

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT
REGULAR WORK SESSION
MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2015
6:00P.M.**

1. OPENING

1.1.1 Call to Order

Council President Simms called the meeting to order at 6:06p.m.

1.1.2 Roll Call

Present: Mayor Eugene Grant, Councilmember Johnie L. Higgs, Sr., Councilmember Kelly Porter, Councilmember Gerald R. Raynor, Sr., Councilmember Elenora Simms, Councilmember Reveral Yeargin

Absent: Councilmember Eugene Kennedy, Councilmember Aretha Stephenson

Staff: Robert Ashton, Acting City Administrator & City Treasurer, Orson Carter, Assistant City Treasurer, Christopher Cotillo, Chief of Police, Lt. Earl Ivey, Dashaun N. Lanham, City Clerk, Chane'e Williams, Code Enforcement Officer, Ukkunkdoowaka, Nuisance & Abatement Coordinator

1.1.3 Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:

The invocation was given by Councilmember Porter

1.1.4. Approval of Agenda

It was motioned by Councilmember Porter and seconded by Councilmember Raynor to approve the agenda. The motion carried and the agenda was unanimously approved.

2. PRESENTATIONS:

2.1. None

3. REPORTS:

3.1. Mayor Grant stated that he does not have a report for the month of December.

3.2. Mr. Ashton stated that the City Administrator and City Treasurer reports are included in the packet.

3.3. Departmental Reports

- The Council reviewed the written reports submitted by the departments for the month of November.

3.4. City Council Committee Reports

- The Council Committee report were included in the meeting packet, which details the meetings of the committee.
- Councilmember Raynor stated that the Finance and Budget Committee met to discuss the re-alignment of the City Wards, replacement of the audio equipment in the council chambers and meeting with the Financial Planner regarding the final report.
- Councilmember Porter stated the Economic Development Report is the Ordinance that is being introduced today.

4. LEGISLATION

4.1. Ordinance O-16-02 Chapter 148 Vacant Property Registration. Ordinance O-16-02 was introduced by the City Council on Monday, December 7, 2015 and read by the City Clerk.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1. None

6. NEW BUSINESS:

6.1. Approval of Final Payment for Website Redesign

- Mr. Ashton stated that the website was redesign and the total amount for the redesign was \$8,000. The city has a balance of \$4,000 and he would like for the City Council to authorize the payment.
- The City Council requested for a budget amendment to be prepared and submitted to them on Monday, December 14, 2015 to pay for the balance of the invoice.

6.2. Approval to Execute Verizon Settlement Agreement

- The City Council approved for the Acting City Administrator to execute the settlement agreement letter with Verizon. The City Council signed a letter giving the Acting City Administrator authority to execute the document on behalf of the City.
- It was motioned by Councilmember Yeargin and seconded by Councilmember Higgs to authorize the Acting City Administrator to execute the settlement agreement letter for Verizon. The motion carried and was unanimously approved by the City Council.

7 ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 7.1. **PGCMA Legislative Dinner, Tuesday, December 8, 2015, Newton White Mansion at 6:00p.m.**
- 7.2. **Register of Wills, Thursday, December 10, 2015, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers at 10:00a.m.**
- 7.3. **Public Session, Monday, December 14, 2015, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers at 7:00p.m.**
- 7.4. **Seat Pleasant Holiday for Kids, Saturday, December 19, 2015, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers at 2:00p.m.**
- 7.5. **Regular Work Session, Monday, January 4, 2016, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers at 6:00p.m.**
- 7.6. **Public Session, Monday, January 11 2015, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers at 7:00p.m.**

- It was motioned by Councilmember Yeargin and Seconded by Councilmember Higgs to begin the Closed Session. The motion carried. The City Council met in accordance with General Provisions Article §3-305 (b) 1. To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.
- The City Council reconvened in the Regular Work Session at 8:01p.m.
- It was motioned by Councilmember Yeargin and seconded by Councilmember Higgs to terminate the contract of LaTasha C. Gatling as

the City Administrator. The motioned carried and was unanimously approved by the City Council.

- It was motioned by Councilmember Porter and seconded by Councilmember Higgs to pay the former City Administrator LaTasha C. Gatling three month severance pay at the rate she was giving as the City Administrator.
- FOR: Higgs, Porter, Raynor and Simms
- ABSTAIN: Yeargin
- AGAINST: None

ADJOURN-The City Council departed the meeting 8:12p.m.

Submitted by,



Dashaun N. Lanham, CMC
City Clerk

APPROVED 01/11/16