

Surplus property, other languishing issues raised

Councilman goes down his list of unfinished business

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CRISFIELD — Councilman Erik Emely is again pushing for a surplus property sale to include tagged and insured city vehicles “that don’t run” along with real estate in the city’s name.

There’s a dump truck, pickup truck, SUV, Crown Victoria and the old garbage truck that are “history” and he urged his fellow council members at last Wednesday’s city meeting to declare them surplus to get them sold.

Likewise, the city owns the former

Charter Communications building on West Main Street uptown, and a lot at 329 Cove Street that it took possession of in January 2015 and razed the burned-out house.

City Solicitor Michael Sullivan said the formal declaration of the surplus nature of these properties should be made at the Dec. 14 meeting, with the details about each outlined at that time.

Surplus property was just one of several past agenda items that Mr. Emely wanted brought to the forefront for action. Others included the random drug testing policy — implemented but never moved along to the point it could actually be used — and rules for those wanting to hold an event at the City Dock.

He also pointed out that the City Manager was overdue with his report of his first year of service, something required annually. On that Rick Pollett said it would be ready before Thanksgiving.

Another pending item is a work session about the plan requested by the Greater Crisfield Action Coalition. A ruling about council member eligibility to actually vote on it is being requested of the Ethics Commission, but that group has never met and the attorney Mr. Sullivan contacted has not yet held a meeting. It was doubtful much would take place with the holidays pending, but Vice President LaVerne Johnson said she is ready to take up GCAC once the ethics board issues an opinion.

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