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Charleston City Council

January 12, 2021

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Mayor Jackie Whiteside. Also present were Council members Phil Halter, Tommy Butler, Patrick Farmer, and Rick Toon along with City Manager Phil Robinette, and City Clerk Stefanie Self. City Attorney Michael O'Rourke was absent.

- A. Recognition of Visitors: Visitors in attendance were Joe Mooney, Pastor of the First Christian Church; Robert Hearnese, Director of Public Safety; Orlean Braswell; Irene Hudson; Jayne Ellen Ray; Kaitlyn Ray; Corliss Sager; and LaTonya Whitney. Mr. Joe Mooney wanted to introduce himself and offer any assistance the church can provide. Jayne Ellen and Kaitlyn Ray gave an update on the Christmas Events that were held by the Economic Development Group. All in all the feedback was positive, the only negative comments were about trash all over the town. So, the group is going to try to have trash cans placed around town, and get with David Harris about dumping the cans. The group is also trying to implement "Adopt a Lot" for groups or individuals to pick up trash in vacant lots. The group is also working on getting a sign for the community announcing upcoming events. Orlean Braswell and Irene Hudson gave an update on their new adult daycare, and announced it will be open soon. Corliss Sager and LaTonya Whitney, pastors of the community, were in attendance to observe.
- B. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: Phil Halter made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2020 Council meeting, which were included in the meeting packet. Rick Toon seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.
- C. Report of City Business and Operations: City Manager Phil Robinette, thanked everyone for coming and assured each group present, he would do anything he could to help, as everyone needs to work together. He expressed his desire to see a grocery store, furniture store, or clothing store locate to Charleston, but realizes there needs to be workforce training.
- D. Old Business:
 1. Update on CDBG Application: Phil Robinette advised that we have not yet received a response to the grant application to install liners in more sanitary sewer lines and manholes.

2. Ford Explorer for DPS delivered to dealer: Director Robert Hearnese advised the council the vehicle has been delivered to the dealer, the paperwork has been taken to the bank, but the equipment was not in at this time.

E. New Business:

1. Resolution 1094: Phil Halter made a motion to approve Resolution 1094: Persons Authorized to Sign Checks on City Bank Accounts, removing Richard Goode and adding Phil Robinette. Patrick Farmer seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.
2. Resolution 1095: Phil Halter made a motion to approve Resolution 1095: Confirming the city's application for MoDOT funding for sidewalk improvements through its Transportation Alternative Program. Rich Toon seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.
3. Vehicle for City Manager: Mayor Whiteside stated that we always provided a car for the city manager, except for our last one, and his opinion is the city manager should have a city car. Tommy Butler added that he felt the city manager should have something on the car showing that its an official car. There was discussion that it was not a budgeted item, and the budget would have to be amended. There was also discussion of the city manager driving an older DPS car until the next budget year. Tommy Butler made a motion for the city manager to drive an older DPS car until the new budget. Phil Halter seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Phil Halter reminded Mr. Robinette that it is time to start working on the budget for next year, and the procedure was for the city manager to put the budget together and set up work sessions with the council to look over the budget.

- F. Adjournment: There was no additional business to discuss, and the meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Attest:



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Mayor



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Presiding Officer