

City Council Meeting

April 7, 2016

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

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

Jim Sargent made motion to approve the minutes from February. James Schmitz seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. March meeting was cancelled due to the State Tournament.

The Water audit for 2014-2015, from Beall Barclay Co., was presented to the council for discussion and review. Each council member reviewed the report and had no further questions. Jim Sargent commented "Good Job."

The City received an invoice from West River Valley RSWMD stating, due to problems in their accounting for 2015, they failed to bill the city for 10 months. The amount is \$5,447.55. The council discussed this matter and David Rice made a motion to pay the bill from 2015. Jim Sargent seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Lawnmower problems- Mowing season has begun. The current lawnmower is needing repairs. Mayor Hiatt received one bid on a new lawnmower from Wardens. It is a Grasshopper for \$14,478.75. After discussion, David Rice made motion to buy the lawnmower from Wardens. Ronnie Roper seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Employee Terry Jones has given his notice to retire on June 3, 2016. Mayor Hiatt suggested Police officer Daniel Little transfer to Terry's position in the Water Dept., and continue to work as a part time police officer when needed. Josh Brewton will step up to some of Terry's job descriptions. Also, a new police officer needs to be hired in order to attend the next available Police Academy. Chief Atchley recommended hiring Brandon Hendrix to replace Daniel Little. After the council discussed the employee matters, James Schmitz made a motion to transfer Daniel Little to the Water Dept. beginning June 6, 2016 with a beginning salary of \$12.50 per hour, and to increase Josh Brewton 25 cents an hour beginning June 6, 2016. Also in the motion, Mr. Schmitz added to hire Brandon Hendrix as a police officer beginning April 8, 2016 in order for him to begin the Police Academy in May. David Rice seconded the motion. Motion carried with all councilmen voting yes. 6-0.

Project Coordinator report- Tonya presented her monthly report to the council.

Superintendent's Report- George presented his monthly report. He talked about the street repairs to be made on Cannery St. He reported the sewer line on So. Logan has been extended past the Mercy Clinic. The Darby Lake pump station was struck by lightning and was replaced with a new motor.

Chief Atchley introduced the new police officer, Lianna Pell and mentioned the new police truck has been purchased.



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Mayor Hiatt received a letter from Terry Dictson, F.C. Senior Citizens Director, expressing the City of Charleston may have an interest in helping the center with payment for the freezers that had to be purchased. The council discussed this matter and Mary Bohannon made motion to donate \$500.00 to the Sr. Citizen's Center to be paid on the freezers purchase. James Schmitz seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Upon review of the water adjustments for the month of February and March of 2016, David Rice made motion to accept the adjustments and Jim Sargent seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

All invoices for the previous months of February and March 2016 of the City General and Water 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 6-0.

The City and Water quarterly budget vs. actual were presented to the council for review and discussion.

David Rice made motion to adjourn. Jim Sargent seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.