

JOURNAL OF THE COUNCIL
CITY OF SOUTH CHARLESTON

The council met in its chambers in City Hall on December 18, 2008 at 7:30 p.m., SDT for the second meeting and was called to order by Mayor Mullens.

Margie Spence, City Clerk, called the roll and the following members were present:

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

Absent was Dayton Griffith.

PRAYER

Offered by Dayton Griffith.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Margie Spence.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Margie Spence, City Clerk
Danny Smith, Recreation Director
Jim Wood Chief, Fire Department
Lt. David Cuningham, Police Department
Steve DeBarr, Sanitary Board Manager/Engineer
Carlton Lee, City Manager
Gerald Burgy, Director of Public Works
Mark Clark, City Attorney
Hanna Pettit, City Treasurer

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr. Neal moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of December 4, 2008; seconded by Mr. Paul and passed by a unanimous voice vote.

FINANCIAL REPORT

It was moved by Mr. Neal; seconded by Mr. Rymer to approve the financial report. This passed by a unanimous voice vote.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE BY THE CITY OF TWO PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY (SECOND READING) (PUBLIC HEARING) (MAYOR)

It was moved by Mr. Means; seconded by Mr. Paul to adopt the ordinance.

Mayor Mullens opened the floor to a public hearing. As there was no one to speak for or against, the ordinance passed by a unanimous voice vote.

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTED ARTICLE 712 TITLED, "RESIDENTIAL RENTAL LICENSING" (SECOND READING) (PUBLIC HEARING) (MAYOR)

It was moved by Mr. Means; seconded by Mr. Paul to adopt the ordinance.

Mayor Mullens opened the floor to a public hearing. As there was no one to speak for or against, the ordinance passed by a unanimous voice vote.

DISCUSSION REGARDING SUMMERFEST (MAYOR)

Mayor Mullens stated that as the City of Charleston announced it will no longer hold the Regatta, the idea of possibility moving Summerfest to Labor Day weekend was discussed. Therefore, Mayor Mullens appointed the following people to report back at a later date with suggestions: Gerri Jude, Chair, Paul Neal, and Ben Paul. It was moved by Mr. Paul; seconded by Mr. Means to change the date of Summerfest. Upon further discussion, this motion and second was rescinded.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS

ENDLOADER FOR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

It was moved by Mr. Means; seconded by Mr. Paul to award the bid to the West Virginia Department of Transportation in the amount of \$10,000.00. This passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

REPORT OF CITY ATTORNEY- No written report.

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS – No written report

REPORT OF POLICE CHIEF – No written report but Mayor Mullens presented a plaque to Crystal Keeney for saving the life of a neighbor’s baby with CPR when found by its mother lying face down in a bathtub. Also Lt. Cunningham reported that five officers will graduate from the academy tomorrow.

REPORT OF FIRE CHIEF – Submitted a written report. Chief Wood stated that an eligibility list of 30 firefighters is now ready and will be drawn from as needed.

REPORT OF RECREATION COMMITTEE – No written report.

REPORT OF CITY TREASURER – No written report.

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

REPORT OF CITY MANAGER – Submitted a written report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mayor Mullens stated city employees will work on December 24 until 1:00 p.m. The city will be closed on December 25 and 26.

The next scheduled council meeting will be January 2 (Friday) at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Mullens invited everyone to the city’s annual Christmas party at the South Charleston Community Center on Friday evening at 6:00 p.m.

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 7:55 p.m.

APPROVAL

Approved this ____ day of _____, 2008.

Frank A. Mullens, Jr. Mayor

ATTEST:

Margie Spence, City Clerk

