



City of Claremont Regular Meeting Minutes Monday, May 2, 2016

The regular City Council meeting of the City of Claremont was held in the Council Chambers located at Claremont City Hall at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 2, 2016.

The following members of the Claremont City Council were present: Mayor Shawn Brown, Councilmember Timothy Lowrance, Councilmember Dale Sherrill, Councilmember Lee Miller, Councilmember Dayne Miller and Councilmember David Morrow.

The following personnel of the City of Claremont were present: City Manager Catherine Renbarger, City Clerk Wendy Helms, Police Chief Gary Bost, Fire Chief Bart Travis, Public Services Director Tom Winkler, Public Services Supervisor Bo Prince, Captain Allen Long, Recreation Coordinator Michael Orders, Finance Officer Stephanie Corn, City Planner Elinor Hiltz, Police Officer David Clark, Police Officer Brandon Grant, Police Officer Michael Kirby, Police Officer Bryan Martin and City Attorney Bob Grant.

Others in attendance were: Robert Smith, Tamarah Hefner, Darla Peeler, Jill Booker, Cindy Yount, Tiffany Caudle, Quentin Caudill, Shannon Gantt, Diane Hubbard, Rosemary Sermerhein, Kim Yancy, Regina Dancy, Angela Brown, Robert Winrow, Les Morrow and John Cathey.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Shawn R. Brown called the Claremont City Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was then approved as presented.

3. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation was given by Pastor Jason Sigmon, from Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church. Councilmember Dayne Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT & PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Brown presented several Proclamations. The first was presented to Audrey Gantt. Mrs. Gantt has served the Claremont Elementary School for 39 years. Mayor Brown read the Proclamation and presented Mrs. Gantt with a bouquet of flowers.

Secondly, the Mayor read a Proclamation for Municipal Clerks Week. City Clerk Wendy Helms was recognized for her efforts.

Next, Mayor Brown recognized the Police Department for National Police Week which will be celebrated May 12-21, 2016.

Lastly, Public Works was recognized for Public Services Week, which will be celebrated May 15-21.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. April 4, 2016, Regular Meeting Minutes – Councilmember Timothy Lowrance made a motion to accept April 4, 2016 regular meeting minutes as presented. Councilmember David Morrow seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Call for Public Hearing – Councilmember Timothy Lowrance made a motion to call for public hearing on Monday, June 6, 2016 for presentation of the F/Y 2016-2017 budget. Councilmember David Morrow seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Call for Public Hearing- Councilmember Timothy Lowrance made a motion to call for public hearing on Monday, June 6, 2016 for an amendment to the zoning ordinance. The Planning Board recommended changing the landscape section of the zoning ordinance to give signs and buildings more visibility and allow the planner more discretion with landscape buffers. Councilmember David Morrow seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Call for Public Hearing- Councilmember Timothy Lowrance made a motion to call for public hearing on Monday, June 6, 2016 for an amendment to the zoning ordinance. The state legislature changed the state statues regarding the use of protest petitions in rezoning and the City must amend its ordinance to comply with the new law. Councilmember David Morrow seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

E. Action Plan- Councilmember Timothy Lowrance made a motion to accept 2016 Action Plan as presented. Councilmember David Morrow seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. CITIZEN'S CONCERNS & COMMENTS- none

8. OLD BUSINESS-

A. Budget Transfer- Transfer of funds was made to align line items to expenditures. Informational only.

9. PUBLIC HEARING- Motion was made by Councilmember Timothy Lowrance to go into a Public Hearing at 7:15 p.m. to discuss a voluntary annexation at 3000 Frazier Drive. Second was made by Councilmember Dayne Miller. Motion passed unanimously.

A voluntary annexation petition was received March 2, 2016. Investigation of sufficiency was completed and found to be sufficient. Advertisement was published in the Observer News Enterprise on April 21, 2016, to call for a public hearing.

Motion was made by Councilmember Lee Miller to close the Public hearing at 7:16 p.m. Second was made by Councilmember David Morrow. Motion passed unanimously.

10. PRESENTATION-

City Manager Renbarger gave a brief overview of the Proposed FY 2016-2017 budget.

11. NEW BUSINESS-

A. Resolution 26-15 Appointment to the Planning Board- Due to the passing of Rupert Little, the Planning board has requested Les Morrow to fill the unexpired term. His term would expire April 2019. Motion was made by Councilmember Lee Miller. Second was made by Councilmember Dale Sherrill. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Resolution 27-15 Appoint a Member to the Library Board- The Catawba County Library recently underwent a strategic planning process. As a result, the county has decided to seek targeted nominations for 2 of the 7 board members from branch libraries operating in the municipal districts of Claremont, Conover, Maiden and Newton. The County is now requesting to fill a vacancy with a member who lives within the City of Claremont and has asked Council to make a nomination to represent Claremont. This member would serve as an advocate for library services in our community. Nicky Setzer is willing to serve. Motion was made by Councilmember Timothy Lowrance to recommend Nicky Setzer to the Catawba County Library Board. Second was made by Councilmember David Morrow. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Resolution 28-15 Directing the Clerk to Investigate a Petition for Voluntary Annexation at 2879 Montclair Drive- The City has received a petition from the property owners at 2897 Montclair Drive for voluntary annexation. Motion was made by Councilmember David Morrow directing the City Clerk to investigate the sufficiency of the voluntary annexation at 2897 Montclair Drive and certify to the Claremont City Council the results of her investigation. Second was made by Councilmember Dayne Miller. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Resolution 29-15 Call for a Public Hearing Voluntary Annexation 2879 Montclair Drive- A public hearing must be held before any voluntary annexation. Motion was made by Councilmember Timothy Lowrance to call for a public hearing, Monday June 6, 2016 for public input on the voluntary annexation of 2879 Montclair Drive. Second was made by Councilmember Dayne Miller. Motion passed unanimously.

E. Ordinance 15-15 Extend the Corporate City Limits 3000 Frazier Drive- A voluntary annexation petition was received March 2, 2016. Investigation of sufficiency was completed and found to be sufficient. Advertisement was published in the Observer News Enterprise on April 21, 2016, to call for a public hearing. Said public hearing was held on Monday, May 2, 2016. Staff recommends approving Ordinance 15-15 to extend the corporate city limits to include 3000 Frazier Drive.

Motion was made by Councilmember Dale Sherrill to approve Ordinance 15-15 to extend the corporate city limits to 3000 Frazier Drive. Second was made by Councilmember David Morrow. Motion passed unanimously.

F. Resolution 30-15 Directing the Clerk to Investigate a Petition for Voluntary Annexation 2681 Heart Drive Tract 2- The City has received a petition from the property owners at 2681 Heart Drive for voluntary annexation. Motion was made by Councilmember Timothy Lowrance directing the City Clerk to investigate the sufficiency of the voluntary annexation at 2681 Heart Drive Tract 2 and certify to the

Claremont City Council the results of her investigation. Second was made by Councilmember Lee Miller. Motion passed unanimously.

G. Resolution 31-15 Call for a Public Hearing Voluntary Annexation 2681 Heart Drive Tract 2- A public hearing must be held before any voluntary annexation. Motion was made by Councilmember Dale Sherrill to call for a public hearing, Monday June 6, 2016 for public input on the voluntary annexation of 2681 Heart Drive Tract 2. Second was made by Councilmember David Morrow. Motion passed unanimously.

H. Ordinance 16-15 Budget Amendment to Amend the FY 15/16 Budget- Ordinance 16-15 will better align line items for the end of year. This amendment is a result of the need to purchase a server at City Hall and higher than anticipated solid waste cost. Motion was made by Councilmember Timothy Lowrance to adopt Ordinance 16-15. Second was made by Councilmember Dayne Miller. Motion passed unanimously.

I. Change Location for the June 6, 2016 Meeting- On Tuesday, June 7th the Catawba County Board of Elections will be conducting the Congressional Primary Election. Due to this election the election board will need to use the council chambers on Monday, June 6th. Staff recommends changing the location of the June meeting to the Claremont Fire Department. Motion was made by Councilmember Dayne Miller. Second was made by Councilmember Lee Miller. Motion passed unanimously.

J. Ordinance 17-15 Budget Amendment to Account for the Building Reuse Grant- In late 2014, the Council granted the authority for the City to apply for a NC Department Building Reuse Grant for Prysmian Cables and Systems USA. In early 2015, the City was officially awarded the grant. Prysmian has now met the requirements of the grant and money is ready to be disbursed. This ordinance amends the budget to account for the \$160,000 the City will receive from the NC Department of Commerce and then grant to Prysmian. Motion was made by Councilmember Dale Sherrill to approve Ordinance 17-15. Second was made by Councilmember Timothy Lowrance. Motion passed unanimously.

12. DEPARTMENT & COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Monthly Department Dashboard Report- The dashboard report was accepted as presented.

Fire Department- Chief Travis reminded everyone of the pancake breakfast to be held May 7th. All proceeds will be given to the Catawba County Firefighter Museum in honor of Rupert Little.

Recreation- Michael Orders also reminded everyone of the City Wide Yard Sale to be held Saturday, May 7th. Also the City will host prayer around the flag pole to celebrate National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 5th at 7 a.m.

Police- Chief Bost introduced his newest Police Officer Brandon Grant.

13. CITY MANAGER REPORT – City Manager Renbarger informed Council that new equipment had been purchased for the City Park. The Welcome to Claremont signs have been refurbished. On Tuesday, May 10th the City will host its 2nd Annual Business Meeting.

14. CLOSED SESSION- Motion was made by Councilmember Dale Sherrill to go into closed session at 7:52 p.m. The closed session was recessed at 8:27 p.m.

15. ADJOURN

With no further business of the board motion was made by Councilmember Timothy Lowrance to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Second was made by Councilmember David Morrow. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy L. Helms, City Clerk

Shawn R. Brown, Mayor

Attested:

Wendy L. Helms, City Clerk