

## THE COMMON COUNCIL

May 02, 2022

6:30 P.M.

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF CHARLESTOWN WAS HELD AT THE A&E BUILDING ON MONDAY, MAY 02, 2022 AT 6:30 PM WITH MAYOR TREVA HODGES PRESIDING.**

Council members present were: Ruthie Jackson, BJ Steele, JT Cox and Bo Bertram, also present were Clerk Treasurer Donna Coomer, City Attorney Perry McCall and Common Council Attorney Mike Gillenwater. Absent was Brian Hester

### **Pledge**

All

### **Invocation**

Councilman Cox

### **Agenda**

Councilman Steele made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of the legislative youth advisor, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson. Approved 4-0.

### **Minutes, Claims and PR Voucher**

Councilman Cox made a motion to approve the Minutes of 04/04/2022, the Claims and PR Voucher from 04/04/2022 to 05/01/2022, seconded by Councilman Steele. Approved 4-0.

### **Public Comments**

Building Inspector Tony Jackson said he told Mr. Omerod to go before the Board of Public Works.

### **Ethan Biggs Legislative Youth Advisor Report**

Gave a report on activities and achievements at the schools.

### **Mayor's Comments**

### **Council Comments**

Councilwoman Jackson said because Charlestown High School was not going host an after prom. Some parents and businesses decided to pull together to give the kids an after prom.

### **Ordinance 2022-OR-04**

This ordinance appropriates \$77,000.00 from the American Rescue Plan money to install flooring on the splash pad at the Family Activity Park. Should this flooring get damaged it can be replaced in sections instead of the whole pad.

Councilman Cox made a motion to suspend the rules on passing Ordinance 2022-OR-04 on the first reading, seconded by Councilman Steele. Approved 4-0.

Councilman Steele made a motion to suspend the rules on Ordinance 2022-OR-04, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson. Approved 4-0.

Councilman Steele made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-OR-04 on the second and final reading, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson. Approved 4-0.

### **Ordinance 2022-OR-05**

This ordinance amends Ordinance 2021-OR-05 employee compensation of all city employees. Mayor Hodges said they have interviewed several individuals for the parks department and was unable to hire anyone for \$13.00 an hour. She is asking to raise the pay to a maximum \$18.00 an hour for the parks seasonal employees. The position for Director of City Services is currently vacant and she wants to put that salary in line with the supervisor's salary. Director of Planning & Zoning Tony Jackson is currently handling that position. Tony is handling everything in his department and she wants to alleviate stress from his office. We are experiencing record number of building permits. A city employee has expressed interest in training for a position in the building inspector's department.

Councilman Steele made a motion to approve the salary changes on Ordinance 2022-OR-05 on the first reading, seconded by Councilman Cox. Approved 4-0.

Councilman Steele made a motion to suspend the rules on Ordinance 2022-OR-05, seconded by Councilman Jackson. Approved 4-0.

Councilman Steele made a motion to approve the salary changes on Ordinance 2022-OR-05 on the second and final reading, seconded by Councilman Jackson. Approved 4-0.

### **Resolution 2022-R-2**

This Resolution is a declaration of intent to reimburse expenditures for sewer projects. Mayor Hodges said she went to Indianapolis and was joined by Mike Harris and Lori Wyatt from JTL. They met with Indiana Finance Authority (IFA) to discuss funding through SRF on the wastewater plant. We are trying to build a package to reduce our bond amount. The new plant projected to cost up to forty-five million (\$45,000,000.00). We are committing \$6.5 million from cash reserves and The American Rescue Plan (ARP), \$12 million dollars from River Ridge Authority and \$5 million from the READI Grant. We are looking at \$21 million dollars left over. IFA has requested us to amend our application to add in our collection system on 2 lift stations and bring this Resolution before you. Some of the expenses being taken now can be reimbursed from this Resolution.

Councilman Cox made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-R-2, seconded by Councilman Steele. Approved 4-0.

**READY**

Mayor Hodges gave an update for the READI Grant. She received an email and we can move forward on the Wastewater project. There are no amendments and RDA should vote on it in their June meeting.

**Schedule July Meeting**

The Council meeting will take place on Wednesday, July 6 at 6:30 p.m.at City Hall.

**Adjournment**

Councilman Cox made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Steele. Approved 4-0.

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MAYOR, TREVA HODGES

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CLERK TREASURER, DONNA S. COOMER

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