



City of Claremont Regular Meeting Minutes Monday, October 5, 2015

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, October 5, 2015.

The following members of the Claremont City Council were present: Mayor Shawn Brown, Councilmember Timothy Lowrance, Councilmember Dayne Miller, Councilmember Nicky Setzer, Councilmember D.B. Setzer and Councilmember Dale Sherrill.

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 and City Attorney Bob Grant.

Others in attendance were: Robert Smith, Lee Miller, Elinor Hiltz, Wayne Isenhour, Robert Winrow, John Cathey, Andrea Ramsey and Jason Lowrance.

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 approved as presented.

3. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation was given by Councilmember Timothy Lowrance. Councilmember D. B. Setzer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Brown reported on the Claremont Daze rescheduled events. He also informed those in attendance of the thank you cards sent from the Fulbright and Lowrance families.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. September 14, 2015, Regular Meeting Minutes – Councilmember Dayne Miller made a motion to accept September 14, 2015 regular meeting minutes as presented. Councilmember Nicky Setzer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. September 14, 2015, Closed Session Minutes – Councilmember Dayne Miller made a motion to accept September 14, 2015 closed session minutes as presented. Councilmember Nicky Setzer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. CITIZEN’S CONCERNS & COMMENTS- none

7. PRESENTATIONS-

A. Fire Prevention Week Proclamation- Mayor Brown presented Chief Travis with a Proclamation in recognition of Fire Prevention Week October 4-10, 2015. This year’s theme is Hear the Beep, Where you Sleep. The Fire Department will have numerous events during the week to celebrate.

8. PUBLIC HEARING- Motion was made by Councilmember D.B. Setzer to open a public hearing at 7:08 p.m. Second was made by Councilmember Dale Sherrill. Motion passed unanimously.

City Planner, Elinor Hiltz, spoke briefly about changes to the zoning ordinances being recommended by the City Planning Board. Ms. Hiltz entertained questions from Council.

Motion was made by Councilmember Dale Sherrill to close the public hearing at 7:16 p.m. Second was made by Councilmember Timothy Lowrance. Motion passed unanimously.

9. OLD BUSINESS- none

10. NEW BUSINESS-

A. Change in location for November 2, 2015 meeting- Motion was made by Councilmember Nicky Setzer to change the location of the November 2, 2015 meeting to the Police Department, due to voting set up at City Hall. Second was made by Councilmember Dayne Miller. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Resolution 07-15 Surplus Property- The Fire Department is requesting to surplus a 1993 Spartan Fire Engine. This engine has been replaced by a new Smeal fire engine. Motion was made by Councilmember Timothy Lowrance to approve Resolution 07-15 to surplus a 1993 Spartan fire engine. Second was made by Councilmember D.B. Setzer. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Memorandum of Understanding for Debt Set Off- The North Carolina League of Municipalities Debt Setoff Program operates under NCGS 105-A and allows Cities to collect any debts that are over 60 days delinquent and at least \$50 at no cost to the City. Motion was made by Councilmember Dale Sherrill to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for Debt Setoff. Second was made by Councilmember Nicky Setzer. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Resolution 08-15 Agreement to Participate in Debt Setoff Program- The City must by Resolution agree to participate in the Debt Setoff Program. Motion was made by Councilmember Dayne Miller to approve Resolution 08-15 to participate in the debt setoff program. Second was made by Councilmember Nicky Setzer. Motion passed unanimously.

E. Ordinance 05-15 Amend the Code of Ordinances Title Nine Planning and Community Development- Ordinance 05-15 is to change City Ordinance to allow 50% of parking in front of a business, instead of no parking. The Planning Board recommended approval of this change at their August 17, 2015 meeting. Motion was made by Councilmember Dale Sherrill to approve Ordinance 05-15. Second was made by Councilmember D.B. Setzer. Motion passed unanimously.

F. Ordinance 06-15 Amend the Code of Ordinances Title Nine Planning and Community Development- Ordinance 06-15 would allow car dealerships in the highway business district to have car sales in the front yard. The Planning Board recommended approval of this change at their August 17, 2015 meeting. Motion was made by Councilmember Timothy Lowrance to approve Ordinance 06-15. Second was made by Councilmember Nicky Setzer. Motion passed unanimously.

G. Ordinance 07-15 Amend the Code of Ordinances Title Nine Planning and Community Development- A new state law requires that temporary health care structures, also known as medical cottages or granny pods, be permitted in residential districts for accessory uses. Ordinance 07-15 would put Claremont in conformance with the law. The Planning Board recommended approval of this change at their August 17, 2015 meeting. Motion was made by Councilmember Dale Sherrill to approve Ordinance 07-15. Second was made by Councilmember D.B. Setzer. Motion passed unanimously.

H. Fire Department Presentation 9S Inspection- Fire Chief, Bart Travis gave Council a report on the results of the fire departments 9S Inspection. He also detailed the course of action being taken to comply with inspection results.

11. DEPARTMENT & COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Monthly Department Dashboard Report-

Recreation- Michael Orders reminded everyone that on Saturday, October 24th Scaremont will be hosted in the City Park.

Police- Chief Bost introduced Joyce Cline to those in attendance. Ms. Cline has completed her training and is now on shift.

Fire- Chief Travis mentioned Fire Prevention Week, service testing has been completed, the new fire truck is in service and he gave Council a copy of the IAP for the recent severe weather.

Planning- Planner Elinor Hiltz informed Council of future changes needed to the zoning ordinances.

12. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Renbarger gave Council a quarterly financial report and spoke briefly about the next round of PJ Stanley Memorial Scholarships.

13. CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made by Councilmember Dayne Miller to go into a closed session in reference to G.S. 143-318.11(a) (4) and (6) at 7:47 p.m. Second was made by Councilmember Nicky Setzer. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilmember Nicky Setzer to go back into open session at 8:45 p.m. Second was made by Councilmember Dayne Miller.

14. ADJOURN

Motion was made by Councilmember D.B. Setzer to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m. Second was made by Councilmember Nicky Setzer. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy L. Helms, City Clerk

Shawn R. Brown, Mayor

Attested:

Wendy L. Helms, City Clerk