CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, September 15, 2022

Council Meeting - 12:00PM
CENTER POINT CITY HALL

MINUTES

A. Call to Order

B. Invocation

Councilwoman Copeland led the invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

D. Roll Call

Councilman Jones, Councilwoman Copeland, Councilman Williams, Sr., President Collins and Councilwoman Tiffany Moore

E. Evidentiary Hearing

E.1. Address concerns at 2705 8th Street

President Collins informed Ms. Kuransky that the evidentiary hearing would not take place because all parties were not present.
Ms. Kuransky asked what the deadline would be for the hearing (30 days or 60 days). Attorney Hendrix informed her the hearing would be rescheduled to the next council meeting.

F. Approval of Agenda

President Collins presented the agenda for consideration. Councilwoman Jones made a motion to adopt the agenda. Councilwoman Copeland seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, the motion was adopted unanimously.

G. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

All items designated as “Consent” are routine and non-controversial and will be approved by one motion. NO separate discussion of these items will be permitted unless a Councilmember, the Mayor, or citizen interested in further discussion or hearing so requests, if so, such item (s) will revert to its normal place on the Agenda Order of Business.

G.1. September 1, 2022, Meeting Minutes

Councilman Jones made a motion to adopt the September 1st, 2022, Council Meeting Minutes. Councilwoman Moore seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, the motion was adopted unanimously.

H. Consent Agenda

President Collins - Resolution No. 2022-71 authorizes the city to take immediate action to remedy mold found at the horticulture building. The health and welfare of the employees and citizens are of the utmost concern to the city council. Resolution No. 2022-71 Councilwoman Moore made a motion for unanimous consent to consider the agenda. Councilwoman Jones seconded the motion. President Collins called for a roll call vote.

Yes: Councilwoman Jones, Councilwoman Copeland, Councilwoman Moore, Councilman Glenn Williams, Sr. President Collins

No: None

H.1. Resolution No. 2022-70 Appointing Poll Workers

H.2. Resolution No. 2022-71 Authorizing Emergency Contract Services for Mold Remediation, Roof Replacement/Repair, HVAC Cleaning, and Water Moisture Abatement of the Horticulture and Sanitation Building

H.3. 2023 Fiscal Year Budget

H.4. Resolution No. 2022-72 Travel Advance

H.5. Resolution No. 2022-73 Economic Development Grant Award

The Economic Development Committee awarded Sigsoog, LLC a $10,000 Capital Improvement Grant and a $5,000 Business Incentive Grant.

H.6. Resolution No. 2022-74 Declaring City Property Surplus

H.7. John's Plumbing Invoice to reroute the water lines from the sanctuary to the community center

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H.8. Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood Invoices

I. Public Comment

J. Presentation

K. Discussion/Action

K.1. Amend Business License Ordinance

President Collins- this ordinance will increase the base business license fee from $100 to $200 and the issuance fee will increase from $12 to $14. Councilwoman Moore made a motion to suspend the rules for immediate consideration to amend the business license ordinance. Councilwoman Copeland seconded the motion. President Collins called for a roll call vote:

Yes: Councilwoman Jones, Councilwoman Copeland, Councilwoman Moore, Councilman Glenn Williams, Sr. and President Collins

No: None

The motion was adopted unanimously.

Councilwoman Moore made a motion to amend the business license ordinance. Councilwoman Copeland seconded the motion. President Collins called for a roll call vote.

Yes: Councilwoman Jones, Councilwoman Copeland, Councilwoman Moore, Councilman Glenn Williams, Sr. and President Collins

No: None

The motion was adopted unanimously.

K.2. Amend Nuisance Ordinance

Councilwoman Moore made a motion for unanimous consent to consider amending the nuisance ordinance. Councilwoman Jones seconded the motion. President Collins called for a roll call vote:

Yes: Councilwoman Jones, Councilwoman Moore, Councilwoman Copeland, Councilman Williams, Jr. and President Collins

No: None

The motion was passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Moore made a motion to amend the nuisance ordinance. Councilwoman Jones seconded the motion. President Collins called for a roll call vote:

Yes: Councilwoman Jones, Councilwoman Moore, Councilwoman Copeland, Councilman Williams, Sr. and President Collins

No: None

The motion was passed unanimously

K.3. Consider Sheriff's Enhanced Agreement

President Collins announced Sheriff Pettway was in attendance and yielded the floor to him for comments and questions. Sheriff Pettway introduced himself and his deputies. Councilman Williams asked if the city does not agree to the proposed contract, will Jefferson County Sheriff's Department still have a presence in the city? Sheriff Pettway said the contract is in place to ensure there are deputies in the city to enforce the laws.

Attorney Hendrix stated he had been in communication with the attorney for the Sheriff's Department. They are reviewing the contract again. President Collins-does that mean you are considering the counteroffer? Sheriff Pettway-yes, we are making changes to what we can.

Councilwoman Moore- we received the contract last year and we met with Chief Deputy Hill. We left the meeting with the understanding our concerns would be included in the new contract. We were disheartened that it didn't happen. All we wanted was to make sure the neighborhoods and residents were safe. We put a good effort into trying to work with the Sheriff's Department. We only ask for accountability, feedback and a liaison.

Sheriff Pettway- recently we met with the mayor and President Collins to discuss community policing. We can make this happen. We want a good working relationship with the city as well.

This item was tabled to a future meeting.

K.4. Purchase vehicle for Senior Center Department

Councilwoman Moore made a motion for unanimous consent to consider purchasing a vehicle for the Senior Center Department. Councilwoman Jones seconded the motion. President Collins called for a roll call vote.

Yes: Councilwoman Jones, Councilwoman Moore, Councilwoman Copeland, Councilman Glenn Williams, Sr., President Collins

No: None

The motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Moore made a motion to purchase a vehicle for the Senior Center Department for $26, 766.00 Councilwoman Jones seconded the motion. President Collins called for a roll call vote.

Yes: Councilwoman Jones, Councilwoman Moore, Councilwoman Copeland, Councilman Glenn Williams, Sr., President Collins

No: None

The motion passed unanimously.

L. Reports- Mayor & Committee Chairs

L.1. Economic Development/ Public Safety- President D.M. Collins

L.2. Park & Recreation- Councilman Glenn Williams, Sr.

L.3. Public Works- Councilwoman Tiffany Moore

L.4. Education & Library- Councilwoman Sharon Jones

L.5. Finance Report-Councilwoman Ebonee Copeland, Chair

M. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting stood adjourned.

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Tameeka Vann, City Clerk

Approved:

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D.M. Collins, President

Date: ______________________________