



City of Charleston, MO

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Charleston City Council October 9, 2018

Meeting Minutes

In the absence of Mayor Jack Feezor, Mayor Pro-Tem Patrick Farmer called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Also present were Council members Phil Halter, Jackie Whiteside, and Tommy Butler along with City Manager Richard Goode, City Attorney Michael O'Rourke, Director of Public Works David Harris, and City Clerk Stefanie Self.

Recognition of Visitors: There were no visitors in attendance.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: After review, Phil Halter made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 11, 2018 meeting as presented. Tommy 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 packet. He also reported that \$78,664.00 in TIF money had, in fact, now been received from Mississippi County and had been deposited in the Special Allocation Fund and reminded Council members that the Special Allocation Fund has a small debt to repay to the General Fund related to the rebuild of Story Street last year. He also reported that the re-lining of sixteen old brick manholes had been completed.

Old Business:

- **Update On New Fire Building:** Mr. Goode reported that the new building is somewhat behind schedule due to low progress by the electrician. The building is still expected to be in full use by the time of the November Council meeting. He invited Council members to tour the interior of the building following the meeting.
- **Update on Grant Application:** Mr. Goode reported that we have not yet received any response to our MEDC grant application for police station renovation / expansion. He had not been able to get an explanation for the delay by MEDC.

New Business:

- **Update on DNR Operating Permit for Wastewater Lagoon:** Mr. Goode briefly reviewed the response from Department of Natural Resources on the city's permit renewal application for the lagoon. He expressed frustration with DNR for continual lowering of effluent limits and asked David Harris to review the problems caused for the city.

Mr. Harris reviewed several of the lower effluent emissions being imposed by DNR and explained that Waters Engineering had submitted a response to DNR on the city's behalf. He further explained that complying with some of the new requirements could potentially be costly to the city due to new equipment, additional testing, possible dredging of the lagoon, etc.

Council members asked several questions, there was general discussion regarding the issue, and City Attorney Michael O'Rourke suggested contacting an environmental attorney soon to work on city's behalf. Mr. Goode suggested the city wait until we get a response from DNR to the comments from Waters engineering but agreed with Mr. O'Rourke that the services of an environmental attorney will likely be required.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Attest:

City Clerk

Mayor

City Clerk

Presiding Officer