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**Charleston City Council
September 8, 2020**

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Mayor Jackie Whiteside. Also in attendance were Council members Phil Halter, Patrick Farmer, Tommy Butler, and Rick Toon along with City Manager Richard Goode, City Clerk Stefanie Self, City Attorney Michael O'Rourke, Public Works Director David Harris, and DPS Director Robert Hearnese.

Recognition of Visitors:

- Sharon Coleman of 207 Helena St. expressed her dissatisfaction and frustration over the loud noise on the streets during Labor Day weekend and the lack of response or control from DPS.
- John Graham of Sikeston introduced himself to City Council as an applicant for the City Manager job.
- Sandy Ruff of Charleston clarified that the dogwood tree in her yard is the largest dogwood tree in Missouri and not just a champion dogwood tree. She also announced that she is applying for the City Manager job.
- Jeff Small of Small Lumber clarified that he believed Ella Drive was a city street when he asked the city to pave it and assured Council that he was not trying to take advantage of the city.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: Phil Halter made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2020 meeting as provided in the meeting packet. Tommy butler seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Report of City Business / Operations: City Manager Richard Goode had provided a written report for the month of august as part of the meeting packet. He added a public thank you to the PW employees who did such a good job renovating the Fish Pond and playground equipment at Rolwing Park. He then briefly reviewed key revenue numbers for the month of August and expressed satisfaction that those numbers are consistently improving with each month.

Old Business: There was no old business to discuss.

New Business:

- **Bill No. 3852 / Ordinance No. 2992; Contract With Visu-Sewer for Lining of Manholes:** Public Works Director David Harris reviewed the work to be done and the need for lining the ten manholes in

question. After brief discussion, Phil Halter made a motion to approve the work with Visu-Sewer at the proposed cost of \$24,550. Patrick Farmer seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

- **Discussion About Tree Trimmers Using City Dump:** City Manager Richard Goode and Public Works Director David Harris briefly reviewed the problem of professional tree trimmers placing very large tree trunks and limbs at the city dump which are very difficult for the city to handle. Richard Goode asked Council to consider whether or not professional tree trimmers should pay an annual fee in exchange for having virtually unrestricted use of the dump. Various scenarios were discussed, and eventually Richard Goode suggested that he would contact other towns to see what their policies are, if any, regarding this issue and report back to Council in October.
- **Update on City Manager Search:** Phil Halter reported that, to date, he has received six applications. Rick Toon reported that the job posting is no longer on the Missouri Municipal League website and speculation was that the listing had expired and needed to be renewed. Phil Halter reminded Council members that October 2 is the deadline for applications, so no review or discussion of applications can be done until after that date.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm on a motion by Phil Halter and a second by Rick Toon.

Attest:



City Clerk



Mayor



City Clerk



Presiding Officer