

**JOURNAL OF THE COUNCIL  
CITY OF SOUTH CHARLESTON**

The council met in its chambers in City Hall on June 19, 2008 at 7:30 p.m., EDT for the second meeting and was called to order by Mayor Mullens.

Rena Stephenson, Deputy City Clerk, called the roll and the following members were present:

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| Ben Paul        | Kent Rymer    |
| Sonny Holstine  | Gerri Jude    |
| Dayton Griffith | Paul Neal     |
| Jeff Means      | Jef Stevens   |
|                 | Mayor Mullens |

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**PRAYER**

Offered by Dayton Griffith.

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**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Rena Stephenson.

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**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

- Rena Stephenson, Deputy City Clerk
- Jim Wood Chief, Fire Department
- Brad Rinehart, Chief, Police Department
- Gerald Burgy, Director of Public Works
- Carlton Lee, City Manager
- Hanna Pettit, City Treasurer
- Mark Clark, Attorney

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**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Mr. Griffith moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of June 5, 2008; seconded by Mr. Paul and passed by a unanimous voice vote.

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## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

City Manager, Carlton Lee stated as the city has hired a new treasurer, a financial report will be ready at the next council meeting.

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## **PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE FROM AN R-0 (RESIDENTIAL OFFICE) TO A C-8 (COMMERCIAL) PROPERTY AT 4821 MCCLUNG STREET (SECOND READING) (MAYOR)**

It was moved by Mr. Paul; seconded by Mr. Means to adopt the ordinance. This passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

### **RECOGNIZE TIM RUNYAN REGARDING SECOND AVENUE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE (GRIFFITH)**

Chris Kinsey representing Tim Runyan appeared before council requesting permission for the church to close Second and Third Avenues on July 27 from 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. for their annual Biker Sunday event.

Therefore, it was moved by Mr. Griffith; seconded by Mr. Rymer to approve the request. This passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **APPROVE APPOINTMENTS OF MARGIE SPENCE AND MARGARET CHRISTIAN TO VISUAL ARTS COMMITTEE (JUDE)**

It was moved by Mr. Griffith; seconded by Mr. Paul to approve the appointments. This passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ARTICLE 951 TITLED, "REMOVAL OF WEEDS" AND REPLACE WITH ARTICLE 951 TITLED, "REAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE" (FIRST READING) (JUDE)**

It was moved by Ms. Jude, seconded by Mr. Paul to pass the ordinance on to a second reading. This passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RE-ADOPTING SECTION 361.13 REGARDING EXTENDED PARKING PERMITS FOR BUSINESSES (FIRST READING) (GRIFFITH)**

It was moved by Mr. Stevens; seconded by Mr. Paul to pass the ordinance on to a second reading. This passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Griffith stated the parking permits will be issued to businesses from the Mound to the three hundred block of Seventh Avenue.

**RECOGNIZE SOUTH CHARLESTON HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAM  
(HOLSTINE)**

Mayor Mullens recognized the girl's softball team and stated they were the runners up this year. Recognized were:

Jenny Schoolcraft	Morgan Holstine
Katy Brown	Keshia Butler
Chelsea Abbott	Chelsea Cobb
Chelse Hensley	Ali Holmes
Melia Bennett	Janee Robinson
Tahjane Hall	Maria Roberts
	Elizabeth Rabel

**DISCUSSION REGARDING WEST VIRGINIA AMERICAN WATER RATE REQUEST  
INCREASE (MAYOR)**

Wayne Morgan, President of WVAWC, appeared before council to discuss the proposed rate increase for West Virginia residents. Mr. Morgan stated they are proposing a \$14.7 million increase that will cover increased cost of petroleum, electricity, operating costs, and salary increases.

Mayor Mullens asked how WV compared to other states water rates.

Mr. Morgan answered rates are higher in WV as it is harder to provide water to WV customers.

Mr. Griffith stated as water rates had been raised just recently, he is concerned with the water company asking for an additional increase.

Mr. Morgan stated money is only made on investments.

Ms. Jude stated she had spoken to residents in her ward and the proposed increase will definitely be a hardship. She felt if the water company is passing their cost on to residents; then perhaps some in-house cost cutting should be considered.

Mr. Stevens asked what the last increase was. Mr. Morgan stated a 28% increase was asked for and they received at 14% increase.

Mr. Paul stated this was the process of negotiation; ask for more than what you will actually receive.

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**CONSIDERATION OF BIDS**

**USED HOPPER TRUCK FOR PUBLIC WORKS**

It was moved by Mr. Means; seconded by Mr. Paul to award the bid to American Truck and Equipment in the amount of \$5,500.00. This passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

**EMPLOYEE HEALTH CLINIC**

It was moved by Mr. Means; seconded by Mr. Paul to award the bid to Healthstat in the amount of \$194,643.72. This passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

**REPORT OF CITY ATTORNEY** – No written report.

**REPORT OF PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR** – No written report.

**REPORT OF POLICE CHIEF** – No written report.

**REPORT OF FIRE CHIEF** – Submitted a written report.

**REPORT OF RECREATION COMMITTEE** – Mr. Holstine reported on the 6-18 Recreation meeting.

**REPORT OF CITY TREASURER** – No written report.

**REPORT OF SANITARY BOARD MANAGER/ENGINEER** – No written report.

**REPORT OF CITY MANAGER** – No written report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Ms. Jude reported she had received approval of the residents of Spring Hill to hold the Octoberfest.

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**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

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**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

None.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Means moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Paul and passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Mullens adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

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**APPROVAL**

Approved this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

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Frank A. Mullens, Jr. Mayor

ATTEST:

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Rena Stephenson, Deputy City Clerk

