

City Council Meeting

June 6, 2013

Aldermen present: Mary Bohannon, Jim Sargent, David Rice, Ronnie Roper, and James Schmitz. Absent: Jeff Hayes.

The meeting was opened by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Mr. Ray King was present asking for variance of putting a trailer on his lot at 411 Newton St. The trailer is for his elderly parents to live in as long as needed. He assured the council he would move the trailer when his parents cease to live there. The council discussed Ordinance 88-3. After discussion, Jim Sargent made motion to grant the variance with the conditions the trailer would be moved when the parents cease to live in the trailer. Ronnie Roper seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Joe & Joann Larkin were present. There was a long discussion about the 8 ft. x 216' 11 1/2" strip of property that borders So. Hancock and Main St. David Rice made motion to sell the property to the Larkin's at \$3.00 per square ft. Total amount \$5,208.00. Ronnie Roper seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. (John Verkamp will take care of the deed & stamps; the Larkin's will pay ½ filing fees).

Steve Haney was present to further discuss the city taking in Pinnacle View Street. George Talkington had met with Terrell from Moore Contracting about the street. The council had lengthy discussion about this matter. Jim Sargent has concerns about the solid surface. Steve has agreed to get three bids for asphalt with reparable people and report back to the council. Jim Sargent made motion to grant a variance for 18 ft. roadway with conditions; the base is tested and the city knows the sub base is good, with 6 inch compacted gravel & 2 inch compacted asphalt. The city agrees to take in the street in one year with an approved compaction test and the street is still in good shape. David Rice seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Resolution 2013-01- To abandon the northern most alley lying between Hancock & Tilden St., within the city limits, with a hearing before the city council set for July 11, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Hiatt read the resolution. James Schmitz made motion to approve the Resolution. Ronnie Roper seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. (Publish twice)

Resolution 2013-02-To transfer part of Lots 1 & 2 and part of a platted alley in Block 40 of R.H. Eliason Plat to Charleston Investment Properties, Inc.

Mayor Hiatt read Resolution 2013-02. James Schmitz made motion to approve the Resolution. Ronnie Roper seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Tommy Qualls was present to discuss putting a RV motor home on a lot at South Adams & Prince St. temporarily until he can purchase other property.

David Rice made motion to grant a variance for 90 days, with an update if more time is needed. Ronnie Roper seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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The Legislative audit was presented to the council for discussion.

Consent Decree-Health Dept.- Mayor Hiatt received a letter from Arkansas Dept. of Health stating the City of Charleston Water Dept. has had several violations of the federal drinking water standards. The Dept. of Health has proposed a Consent Decree outlining a plan that will allow the city time to return to compliance with the standards. Violation to this decree will result in a sizeable penalty. Mayor Hiatt signed the consent decree, meaning this will give us time to be in compliance.

Project Coordinator- Tonya presented her monthly report. She reported to have a proposal for the Disaster Plan at next month's meeting.

Police Report- Billy Atchley presented his monthly report. We have one new police car and will pick up a SUV tomorrow.

Superintendent Report- George was present. He reported to the council that we do have a new trash truck. He plans to have it ready and running next week. Mayor Hiatt & the council had discussed last month to pay for the trash truck from the Street Dept. and make monthly payments of \$2,000.00 from the sanitation revenue until the balance is repaid. Repayment will begin July, 2013.

Mayor Hiatt was notified that the City of Charleston is one of the recipients to receive the Four Star Municipality Award.

The July Council meeting falls on the 4th of July holiday, so it has been changed to the next Thursday, July 11th.

Upon review of the water adjustments for the month, David Rice made motion to accept the adjustments and Ronnie Roper seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

All invoices for the previous month of City General and Water/Sewer O & M and W/S Revenue accounts were presented to the council for review and discussion. After review, all paid invoices were approved by David Rice and seconded by Jim Sargent. Motion carried 5-0.

James Schmitz made motion to adjourn. Jim Sargent seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.