

JOURNAL OF THE COUNCIL
CITY OF SOUTH CHARLESTON

The council met in its chambers in City Hall on December 21, 2023 at 7:30 p.m., DST 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:

Westley Smolder	Tommy Spurlock
Bob Lilly	Kathleen Walker
Adam Strider	Kent Rymer
David DiFilippo	Laura Marker
	Mayor Mullens

PRAYER

Given by Kent Rymer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Margie Spence

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Shawn Zuniga, Recreation Director
Virgil White, Chief, South Charleston Fire Department
Brad Rinehart, Chief, South Charleston Police Department
Steve DeBarr, Engineer/Sanitary Board
Rick Atkinson, City Manager
Gerald Burgy, Director, Public Works Department
Michael Moore, City Attorney
Hannah Parsons, City Treasurer

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was moved by Mrs. Walker; seconded by Mr. DiFilippo to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2023 council meeting. This passed by a unanimous voice vote.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC HEARING

AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH AN ORDER CALLING FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR AN ADDITIONAL MUNICIPAL LEVY IN THE CITY OF SOUTH CHARLESTON, KANAWHA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA. THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH CHARLESTON, BEING OF THE OPTION THAT THE MAXIMUM LEVIES FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AUTHORIZED BY ARTICLE 8, CHAPTER 11, OF THE CODE OF WEST VIRGINIA, AS AMENDED, WILL NOT PROVIDE SUFFICIENT FUNDS FOR THE PAYMENT OF CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPALITY, INCLUDING EXPENDITURES FOR THE PURPOSES HEREINAFTER SET FORTH, AND THAT AN ELECTION SHOULD BE HELD TO INCREASE SUCH LEVIES UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 16, ARTICLE 8, CHAPTER 11, OF THE CODE AS AMENDED (SECOND READING) (MAYOR)

It was moved by Mr. Lilly; seconded by Mr. Smolder to approve the ordinance. This passed by a unanimous voice vote.

AN ORDINANCE TO ABANDON AND TRANSFER INTEREST IN A RIGHT-OF-WAY ADJACENT TO L STREET IN THE CITY OF SOUTH CHARLESTON (FIRST READING) (MAYOR)

It was moved by Mr. DiFilippo; seconded by Mrs. Marker to move the ordinance to a second reading. This passed by a unanimous voice vote.

AN ORDINANCE TO UPDATE THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AND GENERAL OFFENSES CODE OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF SOUTH CHARLESTON AND TO APPROVE AND ADOPT CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE (FIRST READING) (MAYOR)

It was moved by Mrs. Marker; seconded by Mr. Smolder to move the ordinance to a second reading. This passed by a unanimous voice vote.

AN ORDINANCE TO UPDATE THE TRAFFIC CODE OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF SOUTH CHARLESTON AND TO APPROVE AND ADOPT CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE (FIRST READING) (MAYOR)

It was moved by Mrs. Walker; seconded by Mr. Spurlock to move the ordinance to a second reading. This passed by a unanimous voice vote.

BIDS

MOBILE RADIOS – SOUTH CHARLESTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

It was moved by Mr. DiFilippo; seconded by Mr. Rymer to award the following bids to Discount Communications and Electronics for seven (7) Kenwood NX-1700 VHF Radios in the amount of \$13,813.45 and to Wolfe Communications for ten (10) Kenwood NX 5300 Radios in the amount of \$9,500.00. These bids passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

REPORT OF RECREATION DIRECTOR – No written report.

REPORT OF FIRE CHIEF – No written report.

REPORT OF POLICE CHIEF – No written report. Chief Rinehart reported that the Shop-with-a-Cop program was a success this year.

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

REPORT OF CITY MANAGER – No written report.

REPORT OF PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR – No written report.

REPORT OF CITY ATTORNEY – No written report.

REPORT OF CITY TREASURER – No written report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mayor Mullens stated that City Hall will be closed December 22 and December 29 for employees and staff to enjoy their families for the holidays.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. DiFilippo; seconded by Mr. Smolder to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Mullens adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm.

APPROVAL

Approved this ____ day of _____, 2023.

Frank A. Mullens, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Margie Spence, City Clerk