

MINUTES

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Tuesday August 26, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the meeting room at the Corbin Studio and Gallery.

PRESENT

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

Also, in attendance; Valerie Swift; LaFabian Marshall; Tiffany McMahon; Chief Lee; D. J. Parkinson; Peterallen Hirschhoff; Frances Myer; Linda Singh; Richard Crumbacker

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Taylor noted that the minutes from the last meeting had been previously approved per request of the Bond Counsel.

WATERSHED PROTECTION PRESENTATION – MS. WILKINS AND MS. POLLACK VIA ZOOM

Ms. Wilkins and Ms. Pollack reviewed, via zoom, a power point concerning Project Implementation and Technical Assistance for the Crisfield Flood Mitigation projects. Ms. Pollack advised that they have been offering technical assistance and staff support. She went on to review the status of the 4 projects for the City of Crisfield; 1. Flood Mitigation project – CDM Smith has broken this project down and the City of Crisfield dock project is continuing to move forward.

Ms. Wilkins reviewed the status of the Stormwater and Ditch Maintenance project and the process and discussion with Staff. She noted that the stormwater fee is on hold. She also reviewed the Lead Line Service Project.

Mayor Taylor thanked Ms. Pollack and Ms. Williams for helping move the projects along and for helping to coordinate the integration of all e City's funding sources. She also noted that there is an EPA Workshop on September 11, 2025, at 5:00 P.M.

GCAC PRESENTATION – MRS. MYERS

Mrs. Myers presented an update and power point concerning the floating restaurant. She noted that a committee had been formed to determine feasibility, and an invitation had been issued to restaurant owners to meet on September 8th at the Corbin Art Gallery to discuss various topics, including what type of support they need. Mrs. Myers advised that she wants the City/Councilwoman Johnson to co-host the meeting on the 8th. Councilwoman Johnson advised that any restaurant could attend.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT – MR. HIRSCHOFF

Mayor Taylor offered condolences to Mr. Hirschoff on the death of his father.

Mr. Hirschoff reviewed activities from April to June. He noted that Mr. John Dize has been made Acting Chairman of the Planning Commission, to replace Mr. Rick Taylor.

Mr. Hirschoff went on to review fee schedule justification. Mayor Taylor advised him to forward the fee schedule to Mr. Illuminati for review and to bring back to the Council a comparison of fees for neighboring towns. Mayor Taylor advised that we need to get software to track the information and activities for permitting and code enforcement. Mr. Hirschoff advised that we would start with his department and add modules to the program for other departments. Mayor Taylor advised this will also work for the public utilities and public Work departments.

Mr. Illuminati advised that the new fee schedule won't have to go before the Planning Commission to be made into an ordinance.

Councilman Goldsborough also requested Mr. Hirschoff to get the county's fee schedules as well. He commented that he is not in favor of raising fees as it discourages developers.

Mayor Taylor commented that the fees are nominal and would only reflect the cost of doing business, which we are not currently charging for our staff's time.

Speed Hump Information – Chief Lee, Mr. Fowler

Chief Lee presented information concerning proposed speed humps in different areas of the city and reviewed a PowerPoint presentation. He noted that Somerset Ave., West Main St., Cove Street and Charlotte Avenue are the proposed locations. He advised that the speed humps will slow vehicles to 10 mph and the areas targeted are high pedestrian locations. Mayor Taylor advised the Chief to check with other towns to see how they have worked out in regards to emergency vehicles.

Public Input –

No public input was offered

Council Comments

Councilwoman Johnson thanked Mr. Dave Thompson, for the information he had obtained and presented at the cemetery meeting. She also wished everyone a happy Crab Derby/Labor Day weekend.

Councilman Patel commented that he had missed the last meeting and the grass meeting. He noted that several bands will be performing this Crab Derby weekend, including On the Edge.

Councilman Lankford wished everyone a happy and safe Crab Derby/Labor Day weekend

Council Vice President Banks thanked the staff for their hard work and wished everyone a safe Labor Day weekend.

Councilman Goldsborough thanked the staff and thanked GCAC for their presentation, and the Water shed Protection Group as well. He encouraged everyone to enjoy the Crab Derby weekend events.

Mayor Taylor reminded everyone of the LESMA dinner/meeting on the 18th and the Clambake the following Wednesday. She noted that Councilman Goldsborough and Tim Howlett are heading up to continuation of the cemetery mowing program. She thanked Senator Van Halen for his support and meeting with the city. Mayor Taylor also noted that paving begins tomorrow at 8 AM at the corner of Woodson school and Calvary Road and then Woodson to Charlotte Avenue.

She also advised that more paving will be done on S. Somerset Ave. at the end of September. She noted that the city had planned to have several roads re-paved as flood mitigation project for the roads that were being elevated.

Mayor Taylor advised that the curb painting project has been rescheduled.

With no further business for discussion Councilwoman Johnson made motion to adjourn seconded by Councilman Patel and carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Joyce L Morgan Clerk Treasurer/City Manager

Prepared by Valerie Swift, Secretary