

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

The council met in its chambers in City Hall on March 5, 2009 at 7:30 p.m., SDT for the first meeting and was called to order by Mayor Mullens.

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

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

Absent was: Gerri Jude.

PRAYER

Offered by Dayton Griffith.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Rena Young.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Rena Young, Deputy 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. Paul moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of February 19, 2009; seconded by Ms. Jude and passed by a unanimous voice vote.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS**RECOGNIZE MRS. MARTIN AND 5TH GRADE CLASS OF MONTROSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (MAYOR)**

Mrs. Martin stated Montrose Elementary School is the only school in South Charleston selected to participate in the West Virginia Department of Education PBL project.

She stated our current research project will be on immigrants in the South Charleston area during the late nineteenth to early twentieth century. The class would like the City of South Charleston to help contribute to their research by helping obtain information relating to the history of South Charleston.

Mayor Mullens stated the city would donate a history book to the class to help with their project.

RESOLUTION REGARDING REQUIREMENTS OF RESTAURANTS (MAYOR)

It was moved by Mr. Means; seconded by Mr. Griffith to pass the resolution. This passed by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOUTH CHARLESTON AND THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA FOR VOLUNTARY SECTION 457 DEFERRED RETIREMENT PLAN (MAYOR)

It was moved by Mr. Neal; seconded by Mr. Means to pass the resolution. This passed by a 7-2 voice vote with Mr. Paul and Mr. Griffith voting in the negative.

UPDATE ON STIMULUS MONEY (MAYOR)

Mayor Mullens publicly thanked Senator John Rockefeller and Governor Joe Manchin for their support on the Central Avenue Overpass project. He also stated he would like to thank Congresswoman Shelley Moore Capito as she secured \$237,000.00 through an appropriation bill to help with the project.

DISCUSSION REGARDING B&O TAX CREDIT (MAYOR)

Mayor Mullens stated he would appoint a committee to consider increasing the B&O tax credit for new businesses in the city. Mayor Mullens appointed Mr. Means, Chairman, Ms. Jude and Mr. Griffith to the committee.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS**STREET LIGHTS IN LITTLE CREEK PARK**

Mr. Means stated installing street lights in Little Creek Park would cost \$25,654.99.

Therefore, it was moved by Mr. Means; seconded by Mr. Griffith to install the street lights. This passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

It was moved by Mr. Griffith; seconded by Mr. Neal to approve the report of the Public Works Director next on the agenda to hear a presentation by Foster Supply. This passed by a unanimous voice vote.

REPORT OF PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Foster Supply stated they submitted the wall that was built at the Mound in a Ready Rock Block competition and received first place. They would now like to present the award to the city.

Mr. Neal stated he had received a call from Tom Miller asking if the city could put a guard rail between South Street and Monroe Street as there was a car accident in this area with the car coming down into his back yard. Mr. Burgy stated he would check into this matter.

REPORT OF RECREATION COMMITTEE- No written report but Mr. Dennis Strawn was recognized and spoke to council regarding the Kanawha Trestle Trail project.

Mr. Strawn submitted to council an executive summary of what is proposed for the trestle project and would like for the city to be a part of the study. He stated a grant is trying to be obtained for the study and would like to have the city's endorsement.

Therefore, it was moved by Mr. Means; seconded by Mr. Paul to endorse the Kanawha Trestle Rail project. This passed by a unanimous voice vote.

REPORT OF FIRE CHIEF – No written report.

REPORT OF POLICE CHIEF – No written report.

REPORT OF SANITARY BOARD MANAGER/ENGINEER – No written report.
Mayor Mullens stated the demolition of Building 82 is scheduled for March 28, 2009 between 6:00 am and 9:00 am.

REPORT OF CITY MANAGER – Submitted a written report.

REPORT OF CITY ATTORNEY– No written report. Mr. Griffith asked if the State Senate passed the bill for Metro Government would the city be automatically included. City Attorney, Mark Clark, stated the city would have to wait one year after the bill passed, and then vote or residents could file a petition with at least 15% signatures.

REPORT OF CITY TREASURER – No written report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

None.

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.

APPROVAL

Approved this ____ day of _____, 2009.

Frank A. Mullens, Jr. Mayor

ATTEST:

Rena Young, City Clerk

