meeting. Mr. Whiteside seconded the motion, and motion passed unanimously. Therefore, the public hearing ended.

2. **Bill No. 3807 / Ordinance 2947; Establish the Annual Property Tax Levy Rate for 2018:** Mr. Halter made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented, Mr. Whiteside seconded the motion, and motion passed unanimously.
3. **Bill No. 3808 / Ordinance No. 2948; Lease / Purchase of 2018 Chevrolet Tahoe for DPS:** Mr. Goode briefly reviewed the proposed lease purchase transaction, including trade-in of the current 2012 Tahoe for a net lease / purchase price of \$24,945 to be financed on a four year term via Focus Bank. Mr. Butler commented that he thought the city might be better of selling the existing vehicle rather than trading it in. Mr. Goode distributed a worksheet showing that the net four year cost of the two different types of transactions is essentially the same unless the city is certain it can sell the existing vehicle for more than \$13,000 in December when the new vehicle arrives. Mr. Butler then commented that he wished the city had the option of trying to sell the existing vehicle before committing to a trade-in but understood the dealer would not allow such an option. Mr. Halter made a motion to approve the purchase as proposed in the ordinance, Mr. Farmer seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
4. **Purchase of Fire Engine From City of Sikeston:** Prior to the meeting, Council members had the opportunity to inspect the 1993 E-One ladder truck being sold by the city of Sikeston. A member of the Sikeston DPS, Derek Wheatly, had brought the truck to Charleston and was available to answer questions from Council members. Mr. Wheatly confirmed that Sikeston will store the truck for Charleston until the new fire building in Charleston is complete. Following a couple of questions from Council members, Mr. Halter made a motion to approve purchase of the truck for a price of \$85,000. Mr. Farmer seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Goode will work out timing of payment with the city of Sikeston.
5. **Renewal of City Property / Casualty / Liability Insurance Coverage:** Mr. Goode explained that the coverage has already been renewed since the prior coverage expired on July 31<sup>st</sup>. Unfortunately, renewal rates were not available for the July council meeting. Therefore, Mr. Goode asked council to approve the renewal of the coverage at an annual premium of \$210,679 but noted that the city has already had to pay the premium to avoid being left with no coverage at all for two weeks. He explained this rate represents a 2.5% increase over the prior year's rate and a 4.0% increase for earthquake coverage and falls within our budgeted amounts. Mr. Halter made a motion to approve renewal of the insurance coverage, Mr. Butler seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

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

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City Clerk

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Mayor

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City Clerk

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Presiding Officer