



City Council Regular Meeting Minutes Monday, January 7, 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, January 7, 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 and Councilmember Dale Setzer. Councilmember Dale Sherrill was absent.

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: Henry Helton, Susan Tucker, Brandon Ham, Stephanie Kelly, Carry Storti, Brenda Stanley, Robert Smith, Jack Buskirk, Jessalyn Johnson, Jack Whitener, Andrea Ramsey, Gene Monday and Michelle Johnson.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor David Morrow called the Claremont City Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilmember Shawn Brown to approve the agenda with the addition of Ordinance 71-85 added under Old Business. Councilmember Dale Setzer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation was led by Reverend Chuck Bryant. Councilmember Nicky Setzer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor David Morrow thanked Doug Barrick for all his hard work. He also thanked the Parks & Recreation Committee, Fire and Police for their hard work on the Christmas Parade. He stated he attended the Claremont Rescue Squad dinner and presented 35 years of service award to Gary Reitzel. He also attended the Senior Citizen's dinner. He thanked Danny Hedrick for all his hard work putting together the events.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Regular Meeting Minutes – December 3, 2012 - Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Lowrance made a motion to accept December 3, 2012 regular meeting minutes as presented. Councilmember Dale Setzer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Closed Session Minutes – December 3, 2012 - Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Lowrance made a motion to accept December 3, 2012 closed session meeting minutes as presented. Councilmember Dale Setzer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Calendar - Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Lowrance made a motion to accept fiscal year 2014 budget calendar as presented. Councilmember Dale Setzer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. CITIZEN'S CONCERNS AND COMMENTS

No one spoke.

7. PRESENTATIONS

A. PJ Stanley Memorial Scholarships – Jessalyn Johnson and Brandon Ham was presented with the scholarship.

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. Ordinance 71-85 Extend Corporate City Limits – Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Lowrance made a motion to have Ordinance 71-85 recorded with the County Clerk. Councilmember Dale Setzer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution 13-12 Opposing Taking of Water System – Councilmember Nicky Setzer made a motion to approve Resolution 13-12 as presented. Councilmember Shawn Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. 2013 Legislative Agenda - Councilmember Shawn Brown made a motion Councilmember Nicky Setzer will be the 2013 voting delegate and City Manager Doug Barrick will be the backup. Councilmember Dale Setzer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

10. DEPARTMENT & COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Quarterly Financial Report – City Manager Doug Barrick reported for the general fund 51% of property taxes have been collected, overall the city has taken in 60% of revenue. The City has spent 55% of expenditures and is \$100,000 in the negative. Water and Sewer has taken in 56% of its revenue, keeping in mind the water and sewer bills are billed a month behind, 41% of the water and sewer fund expenditures have been spent. City Manager Doug Barrick feels the city is doing well for the year.

B. Youth Council – Councilmember Dale Setzer reported the Youth Council met Sunday, January 6th and they talked about anti-bullying in schools. They are going to participant in the Rachel's Challenge which is to be kind to one another and they encourage everyone else to do so as well. January 8th is the

kick off for the Relay for Life fundraiser, the Relay for Life event will take place on May 31st through June 1st. The Easter egg hunt is March 23rd in the Claremont city park and the rain date is March 30th.

C. Fire Department – Fire Chief Gary Sigmon reported they responded to 23 calls in December and 244 for 2012. The fire department participated in the annual Christmas parade and they hosted several events at the station including Santa with the kids.

D. Police Department – Police Chief Gerald Tolbert reported there were no incidents to report during the Christmas parade. Officers investigated two separate cases of counterfeit monies at BB&T, one case of breaking and entering, vandalism, assault on a female, attempted arson and damage to property involving the restrooms in the city park.

E. Public Works Department – Public Works Director Tom Winkler reported they had a leak in front of city hall; he thanked his crew, the police department and the fire department for their assistance in fixing the leak.

F. Rescue Squad – Jessalyn Johnson reported they had 45 total calls and 44 were hot. They had their Christmas dinner and awards banquet on December 6th. Several of their members are going to attend a structural collapse class at Surry Community College in January.

G. Utilities Department – City Manager Barrick reported they are continuing to evaluate regional options for wastewater treatment. The construction of a cell phone tower collocation on the Kelly Blvd. water tower has been finalized. The process to install backup power at the School Street lift station has begun. There is a 12 month usage bar graph that has been added to the water and sewer bills, he also pointed out a barcode has been added to the water and sewer bills.

H. Planning & Zoning – City Planner Laurie LoCicero stated the Planning Board will be having an open forum on Monday, January 14th to receive input from the public on Claremont's sign ordinance.

I. Parks & Recreation Committee – Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Lowrance reported the Christmas parade was a success. The committee members were sent letters to determine if they can stay on the committee or not. The tailgate market will start in the spring.

J. Appearance Committee – Councilmember Nicky Setzer reported the committee chose 7 winners for the Christmas decorations contest.

11. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT – City Manager Doug Barrick reported since the phone system has been upgraded at city hall the 459-7009 number has been being forwarded to the new number which is 466-7255 and he wants to start phasing out the 459-7009 number. Staff Masters is moving into the space beside of Subway. Matlock used car parts is now open and Bed Bath & Beyond will begin work soon. City Manager Doug Barrick encouraged anyone that sees a person littering to report it to the Claremont Police Department.

12. CLOSED SESSION – At 7:52 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Lowrance made a motion to go into closed session in reference to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4) (EDC Contract). Councilmember Nicky Setzer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At 8:34 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Lowrance made a motion to adjourn the closed session. Councilmember Nicky Setzer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor David Morrow stated the television show Community of Distinction is interested in filming a segment of Claremont. The fee that Claremont will have to pay is \$19,800 but Claremont will have the licensing rights to the segment.

There was some discussion on using the revenue that Claremont obtains from the Verizon Wireless contract to pay for the television show. Mayor David Morrow and City Manager Doug Barrick have a conference call on Thursday, January 10th with a representative from the television show. The council agreed to move forward with the television show.

13. ADJOURN - At 8:36 p.m. Councilmember Nicky Setzer 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 February 4, 2013