

JOURNAL OF THE COUNCIL
CITY OF SOUTH CHARLESTON

The council met in its chambers in City Hall on October 3, 2024 at 7:30 p.m., DST 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:

Tommy Spurlock
Kathleen Walker
Laura Marker
Adam Strider

Bob Lilly
Westley Smolder
Kent Rymer
David DiFilippo
Mayor Mullens

PRAYER

Given by Kent Rymer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Margie Spence, City Clerk.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Hunter Moles, Recreation Director
Chris Crowder, Police Department
Gerald Burgy, Building Inspector
Steve DeBarr, Engineering
Jake Arnold, 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. Smolder to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2024 council meeting. This passed by a unanimous voice vote.

FINANCIAL REPORT

None.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC HEARING**ANIMAL CONTROL (MAYOR)**

Mayor Mullens discussed with council the issues in the city regarding cats. Mrs. Marker stated that she has been receiving many calls from residents in her ward regarding feral and/or abandoned cats. The Kanawha County Animal Shelter will accept cats only if they have room for them. Also, the animal shelter will spay or neuter feral and/or abandoned cats and then they will be returned to the same area. Mayor Mullens asked for suggestions or ideas as to how to address the problem. It was decided by Mayor and council members to inform the public via website that the city would assist in spaying or neutering any feral and/or abandoned cat.

BIDS**TURF CARE CHEMICALS – LITTLE CREEK GOLF COURSE**

It was moved by Mr. DiFilippo; seconded by Mrs. Walker to award the bid to Advance Turf Solutions in the amount of \$53,743.35. This passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTING – LITTLE CREEK PARK

It was moved by Mr. DiFilippo; seconded by Mr. Rymer to award the bid to Christmas Done Bright for various Christmas lighting units in the amount of \$38,532.00. This passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER FEE PROPOSAL

It was moved by Mr. DiFilippo; seconded by Mr. Smolder to award the bid to ZMM Architects who has provided the proposed scope of work and fee schedule in the amount of \$5,388,000.00. This passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

HAUL ROAD AND BORROW AREA

It was moved by Mr. DiFilippo; seconded by Mr. Lilly to award the bid to The Thrasher Group who has provided the scope of work and fee proposal in the amount of \$570,000.00 and further authorizes the mayor to execute the contract after approval of form and terms by the city attorney. This passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

REPORT OF RECREATION DIRECTOR – No written report. Mr. Moles stated there will be an Open House at the Community Center on October 12.

REPORT OF FIRE CHIEF – No written report.

REPORT OF POLICE CHIEF – No written report. Mr. Rymer thanked the police department for their assistance at a recent funeral at Sunset Park.

REPORT OF SANITARY BOARD MANAGER/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

Laura Marker thanked Hunter Moles and Shawn Zuniga for their help with the activities at Fire Station No. 5.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Rymer; seconded by Mr. Smolder to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

APPROVAL

Approved this ____ day of _____, 2024.

Frank A. Mullens, Jr. Mayor

ATTEST:

Margie Spence, City Clerk