

City Council Meeting

May 7, 2015

Aldermen present: Mary Bohannon, Jim Sargent, Jeff Hayes, David Rice, James Schmitz and Ronnie Roper.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Jim Sargent made motion to accept the minutes. Ronnie Roper seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Ben Thomas with World of Wireless (WOW), was present to discuss new wireless high speed internet service to citizens of Charleston. He proposed seeking a 10 year agreement to lease tower space with the City of Charleston, offering free internet service to city hall in exchange for WISP equipment access on our water tower. After lengthy discussion, Jim Sargent made motion to approve the proposal with the understanding we are not required to provide electric service, but may elect to, and this is not a franchise agreement. Ronnie Roper seconded the motion. Motion carried by ALL voting YEA. 6-0.

Water and Sewer Line Extension: The council discussed the project of a water/sewer line extension of approximately 117 ft. and put in a new manhole on So. Logan St.

Also, another project of a car lot on Hwy. 22 west of Charmont, is requesting water service. If the newly purchased land adjoining this property also requests water, then putting in a 6 inch line would be better for future use.

The mayor was contacted about a future trailer park requesting sewer at the end of No. Greenwood and Hwy. 217 (which is outside city limits.) There has not been a proposal about this project, but the city does have capacity problems in our pipes and pump station in that area and that would be something to consider.

Proj.Coordinator Report- Tonya presented her monthly report.

Superintendent Report- George presented his monthly report.

Police Report- Chief Billy Atchley presented his monthly report.

The City and Water quarterly financial statement/budget was presented to the council for review and discussion. The council had no further questions on their review.

The transfer of Street money to salary was discussed by the council. Jim Sargent made motion stating: As has been the case for previous years, the sum of \$20,000.00 shall be transferred from the Street Dept. to City General, albeit insufficient, but to provide for the compensation of city employees who provide part time labor on or for the benefit of the City Street Dept. David Rice seconded the motion. Motion carried with ALL voting YEA 6-0.

Upon review of the water adjustments for the month, David Rice made motion to accept the adjustments and James Schmitz seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

All invoices for the previous month of City General and Water/Sewer O & M and W/S Revenue accounts were presented to the council for review and discussion. After review, all paid invoices were approved by David Rice and seconded by Ronnie Roper. Motion carried 6-0.

David Rice made motion to adjourn. Jim Sargent seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.