

City Council Meeting

February 5, 2015

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

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

David Rice made motion to approve the minutes. James Schmitz seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Trailer Park issue- City Attorney John Verkamp reviewed Ordinance 88-3, the licensing of a mobile home space, not park. After discussion, Jim Sargent made motion to deny the request at the end of the 90 day grace period. Mary Bohannon seconded the motion. Motion carried by All saying Aye. 5-0. Mr. Verkamp will send a letter to Mr. Haney about the decision. He will site the reasons, and give a date in March.

Property & Casualty Insurance for 2015. Tonya checked with Municipal League Insurance and they quoted 6,751.03 based on covered value for building and personal property with 5,000.00 deductible. Arkansas Valley Insurance (Angie Young) quoted 10,899.00. The insurance is due by February 21st. After discussion, Jim Sargent made motion to table the matter and research the lower deductible amount and more information from Arkansas Valley Insurance. Ronnie Roper seconded the motion. Motion carried by All saying Aye. 5-0.

Mr. Jim Gattis has contacted George about his concerns with the roadway at 5th and School St. The council looked at pictures and discussed the matter. The council was satisfied as is.

Ordinance 15-01-An Ord. amending the wording of Ordinance # 2014-01, which was an Ordinance for the sole purpose of Revising the 2013 Budget for the City of Charleston. The incorrect states:

“Whereas, the City Council, City of Charleston, Arkansas, desires to operate within the State Audit Guidelines of the State of Arkansas and since there is enough revenue in checking and savings to cover all expenses without causing a hardship to the City of Charleston, the **budget should be revised to read**”

The Correct reads: “Whereas, the City Council, City of Charleston, Arkansas, desires to operate within the State Audit Guidelines of the State of Arkansas and since there is enough revenue in checking and savings to cover all expenses without causing a hardship to the City of Charleston, the **budget should be revised to equal the actual expenditures**”.

Jim Sargent made motion to introduce Ordinance 15-01. David Rice seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Mayor Hiatt read Ordinance 15-01. David Rice made motion to dispense second and third readings of Ord. 15-01. Mary Bohannon seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Jim Sargent made motion to adopt Ord.15-01. David Rice seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Ordinance 15-02- An Ord. Revising the 2014 City Budget .James Schmitz made motion to introduce Ord. 15-02. David Rice seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Mayor read Ord.15-02. David Rice made motion to dispense second and third readings. Ronnie Roper seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. David Rice made motion to adopt Ord.15-02. Ronnie Roper seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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Police Report- Chief Atchley presented his monthly report. Paul Clifford, new part time officer was present and gave reports on some of his cases. The council discussed hiring Mr. Clifford as a full time officer.

David Rice made motion to hire Paul Clifford as a full time police officer. Jim Sargent seconded the motion. Motion carried by All saying Aye. 5-0. His salary will reflect the Police Salary Schedule.

Tonya presented her monthly report. She stated the Police Dept. will receive the JAG grant of \$4,200.00. She completed the Waste Water Class 1 license, and is in the planning stage of Spring fest on May 2nd.

George presented his monthly report. Mary Bohannon made mention to take care of the ditch in front of Peggy Metcalf property on North Rattlesnake Rd.

State of the City- Mayor Hiatt read this year's State of the City Address. (copy)

Water Audit for 2013-2014 fiscal year was presented to the council for review and discussion. After review, there was no further comments.

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.

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.

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