

JOURNAL OF THE COUNCIL
CITY OF SOUTH CHARLESTON

The council met in its chambers in City Hall on March 4, 2010 at 7:30 p.m., SDT for the first meeting and was called to order by Mayor Mullens.

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

Ben Paul	Sonny Holstine
Linda Anderson	Dayton Griffith
Paul Neal	Jeff Means
Jef Stevens	Kent Rymer
	Mayor Mullens

PRAYER

Offered by Dayton Griffith.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Margie Spence.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Margie Spence, City Clerk
Danny Smith, Recreation Director
James Wood, Fire Chief
Brad Rinehart, Police Chief
Steve DeBarr, Sanitary Board Manager/Engineer
Carlton Lee, City Manager
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 February 18, 2010; seconded by Mr. Paul and passed by a unanimous voice vote.

FINANCIAL REPORT

None.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS**UPDATE ON TECHNOLOGY PARK (MAYOR)**

Mayor Mullens stated the he was very disappointed with the irresponsible comments made by Charleston Area Alliance recently. He felt the city has been hands-on in helping with the transition of the tech park. Mayor Mullens stated he had received a phone call recently from Chancellor Nolan asking that he appoint a transition team. Therefore, Mayor Mullens appointed Councilman Means and Sanitary Board Manager/City Engineer, Steve DeBarr to this team.

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE ACQUISITION OF PART OF LOT 16, ALL OF LOT NUMBERS 17, 18, 19, 20 AND PART OF LOT 21 IN THE L.C. MASSEY SUBDIVISION OF MONTROSE DRIVE (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.

To Speak:

Tony Ciliberti – 220 Highland Ave. – has appealed to city since 2003 to help. Thanked Mayor and council for their ultimate decision.

Mike Mayes – 220 Quincy St. – thanked Mayor for help in abating the nuisance and approved of action.

Butch Paul – 332 Montrose Drive – felt the city should take control of the bldg. rather than purchase it.

Phil Raines – 525 Highland Ave. – complimented mayor and council on agreement and stated he supported the acquisition.

Richie Poe – 329 Tremont Ave. – has two young children and thanked the city for supporting the neighborhood.

Jim Grimes – 423 Highland – lives three houses from property – felt police are doing what can be done but to no avail.

Robin Carr – 400 Highland Ave. – lives across the street from property – knows firsthand of activities going on – thanked city for their support.

Mike Bumgarner – 231 Rosemont Ave. – has lived in area 18 yrs. – has three young children – fears for their safety in the neighborhood.

Kim Bernard – 506 Highland Ave. – has young children – does not allow them outside without her.

Amy Haynes – 305 Highland Ave. – felt in cleaning up tenants, a solution needs to be found for the building as it is in deplorable disrepair.

Nickie Curtain – 516 Highland Ave. – felt childrens lives are worth more than any amount of money spent on acquisition of buildings – thanked city for helping to abate a long time nuisance.

Ben Huffman – 301 Highland Ave. – stated apts. have deteriorated greatly in the last 10 yrs.

Tony Paterno – 307 Highland Ave – apts. have been an eyesore in the area for many yrs. – thanked the city for their support.

Warren Shirkey – 514 Highland Ave. – stated he served on the city’s property board many yrs ago and nuisance was present then.

Jim McClanahan – 404 Highland Ave. – has three young children – profanity written on bldg. – is a tremendous eyesore.

Sue Grimes – 423 Highland Ave. – is afraid for her safety in the neighborhood. Thanks for city’s support.

Councilman Paul spoke and thanked all who came to show support in voting to abate a long time nuisance.

Councilman Griffith spoke stating arranging long-term financing in the acquisition of the bldg. would help the city.

Therefore, Mayor Mullens appointed a committee to meet and bring back to council several options for acquisition: Ben Paul, Chair, Jeff Means, Finance Chair, Dayton Griffith, Carlton Lee, City Manager, and Steve DeBarr, City Engineer. Mayor Mullens stated citizens should also be asked to attend these meetings.

Councilman Stevens stated all speakers were simply addressing tenants only. Felt when the landowners license expired, city should deny renewal.

Councilman Neal – felt problem is due in part to property owners – run down buildings with undesirable tenants fall back on property owners and city not following up with restricted codes.

Therefore, by a 7-2 roll call vote the motion was approved to adopt the ordinance with Mr. Neal and Mr. Stevens voting in the negative.

BIDS

FERTILIZER SPREADER FOR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

It was moved by Mr. Means; seconded by Mr. Paul to award the bid to Reynolds John Deere Golf and Turf in the amount of \$29,831.40. This passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

REPORT OF RECREATION COMMITTEE – No written report.

REPORT OF FIRE CHIEF – No written report.

REPORT OF POLICE CHIEF – Submitted a written report.

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

REPORT OF CITY MANAGER – No written report.

REPORT OF PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR – No written report. Announced paving will begin in the Spring.

REPORT OF CITY ATTORNEY – No written report.

REPORT OF CITY TREASURER – No written report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS

None.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor Mullens adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

APPROVAL

Approved this ____ day of _____, 2010.

Frank A. Mullens, Jr. Mayor

ATTEST:

Margie Spence, City Clerk

