

Minutes

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the City meeting room at the Corbin A & E & Gallery.

Present

Barry Dize, Mayor
LaVerne Johnson, Council Vice President
Nelson Sheppard, Councilman
Jimmy Ford, Councilman
Mike Atkins, Councilman (arrived @ 6:15 p.m.)
Joyce L. Morgan, Clerk-Treasurer (via Zoom)
Michael Sullivan, City Solicitor (via Zoom)
Dean Bozman, Code Enforcement Officer (via Zoom)
Kristie Eberly, Grants Administrator (via Zoom)

Absent due to family emergency; Councilwoman Barbara Ward

Also in attendance; Valerie Swift, Secretary; William Berryhill; and Pfc. Serman, CPD.

Call to Order by Mayor Dize, Lord's Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Dize called the meeting to order opening with the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

At this time, Mayor Dize requested approval of the minutes from the meetings of May 27, 2020. Approval so moved by Councilman Sheppard, seconded by Council Vice President Johnson and carried unanimously, 3-0.

2nd Reader – 2020-2021 Water Rate Ordinance # 694

Mr. Sullivan reviewed the Water Rate Ordinance, noting that the rates remain the same as last year. Councilman Sheppard made a motion to approve Ordinance #694 for 2nd Reader and adoption. Motion seconded by Council Vice President Johnson and carried unanimously, 3-0.

2nd Reader – 2020-2021 Sewer Rate Ordinance #695

Mr. Sullivan reviewed the Sewer Rate Ordinance, noting that the rates remain the same as last year. Council Vice President Johnson made a motion to approve Ordinance #695 for 2nd Reader and adoption. Motion seconded by Councilman Sheppard and carried unanimously, 3-0.

2nd Reader – 2020-2021 Budget Ordinance #696

Mayor Dize presented for 2nd and final reader Budget Ordinance #696, which was presented for First Reader on May 27, 2020. Approval so moved by Council Vice President Johnson, seconded by Councilman Sheppard, and carried unanimously, 3-0.

2nd Reader – Ordinance #697 15 MPH Speed Limit Heron Way

Mr. Sullivan reviewed the Ordinance for 2nd Reader. Mayor Dize made reference to the speed limit for Richardson and Maryland Avenue, which is not listed in the Ordinance and asked if it is considered 413. Mr. Sullivan advised that he would confirm the City's authority on 413 and then delete 413 and Hall Highway. Mrs. Morgan noted that Section 106-33 concerning golf cart regulations, regulates the limit on Maryland and Richardson.

At this time, Councilman Sheppard made a motion to accept Ordinance #697 and have Mr. Sullivan review the other speed limits/locations as mentioned. Motion seconded by Council Vice President Johnson and carried unanimously 4-0 (Councilman Atkins now present) Mr. Sullivan noted that the Ordinance goes into effect on July 1, 2020.

2nd Reader – Crisfield Economic Development Ordinance # 698

At this time, Mr. Sullivan read the Ordinance into record.

Councilman Sheppard made a motion to adopt Ordinance #698 for 2nd Reader. Motion seconded by Councilman Atkins and carried unanimously, 4-0.

Council Vice President Johnson commented that she is glad to see this Ordinance adopted. Mr. Sullivan noted that the Ordinance goes into effect on July 1, 2020, therefore no appointments could be made until July 8, 2020.

Approval of MDE Grant – Kristie Eberly, Grants Writer/Administrator

Mrs. Eberly reviewed information concerning a grant from MDE, noting that they have awarded \$172K in the FY21 Budget. She advised that the culvert has failed and will affect the residents, businesses, boat ramp, and coast guard station. Mrs. Eberly advised that the City needs to proceed with MDE funding to replace the culvert and requested they approve the \$172K in funding.

At this time, Councilman Sheppard made a motion to approve the MDE funding. Motion seconded by Council Vice President Johnson.

During discussion, Councilman Atkins inquired if the area in road is sinking. Mayor Dize advised that it

was sinking and inquired of Mr. Bozman if the repair would last. Mr. Bozman advised that this repair would be permanent and will be put out for bids. Mrs. Morgan noted that the City spent \$10K on repairs 8 years ago. Mr. Bozman advised that a new pipe would be installed with caps, as the old pipe had collapsed on the shoulder of the road.

Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor and Council Comments

Councilman Sheppard urged everyone to get out and vote on June 17th. He also commented that the Crisfield EDC Ordinance was a long time in coming.

Councilman Atkins noted that 19 states have seen an increase in Covid19 since Memorial Day. Councilman Atkins noted that the PRMC Group will be observing a Moment of Silence on June 12th at 8:46 a.m. in memory of George Floyd, for fair and equal treatment to all.

Council Vice President Johnson noted that she is glad the CEDC Ordinance was adopted and shows we are trying to make a difference. She reminded everyone to get out and vote on June 17th at the Corbin Library.

Councilman Ford had no comments.

Mayor Dize made reference to the Flag Day Ceremony at the Crisfield Fire Department, 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 14th and advised that all are invited to attend.

Mayor Dize commented that it has been a tough road during the Covid pandemic, but as of Friday, June 12 at 5:00 p.m., Governor Hogan has opened restaurants for inside use. He noted that restaurants need to do it safely and follow social distancing, even though it's a hard balance. Mayor Dize advised that he cannot loosen up any of the Governor's regulations, but he will help in any way he can.

Mayor Dize cautioned everyone to stay safe and reminded about the Election on June 17th from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. here at the Corbin.

There being no further business for discussion, Council Vice President Johnson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Sheppard and carried unanimously, 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce L. Morgan, Clerk-Treasurer

Prepared by Valerie Swift, Secretary