

THE COMMON COUNCIL

MAY 05, 2021

6:30 P.M.

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF CHARLESTOWN WAS HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 05, 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

Everyone

Invocation

Councilman JT Cox

Agenda

Mayor Hodges said Ruthie wants to make an addition to the agenda to have a discussion about the Bethany Road payoff to the county.

Councilwoman Jackson made a motion to add discussion about Bethany Road and approve the agenda, seconded by Councilman Steele. Approved 5-0.

Minutes, Claims and PR Voucher

Councilman Hester made a motion to approve the Minutes of 04/08/21 & 04/21/21, the Claims and PR Voucher from 04/05/2021 to 05/02/2021, seconded by Councilman Cox. Approved 5-0.

Public Comment

None

Ethan Biggs Legislative Youth Advisor Report

Gave an update on Charlestown High School activities and events.

Mayor Comments

Mayor Hodges presented a list of drainage issues in the city and asked the council to review them. Tubby has been in contact with JTL on major areas. We can prioritize and be in compliance with ADA on sidewalks. This list will be presented at the next meeting. The school has been made aware of the problems on the drainage. They would like to work with the city on the repairs. Councilman Hester asked about Oriole drainage. Mayor Hodges said we never received any thing back, but will follow up. Councilman Hester said he will follow up with them.

Common Council Comments

He received a text about Highview/Lakeview property that was sold to Jeremy Ward. He has been waiting to receive something on Lot #70 in Highview/Lakeview. City Attorney said he has not been in contact with him. Mayor Hodges said we will get it mitigated.

Ordinance 2021-OR-04

This ordinance amends Ordinance 2020-OR-28 to include the Sanitary Board member's salary amounts. There was discussion on this Ordinance and it was tabled until the next meeting.

Councilman Steele made a motion to table Ordinance 2021-OR-04, until the next meeting, seconded by Councilman Hester. Approved 5-0.

Ordinance 2021-OR-05

This Ordinance amends the dog park Ordinance 2018-OR-05. We will no longer charge for the dog park. Anyone who has paid a fee could be entitled to a refund, but must turn in their key fob.

Councilman Hester made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-OR-05 on the first reading, seconded by Councilman Cox. Approved 5-0.

Councilman Steel made a motion to suspend the rules on Ordinance 2021- OR- 05, seconded by Councilman Cox. Approved 5-0.

Councilman Steel made a motion to approve the second and final reading on Ordinance 2021-OR-05, seconded by Councilman Cox. Approved 5-0.

Council Attorney suggested to Mayor Hodge to make sure the signs are posted in the park before the ordinance goes into effect. She replied that she will make sure it does not go into effect until after the signage is posted.

Resolution 2021-R- 5

This Resolution authorizes the release of a request for proposals/qualifications under Indiana Code §5-23 and taking certain other actions related thereto.

Mr. Paul Wheatley gave an overview of the Build Owner Transfer (BOT. This Resolution authorizes the Mayor or her designee to determine projects by utilizing Indiana Code 5-23 to publish public advertisements and request for proposals and qualifications. There would be a guaranteed maximum price and the developer would not have any change orders. The biggest thing is the risk transfer is taken off the city and put on the developer. The police station was under Statute §5-30, a design that was similar.

Councilman Steele made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-R-5, second by Councilman Hester. Approved 5-0.

Facebook Page

Councilman Hester asked about the Council President or a Council Member having admin rights to the City Facebook Page. Mayor Hodges asked Councilman Hester to meet with her concerning the Facebook Page. Councilman Hester said he will meet with her.

Bethany Road

Mayor Hodges said we can approve \$600,000.00 to pay for the Bethany Road Project. Mayor Hodges said when we do the budget in August we can revisit this and maybe have a reserve to pay it off.

Councilman Cox made a motion to authorize a payment of \$600,000.00 from the Capital Trust Fund to Clark County Commissioners for the Bethany Road Project, second by Councilman Hester. Approved 4-1 with a nay vote by Councilwoman Jackson.

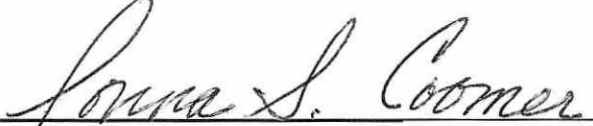
Adjournment

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


MAYOR, TREVA HODGES


DATE

ATTEST:


CLERK TREASURER, DONNA S. COOMER


DATE