



City Council Regular Meeting Minutes Monday, February 4, 2013

The regular City Council meeting of the City of Claremont was held in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 4, 2013.

The following members of the Claremont City Council were present: Mayor David Morrow, Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Lowrance, Councilmember Shawn Brown, Councilmember Nicky Setzer, Councilmember Dale Setzer and Councilmember Dale Sherrill.

The following personnel of the City of Claremont were present: City Manager Doug Barrick, Finance Officer Stephanie Corn, Administrative Support Clerk, Mandy Buff, City Attorney Bob Grant, Police Chief Gerald Tolbert, Fire Chief Gary Sigmon and Public Works Director Tom Winkler.

Others in attendance were: Jerry Teague, Robert Winrow, Henry Helton, Cameron Morgan, Dale Setzer, Judy Setzer, Robert Smith, Susan Tucker, Jason Lowrance, Andrea Ramsey, Dayne Miller, Lee Johnson and Scott Ramsey.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor David Morrow 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 led by Reverend Jerry Teague from First Baptist Church in Claremont. Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Lowrance led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor David Morrow reported the fiscal year 2014 budget retreat is Saturday, March 2nd at the Claremont Fire Department. The spring citywide yard sale is coming up and Claremont's Tailgate Market will begin April 26th in the City Hall parking lot.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Regular Meeting Minutes – January 7, 2013 - Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Lowrance made a motion to accept January 7, 2013 regular meeting minutes as presented. Councilmember Nicky Setzer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Closed Session Minutes – January 7, 2013 - Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Lowrance made a motion to accept January 7, 2013 closed session meeting minutes as presented. Councilmember Nicky Setzer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. CITIZEN'S CONCERNS AND COMMENTS

Lee Johnson stated he is stepping up as the director of the Claremont Optimist Club.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Golf Cart Ordinance – Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Lowrance made a motion to hold a public hearing at March 4th's meeting for public input on golf carts being allowed on City streets in the City limits. Councilmember Shawn Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution 14-12 Clean Water Management Trust Fund – Councilmember Nicky Setzer made a motion to approve Resolution 14-12 as presented. Councilmember Dale Setzer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Ordinance 08-12 Budget Amendment - Councilmember Shawn Brown made a motion to approve Ordinance 08-12 as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Lowrance seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. NCLM Joint Action Program - Councilmember Dale Sherrill made a motion to join the NCLM joint action program as presented. Councilmember Shawn Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Ordinance 09-12 Budget Amendment – Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Lowrance made a motion to approve Ordinance 09-12 as presented. Councilmember Shawn Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Budget Transfer – Monies have been moved in the FY 13 Budget to fund the Fire Department pay per call incentives and for various projects at City Hall.

9. DEPARTMENT & COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Youth Council – Youth Council member Zack Gardner reported the youth council is working on an anti-bullying resolution. The Easter egg hunt is March 23rd in the city park. The Relay for Life event will be on May 31st at 6:00 p.m. The location has been changed to the Hickory American Legion Fairgrounds instead of Broyhill Park.

B. Fire Department – Fire Chief Gary Sigmon reported they responded to a small fire in a business. They responded to 16 calls for the month of January. Training for the month totaled 180.0 hours for the department.

C. Police Department – Deputy Police Chief Gary Bost reported Corporal David Clark investigated a case of vandalism involving the City Park. Deputy Chief Gary Bost gave a brief year end review of 2012 calls and reports for the Police Department.

D. Public Works Department – Public Works Director Tom Winkler reported his crew jetted out and cleaned 320 feet of main sewer line on South Lookout Street. They also jetted out and cleaned 300 feet of main sewer line on North Oxford Street. They replaced 240 feet of cable and antenna wire, for the scada system, that is on top of the water tower at the Public Works' facility.

E. Rescue Squad – No report.

F. Utilities Department – City Manager Doug Barrick reported he is continuing to evaluate regional options for wastewater treatment. The construction plans for the backup power at the School Street lift station are almost complete. Smoke testing is planned for February and the root control program is scheduled to start in April. City Manager Barrick stated he is appealing the BOD violation that the City has received.

G. Planning & Zoning – City Manager Doug Barrick reported the Planning Board is meeting on Monday, February 11th and they are continuing to work on the Sign Ordinance.

H. Parks & Recreation Committee – Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Lowrance reported the committee is working on revising the senior citizen's dinner. They are also working on planning another pep rally in the park for Bunker Hill High School.

I. Appearance Committee – No report.

10. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT – City Manager Doug Barrick encouraged everyone to report any information on anyone littering in Claremont. He stated Claremont now has a history wall located in City Hall. He also encouraged people to bring in photos of Claremont to be added to the history wall. He reported repairs have been done to Claremont's SCADA system; if anyone experiences dirty water please report it to City Hall.

11. CLOSED SESSION – There wasn't a closed session.

12. ADJOURN - At 8:01 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Lowrance moved to adjourn the City Council meeting. Councilmember Dale Setzer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectively submitted,
Mandy D. Buff, Administrative Support Clerk

Approved March 4, 2013