

MINUTES

The Mayor and Council met in regular session on Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the Corbin Studio and Gallery.

PRESENT

Barry Dize, Mayor
Eric Banks, Council Vice President
Jimmy Ford, Councilman
Mike Atkins, Councilman
Charlotte Scott, Councilwoman
Casey Goldsborough, Councilman
Joyce L. Morgan, Clerk-Treasurer
Mac Baldwin, City Solicitor

Also in attendance; Valerie Swift, Secretary; Chief Taylor; Ms. Marshall; Richard Crumbacker.

CALL TO ORDER, LORD'S PRAYER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Atkins presented four sets of minutes for approval: February 23, 2022 Regular Session; March 9, 2022, Regular Work Session; and the Regular and Closed meetings of March 23, 2022 and made a motion to approve. Motion seconded by Councilman Goldsborough and carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Mrs. Morgan noted that there had been a change in the garbage collection route; anyone west of 413 (Richardson Avenue, Maryland Avenue, Heron Way, and Anchor Drive) would be picked up on Tuesday, due to Friday's collection being

extreme and requiring 2 trips to the landfill. She advised that this would begin the week of May 23rd.

Mrs. Joyce Morgan, Clerk-Treasurer, made reference to John Redden/Somerset County Roads, email concerning the Safe Route to School project regarding ADA sidewalk compliance for Woodson and Crisfield High. She advised that it is coordinated between the County and the Health Department through a City and County match of \$10,000.

She advised that she would reach out to the Board of Education for half and would also get more information.

Councilman Atkins inquired what the cyclist improvements would be for sidewalks. Mayor Dize advised possibly lines for the bike path.

Ms. Lafabian Marshall, supervisor of the Water/Sewer/Tax department, advised that the upcoming tax sale is scheduled for June 9th. She made reference to the card reader, printer and scanner for the office and also noted that she had updated the CPD web page. She also updated the meter – no read status and advised that there were five to be checked.

Mr. Jason Loar, City Engineer reviewed his quarterly report.

Councilman Atkins inquired about the replacement of the clarifier bypass valves. Mr. Loar advised that it is \$18K for both.

Councilman Ford inquired who is responsible for fire hydrants. Mr. Loar advised that it was the City of Crisfield.

Council Vice President Banks commented that Mr. Loar's report was uplifting.

Chief Rick Taylor reviewed his report, highlighting various areas. He also noted that the heating and air unit was completely out of service, noting that the cost for replacement was \$6200.

At this time, Council Vice President Banks made a motion to approve the replacement of the heating and air unit. Motion seconded by Councilman Atkins and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Morgan noted that Ms. Finucan was out due to illness and that the area of her report highlighted in blue was the most up to date.

Mayor Dize referred to Net Zero Housing.

Councilman Atkins advised that he had attended a meeting of Wandering Maryland Waterways sponsored by the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay. He presented several pictures including a trash wheel at Baltimore Inner Harbor and pictures of several other locations, as well as a new location called Poplar Island, being built with silt dredged from Inner Harbor. He advised that the property is constructed with a granite base (brought in from Pennsylvania) with the dredged silt on top.

He made reference to using dredging to cut down on our erosion.

Councilman Atkins also presented pictures pertaining to Net Zero Housing. The Nicholas Landing Apartments, which are modular homes that use solar panels and have zero electric bills, 10-inch-thick walls and could be a solution for housing problems.

Council Vice President Banks thanked Councilman Atkins for his presentation. He also thanked the Department Heads for their reports.

Councilman Goldsborough thanked everyone as well. He also inquired about the status of tide gates and funds.

Mrs. Morgan advised that there was an update in Ms. Finucan's report regarding FEMA funds.

Councilman Goldsborough noted that with regards to Councilman Atkins presentation, a beach is being built through similar methods in Deal Island and was spearheaded by a non-profit coalition. He commented that he would like the net zero housing to come to Crisfield and use the blighted property.

Mayor Dize commented that the flood gates in the Marina are scheduled to be done in 2023.

Councilman Ford thanked everyone for their reports. He also inquired about a fire hydrant on the highway still leaking. Mrs. Morgan noted that this is part of the isolation valve issue and can't be repaired unless water is shut down in the City. Mayor Dize noted that previous shutdowns caused major issues and it's not work doing it to fix a small leak.

Councilwoman Scott commented that she is excited about the housing presentation. Now instead of moving people to Princess Anne, we can take blighted property and build homes. She advised that she like Councilman Atkins presentation as it gives solutions to problems and commented that we need to save Crisfield and not give up.

Councilman Atkins referred to any follow up from Councilman Ford concerning funding for the bank building on Main Street.

Councilman Atkins referred to naming one of the bike trails after the late Gary Jones and advised that he will follow up with CEDC.

Councilman Atkins referred to Julio Trejo's award from MRW as Rookie Waster Water Operator of the Year and asked that the city recognize him at the next meeting.

He also thanked the Department Heads for their reports.

With no further business for discussion, Councilman Atkins made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Vice President Banks and carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Joyce L. Morgan, Clerk-Treasurer

Prepared by Valerie Swift, Secretary