

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
JUNE 22, 2020

Charles City city council met in a planning session on June 22, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. both in person and remotely via Zoom.com due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Present in the chambers were Mayor Dean Andrews, council members DeLaine Freeseaman and Jerry Joerger and present remotely were council members Keith Starr, Phoebe Pittman and Phillip Knighten. Also present were city administrator Steve Diers, city attorney Brad Sloter and city engineer John Fallis.

An ordinance has been drafted to address violations of the tree dump the city operates on Shaw Avenue. This site is supposed to be for city residents use only but there has been a lot of people from outside the city limits over the past few years that are dumping their trees and brush there. Our current ordinance does not allow for any citations to be given to these non-residents. The county does not have a dump site since county residents are allowed to burn their own trees and brush on their property. This ordinance would allow for a simple misdemeanor to be charged or a municipal infraction of up to \$750. Mayor Andrews asked if we could write it so that anyone can come get the mulch, not just city residents and Attorney Sloter replied yes. It will be on the next regular council agenda for the first reading.

Additional work is needed for the storm sewer replacement project on Clinton Street. Sections between 9<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Streets have been discovered to be in poor shape and need replaced. This will require a change order for this project. Staff wanted to discuss this tonight and have it on the July 6 regular meeting for action so that the project can keep on schedule.

City administrator Diers reported that due to the recent uptick in COVID cases in Floyd County, city hall will close again to the public. He asked how the council wanted to proceed with conducting council meetings. Consensus was that since city hall is closed to the public, the council should follow suit and conduct their meetings all remotely.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Dean Andrews, Mayor

Attest:

Trudy O'Donnell, city clerk