



## **City of Claremont Regular Meeting Minutes Monday, July 11, 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, July 11, 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 Supervisor Bo Prince, Captain Allen Long, Recreation Coordinator Michael Orders, City Planner Elinor Hiltz and City Attorney Bob Grant.

Others in attendance were: Mark Stafford, Dana Stafford, David Pruitt, Wayne Isenhour, Bradford Johnson, Peter Weinrich, Brenda Stanley, Dennis Richards, Jacob Christenbury, Maggie Christenbury, Lillie Christenbury, Leanne Christenbury, Jimmy Christenbury, Ron Lancaster, Les Morrow, George Setzer, Jerry Sherrill, Ricky Ruvio, Julie Pruett, Robert Smith, Sindie Christenbury, Jim Christenbury, Scott Millar, Gene Monday and Jonathan Miller.

### ***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& 4. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE***

The invocation was given by Reverend Dennis Richards from Claremont First Baptist Church. Councilmember David Morrow led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### ***5. MAYOR'S REPORT & PRESENTATIONS***

Mayor Brown acknowledged a thank you note from BHHS Hope 4 a Cure. He also read a letter from Reverend Dennis Richards and his wife, thanking Bo Prince for his help during a water emergency at

their home.

Fire Chief Bart Travis presented David Pruitt and Peter Weinrich, from the Catawba County Firefighter Museum, with a check from the proceeds of the annual pancake breakfast. The annual pancake breakfast was in honor of Rupert Little.

Brenda Stanley and Mayor Brown presented the PJ Stanley Scholarships to Mark Stafford and Jacob Christenbury. Each recipient received a \$1,000 scholarship to further their education.

## **6. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. June 6, 2016, Regular Meeting Minutes** – Councilmember Timothy Lowrance made a motion to accept June 6, 2016 regular meeting minutes as presented. Councilmember David Morrow seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**B. June 6, 2016 Closed Session Minutes** – Councilmember Timothy Lowrance made a motion to accept the closed session minutes, from June 6, 2016, as presented. Councilmember David Morrow seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**7. CITIZEN'S CONCERNS & COMMENTS-** Jonathan Miller spoke briefly about his house on Oak Street. Mr. Miller received a letter from the City from the Planning and Zoning Department. He assured Council he was working on finishing the house. Mayor Brown asked him to stay in contact with Elinor Hiltz about the progress on this project.

## **8. OLD BUSINESS-**

**A. Budget Transfer-** Transfer of funds was made to align line items to expenditures for the FY 2015-2016 budget. Informational only.

## **9. NEW BUSINESS-**

**A. Contract with Sigmon Family Farms-** Last year the City approved an agreement with Kemp and Christy Sigmon to allow the City to dump grass clippings, trees, tree limbs, and similar vegetative waste on the Sigmon's property. Previously there had been an informal arrangement with Sigmon Farms to dump tree trimmings, limbs, and stumps at 2385 Island Ford Road. This agreement continues that relationship and is beneficial to the City as it saves us the time and fuel costs of taking the yard waste to Blackburn Landfill. Under the terms of this agreement, the City will pay Sigmon Farms \$5,000 annually for the dumping of yard waste on their property.

Motion was made by Councilmember Dale Sherrill to approve the agreement with Sigmon Family Farms. Second was made by Councilmember Timothy Lowrance. Motion passed unanimously.

**B. Resolution 01-16 Appointment to the Planning Board-** The Planning Board is requesting a member be appointed to fill the unexpired term of Jack Ledford, who served as an alternate. The term will expire 03/01/2017. Ron Lancaster has completed an application and agreed to serve.

Motion was made by Councilmember David Morrow to appoint Ron Lancaster as an alternate to the

Planning Board. Second was made by Councilmember Lee Miller. Motion passed unanimously.

## **10. DEPARTMENT & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Fire- Chief Travis advised Council that new SCBA have been placed on the trucks. He also spoke about Legislation which passed on July 1<sup>st</sup>, which will change personnel needs on some fire calls.

Recreation- Movie night was a hit. Another movie night will be planned as the weather cools. Touch a Truck will be held on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Recreation Committee has begun to finalize bands for Claremont Daze.

**11. CITY MANAGER REPORT** – City Manager Renbarger informed Council that the Catawba County Historical Society has a display set up honoring Claremont. They also expressed their thanks to Claremont for their help at the Bunker Hill Covered Bridge.

**12. CLOSED SESSION-** Motion was made by Councilmember Dayne Miller to go into closed session at 7:27 p.m. Second was made by Councilmember Lee Miller. Motion passed unanimously. The closed session was recessed at 7:58 p.m.

City Manager Renbarger gave Council an update on the Centennial Blvd Ext. Matthews Construction has presented a change order on the project.

Ms. Renbarger also asked Council for direction on the entrance to the Library and awnings for the book walk plaques.

## **13. ADJOURN**

With no further business of the board motion was made by Councilmember Dayne Miller to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Second was made by Councilmember Dale Sherrill. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wendy L. Helms, City Clerk

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Shawn R. Brown, Mayor

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