

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at 6:00 PM in the Corbin meeting room at the Corbin studio and gallery.

Present

Eric Banks, Council Vice President
Ivan Lankford, Councilman Via Zoom
Casey Goldsborough, Councilman
Hitesh Patel, Councilman
Joyce L. Morgan, Clerk-Treasurer
Andrew Illuminati, City Solicitor

Also in attendance; Valerie Swift, Secretary; Tiffany McMahon, Eric Lee, Chief of Police, Peter Hirschhoff, Brian Fowler, Richard Crumbacker; Cheryl Hires.

Absent; Darlene Taylor, Mayor and LaVerne Johnson, Councilwoman

INVOCATION, LORD'S PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Vice President Banks call the meeting to order opening with the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. At this time, he requested approval of minutes from previous meetings; the closed meeting of April 23, 2025, the regular meeting of April 23, 2025, and the closed meeting of April 25, 2025. Approval so moved by Councilman Goldsborough, seconded by Councilman Patel and carried 4-0.

CIRCUIT RIDER BRIEFING, ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 491

Mrs. Hires, Circuit Rider, reviewed information concerning upcoming grants and upcoming events. She noted that the Beach to Bay grant is due this Friday at 5 PM and this is for brochures. She also noted that there is a grant for a mural to be designed by citizens. She advised the size is 18' x 16' and will be done by pieces of 6-inch ceramic tile. The public can participate by purchasing a piece of tile and painting the corresponding design. Councilman Patel requested that the bird sanctuary be added to the brochure.

Mrs. Hires also made reference to Resolution 491 which is the circuit rider grant, in the amount of \$55,000. Mr. Illuminati read Resolution 491 into the

record.

At this time Councilman Goldsborough made motion to adopt Resolution number 491. The motion was seconded by Councilman Patel and carried unanimously 4-0.

FIRST READER ORDINANCES FOR WATER, SEWER, GARBAGE AND BUDGET

At this time Councilman Goldsborough made a motion to adopt for first reader the ordinances for water, sewer and budget for the fiscal year 2025 through 2026. Motion seconded by Councilman Patel and carried 4-0.

At this time, Mr. Illuminati read the water ordinance into the record.

Mr. illuminati also read into record the sewer ordinance.

Mrs. Morgan read into the record the budget ordinance for 2025–26 with a revenue figure of \$5,991,990 and expenditures of \$5,991 990. She noted that the ordinance will be presented for second reader at the meeting on June 10, 2025.

INFORMATION – MR. LOAR

Mr. Loar reviewed the cost of the belt press which will be used for the removal of solids at the wastewater treatment plant. He advised that it would cost \$19,500 per month for removal, for two months, plus the cost of \$5500 for set up and \$4600 for removal of the belt press, for a total of \$49,100 for two months. He noted that he had provided a contract to be signed by the Mayor before the company will consider. After a brief discussion Councilman Patel made a motion to approve signing the contract for the belt press to be used for solids removal at the wastewater treatment plant for a total cost of \$49,500. Motion seconded by Councilman Goldsborough and carried unanimously.

Mr. Fowler noted that a total of 192 military banners have been put up this year. He also advised that he had sent the sign information to Mason Graphics noting that we are going with the reflective signs. Mr. Fowler noted that the cost for black top is very expensive with a quote for the

portion of S. Somerset Ave. by Woodson school at \$285,000. He advised that he will be discussing patching with companies on Monday due to the high cost.

PUBLIC INPUT – none offered

YOUTH COUNCIL – absent due to high school award night

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Patel commended the job done on putting up the banners and thanked the Drewers for the use of the truck. He also noted that the Tangier Sound Music Festival last weekend went well and thanked the High Tide Club and Rising Tide for this event.

Councilman Lankford commended those responsible for the music festival and department heads for their work.

Councilman Goldsborough thanked all the people that made the music festival successful. He also thanked Mr. Fowler and staff for putting up the banners.

Council Vice President Banks thanked city staff for all of their hard work. He noted that the High Tide club did a great job with the music festival and the soft-shell festival, noting that this is part of Crisfield 24/events. Council Vice President Banks noted that Mayor Taylor was absent from the meeting due to a previous engagement

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business for discussion, Councilman Goldsborough made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Patel and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce L. Morgan, Clerk-Treasurer/City Manager, Prepared by Valerie Swift, Sec.