

**BOROUGH OF CHARLEROI
COUNCIL MEETING
September 13, 2023**

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ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Gregg Doerfler
Joseph Smith, Council Vice President
Nancy Ellis, Council Member
Jerry Jericho, Council Member
Solicitor Sean Logue, Esq.

Frank Paterra, Council President
Paul Pivovarnik, Council Member
Larry Celaschi, Council Member
Randy DiPiazza, Council Member

Procedure of Regular Meeting:
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
Call to Order/Roll Call

September 13, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.

Motion: Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of **August 9, 2023**

PRESENTATIONS/IN ATTENDANCE

- N/A

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Individuals or group representatives who have signed in prior to the meeting, shall be a resident or tax paying business owner within the Borough of Charleroi, will have three (3) minutes of microphone time to address Council during the public participation portion of the meeting. We prefer if there is a group, a representative be chosen to speak. Audience comments will not be permitted following the public portion of the meeting; therefore, we ask that you please review the agenda for any item(s) you may wish to discuss. We have, in the past, had individual's direct comments to Mayor and Council that were not correct or could not be documented. For that reason, we ask that your information be to the point and factual. Although we may not be able to answer your question at this meeting, we will refer your request or recommendation to the proper department for any necessary action.

CLOSED TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

COMMITTEES

Finance Nancy Ellis & Larry Celaschi
Public Works Gregg Doerfler
Parks and Rec Jerry Jericho & Paul Pivovarnik
Fire Ems & Animal Control Jerry Jericho

Personnel Larry Celaschi & Joseph Smith
Code Randy DiPiazza
Police Gregg Doerfler Larry Celaschi & Joseph Smith
Community Planning Nancy Ellis

AGENDA

1. Ratify the August 2023 Municipal list of expenses and payments in the amount of \$142,604.82
2. Approve minimum municipal obligation (MMO) Charleroi Borough Pension Plan for the year 2024
3. Authorize to hire Dennis E. Smith, United Code Consultants on an interim basis at a rate of \$65.00 an hour
4. Authorize to advertise for tree pruning services, with bids being due by September 29, 2023 by end of business
5. Approve Woodland Avenue Playground to be named Robert Whiten Sr. Playground
6. Authorize to advertise for school crossing guards with an increase in salary

ORDINANCES:

FINAL READING (vote required)

FIRST READING (no vote required)

ORDINANCES: FIRST READINGS: Dog Ordinance

Part 1. DOGS RUNNING AT LARGE

§ 101 Definitions

As used in this Part, the following terms have the meaning indicated, unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context.

- Dog Control: the apprehending, holding, and disposing of stray or unwanted dogs or activities that reduce the number of dog related problems.
- Owner: Any person having a right of property in any dog or having custody of any dog, or any person who harbors or permits a dog to remain on or about any premises occupied by him.
- Running at Large: Being upon any highway, street, alley, park, or any other public land or upon property of another person other than the owner's and not being accompanied by or under the control of the owner or any other person having custody of said dog.

§ 102 Unlawful to Allow Dogs to Run at Large

It shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog or dogs to allow or permit such dog or dogs to run at large in the Borough of Charleroi.

§ 103 Seizure of Dogs

Any Borough police officer may seize any dog found running at large in the Borough. Any animal control officer may seize any unlicensed dog running at large in the Borough, but any such animal control officer may seize licensed dogs

running at large in the Borough only under the supervision and control of a Borough police officer. Any dog thus seized is to be impounded in a licensed kennel or in a kennel maintained by the Borough.

§ 104 Licensed Dogs

Owners of licensed dogs must be notified by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested that the dog is impounded and will be disposed of in five days if not claimed. Five days after the return receipt has been received, and the dog has not been claimed, the dog may be sold or destroyed in accordance with the Dog law.

§ 105 Unlicensed Dogs

Unlicensed dogs that are seized are to be held in such kennel for 48 hours and if not claimed may be destroyed in accordance with the Dog law.

§ 106 Dogs that Threaten

Every Borough police officer may kill any dog which is found running at large and is deemed, after due consideration by the police officer, to constitute a threat to the public health and welfare.

§ 107 Penalties

1. The owner or claimant of the dog detained by the Borough, or its animal control officer shall pay a penalty of \$15 to the Borough plus all reasonable expenses incurred by reason of the dog's detention before the dog is returned to the owner or claimant. The Board of Supervisors may fix and amend by resolution a fixed and reasonable fee for detaining the animal in the Borough kennel (hereinafter referred to as "kennel fees").
2. The Borough's animal control officer is authorized to collect said penalties and kennel fees on behalf of the Borough and shall promptly remit such collected monies to the Borough.
3. Any person found in violation of any provision of Article II through Article VIII, inclusive of the Dog Law and/or Part, upon conviction thereof an action brought before a district justice in the manner provided for the enforcement of summary offenses under the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$1,000 plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and costs to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 90 days. Each day that a violation of this Part continues or each Section of this Part which shall be found to have been violated shall constitute a separate offense.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING