

THE COMMON COUNCIL

August 7, 2023

6:30 P.M.

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF CHARLESTOWN WAS HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 2023, AT 6:30 PM WITH MAYOR TREVA HODGES PRESIDING.

Council members present were Mark (Bo) Bertram, Ruthie Jackson, JT Cox, Brian Hester, and BJ Steele. Also present were Mayor Hodges, Clerk Treasurer Donna Coomer, City Attorney Perry McCall, Council Attorney Mike Gillenwater, and Matt Duncan with Frost Brown Todd.

Pledge

Briceidy, the Legislative Youth Advisor, led the council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation

Councilman Cox

Agenda

Councilwoman Jackson made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilman Cox. Approved 5-0.

Minutes, Claims and PR Voucher

Councilman Hester made a motion to approve the Minutes of 07/10/2023, the special minutes from 07/26/2023, the Claims, and the PR voucher from 07/03/2022 to 07/30/2023, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson. Approved 5-0.

Public Comments

None

Legislative Youth Advisor

Briceidy introduced herself and shared some of her goals.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Hodges handed out the proposed budget for 2024. She stated she did not need action taken tonight. On September 6th, it will be presented for the first reading and the public hearing

will be held. The anticipated meeting for the second and final reading to adopt the budget will be in October so that we are able to meet the deadline of November 1st.

Council Comments

Councilman Hester mentioned there are lots of events on the calendar with school sports. Councilwoman Jackson mentioned the football jamboree and how many people attended and that she visited Ensembles and stated what a great facility it is.

Ordinance 2023-OR-10

This is the second and final reading for the issuance of revenue bonds to help fill the gap towards the cost of building the new WWTP. Councilman Steele motioned to pass the ordinance, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson. Approved 5-0.

Ordinance 2023-OR-08

This ordinance establishes rules & regulations for charitable roadblocks. Councilwoman Jackson motioned to table the ordinance until January, seconded by Councilman Hester. Approved 5-0.

Ordinance 2023-OR-13

This ordinance is for a transfer of appropriations in the amount of \$25,000.00 from police health insurance to police vehicle repairs. Councilman Hester motioned to approve the ordinance, seconded by Councilman Steele. Approved 5-0.

Councilwoman Jackson asked how long it would be before we start getting the new police vehicles and Mayor Hodges explained that the interceptors are being modified and the Durangos are being built.

Mayor Hodges entertained a motion to suspend the rules and move Ordinance 2023-OR-13 to the second reading. Councilman Hester motioned to suspend the rules and move the ordinance to the second reading, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson. Approved 5-0.

Councilman Steele motioned for the second and final reading to pass Ordinance 2023-OR-13, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson. Approved 5-0.

New Business

The next council meeting originally scheduled for September 6th will be moved to September 7th at 6:30 PM. This meeting will cover the first reading and the public hearing for the 2024 budget.

Adjournment

Councilman Steele made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson. Approved 5-0.

Treva Hodges
MAYOR, TREVA HODGES

9-12-2023
DATE

ATTEST:
Donna S. Coomer
CLERK TREASURER, DONNA S. COOMER

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