

October 29, 2013

Mayor Tim Gover called the Joint Council meeting with Charleston City Council to order at 6:30 p.m. at the LifeSpan Center, located at 11021 E. County Road 800 North; Charleston, IL 61920.

Self-introductions were conducted by the following which were physically present: Commissioners Dave Cox, Sandra Graven, Rick Hall, and Preston Owen. Charleston Mayor Larry Rennels requested Council Members Tim Newell, Brandon Combs, Jeff Lahr, and Matt Hutti to introduce themselves who were physically present.

City of Mattoon personnel in physical attendance were: City Administrator Gill, Fire Chief Nichols, Police Chief Branson, City Attorney Winter-Black, Finance Director & Treasurer Wright, Tourism & Arts Director Burgett, Library Director Franklin, and City Clerk Susan O'Brien.

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

Mayor Rennels introduced Dr. William Perry, President of Eastern Illinois University. Dr. Perry informed attendees of EIU's academic excellence, enrollment, technologies, and partnerships with cities and county.

Mayor Gover introduced Dr. Jonathan Bullock, President of Lake Land College. Dr. Bullock informed attendees of Lake Land College's academic excellence, variety of programs, enrollment, zero energy building, and community engagement.

Mayor Rennels introduced Ms. Angela Griffin, Executive Director of Coles Together, and Mr. Anthony Pleasant of Coles Together. Director Griffin updated the attendees on the community growth and challenges facing Coles Together; and highlighted projects and Choices program. Mr. Anthony Pleasant of Coles Together updated the attendees on the Enterprise Zone incentive tool, recent growth, and expansion changes.

Mayor Gover introduced Mr. Kelly Lockhart, Executive Director of Coles County Regional Planning & Development Commission (CCRP-DC). Director Lockhart informed the attendees of the updates to the GIS and mapping activities, CDAP Housing Grant (HOME), the hazardous waste collection event, and upcoming renovations to the County Courthouse.

Mayor Rennels introduced Administrator Gill and Manager Smith who updated the attendees on various intergovernmental agreements, equipment sharing, municipal electrical aggregation contracts, and Coles County Alliance activities.

The Mayors each introduced staff in attendance and allowed other Council members to voice comments.

Commissioner Hall seconded by Council Newell moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Mayor Gover declared the motion carried by the following vote: YEA Commissioner Cox, YEA Commissioner Graven, YEA Commissioner Hall, NAY Commissioner Owen, YEA Mayor Gover; YEA Mayor Rennels, YEA Council Member Combs, Council Member Hutti, YEA Council Member Lahr, and YEA Council Member Newell.

/s/ Susan J. O'Brien
City Clerk