

THE COMMON COUNCIL

February 01, 2021

6:30 P.M.

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF CHARLESTOWN WAS HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 01, 2021 AT 6:30 P.M. AT CITY HALL WITH MAYOR TREVA HODGES PRESIDING.

Council members present were: Ruthie Jackson, Brian Hester, BJ Steele, Bo Bertram and JT Cox. Also present were Clerk Treasurer Donna Coomer, Common Council Attorney Michael Gillenwater and City Attorney Mickey Weber.

Pledge

None until further notice.

Invocation

None

Agenda

Mayor Hodges asked for approval on the agenda.

Councilwoman Jackson made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilman Hester. Approved 5-0.

Minutes, Claims and PR Voucher

A motion was made by Councilwoman Jackson to approve the Minutes of 01/04/2021, Claims and PR Voucher from 01/03/2021 to 01/31/2021, seconded by Councilman Hester. Approved 5-0.

Public Comment

None

Ethan Biggs Legislative Youth Advisor Report

Ethan Biggs gave a report on activities and events for Charlestown High School.

Mayor's Comments

We are still in the Red Zone and City Hall is closed to outside visitors. There is a drive through Covid testing site at the Family Activity Center. Councilman Hester asked for it to be put back on the website. Mayor Hodges said she will have Leah put it back on the website.

Ordinance 2021-OR-01

Mayor Hodges said this ordinance pertains for checks over two years old.

Councilwoman Jackson made motion to approve Ordinance 2021-OR-01 on the first reading, seconded by Councilman Bertram. Approved 5-0.

Councilman Hester made motion to suspend the rules on Ordinance 2021-OR-01, seconded by Councilman Steele. Approved 5-0.

Councilman Cox made motion to approve Ordinance 2021-OR-01 on the second and final reading, seconded, by Councilman Hester. Approved 5-0.

Resolution 2020-R-1

A Resolution approving an interlocal agreement between Clark County and the City of Charlestown concerning the Bethany Road Construction Project.

Councilwoman Jackson made a motion to table this Resolution until the next meeting, seconded by Councilman Hester. Approved 5-0.

Council Attorney Contract

Mayor Hodges asked approval for Council Attorney Mike Gillenwater's Contract.

Councilwoman Jackson made a motion to approve the contract for Council Attorney Mike Gillenwater, seconded by Councilman Hester. Approved 5-0.

Baker Tilly Report

Ms. Paige Sansone of Baker Tilly made a presentation about adopting a tax rate to fund the Cumulative Capital Fund. She looked back to 1998 and saw there was a Cumulative Capital Fund established, but could not find it had ever been funded by adopting the tax. The maximum Cumulative Capital tax rate is 5 cents per every \$100 of assessed value of property. That tax rate would have to be phased in over a minimum period of three (3) years.

Ms. Sansone described the statutory process necessary to impose this tax rate, if the Council chooses to do so, and said that the deadline to submit the request and establish the rate is April 30th of each year.

Councilman Hester said he is hesitant to impose a new tax because of economic hardship still being felt because of the Covid pandemic.

Second, he asked what the Mayor would like to see these new tax revenues spent on, if the Council chose to adopt it. Mayor Hodges said those funds could be used to help fix some drainage issues.

Council Comments

Councilman Cox wants to recognize Jimmy Walls. He gave his final sermon this past Sunday after 29 years as the pastor of First Baptist Church.

Adjournment

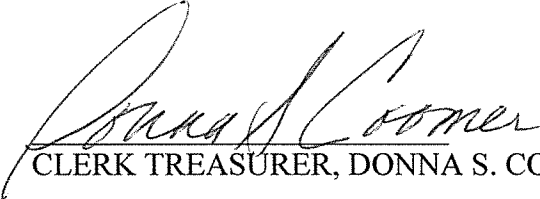
Councilman Cox made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Steele. Approved 5-0.



MAYOR, TREVA HODGES

3-7-2021
DATE

ATTEST:



CLERK TREASURER, DONNA S. COOMER

3-1-2021
DATE