

THE COMMON COUNCIL

March 07, 2022

6:30 P.M.

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF CHARLESTOWN WAS HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 07, 2022 AT 6:30 PM WITH MAYOR TREVA HODGES PRESIDING.

Council members present were: Ruthie Jackson, Brian Hester, JT Cox and Bo Bertram, also present were Clerk Treasurer Donna Coomer, City Attorney Perry McCall and Common Council Attorney Mike Gillenwater. Absent was BJ Steele.

Pledge

All

Invocation

Mayor Hodges congratulated Councilwoman Ruthie Jackson for being named Charlestown Alumni of the year and asked her to do the invocation.

Agenda

Councilwoman Jackson made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilman Cox. Approved 4-0.

Minutes, Claims and PR Voucher

Councilman Cox made a motion to approve the Minutes of 02/07/2022, the Claims and PR Voucher from 12/27/2021 to 02/27/2022, seconded by Councilman Hester. Approved 4-0.

Public Comments - none

Ethan Biggs Legislative Youth Advisor Report

Gave a report on school events and activities.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Hodges said tomorrow at 10:00 am, we will have a proclamation for Women's Day. Katie Hutchinson from the School Board will acknowledge several women who worked at the Army Ammunition Plant. We will have a volunteer interest meeting on March 17th at 6 pm. We hope to get volunteers to sign up for specific things and events. The Easter egg hunt will be on April 9th in Greenway Park. The first hour from 9:30 to 10:30 will be reserved for families that have children with sensory issues. The regular Easter egg hunt will start at 11:00 am. On April 5th there will be a baseball clinic and there is still room to sign up.

Council Comments

Councilman Hester said the April 4th and May 2nd meetings he will not be able to attend because he has games those nights. Councilwoman Jackson will coordinate those meetings and get with everyone on a new date. She would also like to have a clean-up date in her district and thought others could participate. We could have hotdogs, corn hole along with other events. Mayor Hodges said they are having a curbside pick-up free for all items around the first two weeks of April and some residents have reached out to her about having a street pick-up, where they clean up trash on the streets. Director Tony Jackson said we can put two trucks in Greenway Park and people can bring items there. Mayor Hodges said this gives us three options and asked Director of Parks Marissa Knoebel to coordinate with Councilwoman Jackson on the event.

Councilwoman Jackson asked about the old dry cleaners building. Mayor Hodges said the owner is looking to maybe open a small ice cream shop. She asked about when the old houses in Pleasant Ridge would be demolished. Mr. Tony Jackson said they can't be taken down until they're inspected for asbestos. IDEM has been coming down and the owners will have to get a company to remove the asbestos. Councilwoman Jackson asked about the status on the Civic Center. Mayor Hodges said it is still in the scoping period and they have 90 days before it will come back before the Board. She asked about animal control. Mayor Hodges said we still have animal control. We no longer remove wild animals. We will take dogs and feral cats to the JB Ogle Shelter. We still investigate vicious dogs, animal neglect or cruelty. Councilman Bertram asked about the building where Movies to Go used to be. Tony Jackson said it is a man's personal collection of stuff, like a museum, only not open to the public. Councilman Hester thanked everyone for their support at the baseball chili supper.

Certification of Ordinances.

City Attorney McCall presented information on codifying ordinances and asked the Council to review the information from the American Eagle Publishing Company. There are several communities already using the service. They will codify all ordinances by logging, indexing and cross referencing them. The initial cost of the service is \$7,250.00 and other additional cost will depend on the number of pages.

Councilwoman Jackson made a motion to approve the American Eagle Publishing Company to codify Ordinances for \$7,250.00, seconded by Councilman Bertram. 4-0.

Adjournment

Councilman Cox made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson. Approved 4-0.


MAYOR, TREVA HODGES

04/04/2022
DATE

ATTEST:

CLERK TREASURER, DONNA S. COOMER

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