Minutes

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 6 PM in the Corbin studio and gallery meeting room.

Present

Darlene Taylor, Mayor
Ivan Lankford, Council Vice President via zoom
Eric Banks, Councilman
Casey Goldsborough, Councilman
Laverne Johnson Councilwoman,
Ruthie Todd, Councilwoman
Joyce L Morgan Clerk-Treasurer/City Manager
Andrew Illuminati, City Solicitor

Also, in attendance Valerie Swift, Secretary, Rick Taylor, Chief, William Brown, Kim Hopkins, Dennis Cullison, Tiffany McMahon, and Richard Crumbacker.

Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order the Lord's prayer in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Councilman Banks made a motion for approval of the minutes of the public hearing for water and sewer rates on May 22, 2024, the Budget work session on May 22, 2024, the regular session on May 22, 2024, and a zoom meeting on May 31, 2024. Motion seconded by Councilman Goldsborough and carried unanimously.

Use of American Rescue Funds – Mrs. Morgan

Mrs. Morgan made reference to the Cove Street lift station- pumps and installation the cost in the amount of $35,000. She advised that she would like to request use of year to ARF funds in the amount of $70,000 to cover that cost and losses. She noted that there is still a balance of $475,428 in year two. Mayor Taylor noted that she had wanted to use the money for business development, but the wastewater treatment budget has taken a hit.

Council Vice President Lankford commented that he is OK to use the money for this purpose.

After a brief discussion, Councilman Banks made a motion to use $70,000 from ARF funds/year 2 for the Cove Street pumps and installation. Motion second by Councilman Goldsborough and carried unanimously.

Review and Recommendation of Housing Demo Bids – Mrs. Parks

Mrs. Parks, Housing Coordinator, reviewed the bids for 329 Tyler Street and 202 Laird Ave. from Swift seasonal. She noted that these were the only bids received. Mrs. Morgan inquired if the county will waive the landfill fees. Mrs. Parks advised she is waiting to hear back from them. Mayor Taylor advised that we could award the contract up to the bid amount. Mr. Illuminati advised that we can make a

motion to accept the proposal up to the bid amount contingent upon the City of Crisfield and the bidder, reaching a final contract. So moved by Councilman Banks, second by Councilwoman Todd and carried unanimously.

Request from Long Term Recovery to build a house at 329 Tyler Street – Ms. Hopkins

Ms. Kim Hopkins, Construction Manager for long-term recovery, appeared before the Mayor and Council to request permission to build a house at 329 Tyler Street as a part of the housing initiative. Ms. Hopkins requested that long-term recovery be allowed to demolish the house and would pay the landfill fee. She advised that she needs to line up volunteers for construction now for August. She noted this would save the city money and cover the demo fees. Mayor Taylor advised she would have to check with the county commissioners. Ms. Hopkins advised they want to build a three-bedroom, two-bathroom home at 329 Tyler Street.

After further, brief discussion, Councilman Banks made a motion to accept the offer from long-term recovery for 329 Tyler Street. Motion second by Council Vice President Lankford and Carried unanimously.

Public Input

Richard Crumbacker noted that he believes the County Commissioners have approved the waiver of the tipping fees for the two demos.

Council Comments

Council Vice President Lankford commented that he is glad we are getting properties demolished, and new houses constructed.

Councilwoman Todd made reference to several lose boards being reported at the depot where people fish.

Councilman Banks thanked Ms. Hopkins and Mrs. Parks for their work on demolition and rebuild. He also thanked the rest of the department heads.

Mr. Jason Loar noted that there is no update on the repair of the wind turbine.

Councilman Banks made noted that fill dirt that was left behind on the road, by the contractor doing the demolitions.

Councilman Goldsborough made reference to 329 Tyler Street noting he is glad to see that it will be demolished. He also noted he will be working on an annexation project committee.

Mayors Report

Mayor Taylor noted that this Saturday will be the second annual Bluegrass Festival. She also offered condolences on the loss of Rick Lord, Sandra Drewer, and Brewster Ward.

Mayor Taylor thanked all of the department heads for their hard work.

At this time, Mayor Taylor introduced Mr. Dennis Cullison, Director of Public Works. He gave a brief background of his experience. Mayor Taylor noted that he is doing a great job. Councilwoman Todd commented that he has a good personality to work with people.

Mayor Taylor also noted that Councilwoman Johnson is attending a Tri-County Council meeting

Mayor Taylor thanked all the council members and noted that there is a lot more to get done.

With no further business for discussion Councilman Goldsborough made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Banks, and Carried unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce L. Morgan
Clerk-Treasurer/City Manager

Prepared by Valerie Swift, Secretary