



City Council Regular Meeting Minutes Monday, March 5, 2012

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, March 5, 2012.

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

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

Others in attendance were: Henry Helton, Laurie LoCicero, Ray Ball, Robert Winrow, Tom Bell, Allie Setzer, Robert Smith, Andrea Ramsey, Jason Lowrance, Jennifer Lowrance, Scott Ramsey, Susan Tucker, Nash Dunn and Dayne Miller.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor David Morrow called the Claremont City Council meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was accepted as presented.

3. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation was led by Henry Helton. Councilmember Dale Setzer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor David Morrow thanked everyone that participated in putting together the information for the budget retreat. He reminded everyone of the Easter Egg Hunt at the City Park on March 31st at 11 a.m. Mayor Morrow encouraged everyone to view the City of Claremont's website.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Regular Meeting Minutes – February 6, 2012 - A motion was made by Councilmember Dale Sherrill to accept the February 6, 2012 minutes as presented. Councilmember Dale Setzer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Closed Session Minutes – February 6, 2012 - A motion was made by Councilmember Dale Sherrill to accept the February 6, 2012 minutes as presented with the correction “city seeking cost”. Councilmember Dale Setzer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. CITIZEN'S CONCERNS AND COMMENTS

There weren't any concerns or comments.

7. PRESENTATION

A. Fire Department Awards – Chief Gary Sigmon presented Ray Ball with an award for getting his NC Fire & Safety certification, Firefighter I & II, and completing driver's training.

B. Water & Sewer GIS Mapping – Tom Bell, Western Piedmont Council of Government Data Services Section, stated he collected data from August to December 2012. The data he collected consisted of location and information on water and sewer meters, water valves, hydrants and etc. located in the City of Claremont. He collected a total of 2,284 items. The City will receive 4 map books and e-size wall maps that contain location of hydrants, water valves and water meters. The City will have access to a free computer program that will show detailed information on Claremont's water and sewer system.

City Manager Barrick thanked Tom Bell and Tom Winkler for collecting the information for the GIS mapping.

8. PUBLIC HEARING

At 7:26 p.m. Councilmember Shawn Brown made a motion to open the public hearing. Councilmember Nicky Setzer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A. Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment on Board of Adjustment Voting – City Planner Laurie LoCicero stated there is a simple correction that needs to be made to Article P of the Zoning Ordinance which addresses the Board of Adjustment protocol as it is written now it is not in compliant with NC General Statutes.

With no further discussion at 7:28 p.m. Councilmember Dale Setzer made a motion to close the public hearing. Councilmember Shawn Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9. OLD BUSINESS

City Manager Barrick apologized to the Council for skipping over the Powell Bill budget at the Budget Retreat. He stated it will cost approximately \$85,000 to repave the streets in Charlotte's Crossing. He is looking into how much it will cost if the City decides to use a new paving technology he will have the figures before he presents the Manager's recommended budget.

Councilmember Shawn Brown made a motion to release the drainage easement on North Church Street, due to the summary of a law suit. Councilmember Nicky Setzer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Ordinance 09-11 Budget Amendment – A motion was made by Councilmember Nicky Setzer to approve Ordinance 09-11 as presented. Councilmember Dale Setzer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Ordinance 10-11 Zoning Ordinance- Board of Adjustment Voting – A motion was made by Councilmember Dale Sherrill to approve Ordinance 10-11 as presented. Councilmember Dale Setzer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Budget Transfer – Monies have been moved in the FY 2012 water & sewer enterprise fund budget to cover increases in service contracts. These transfers do not increase or decrease the overall budget.

11. DEPARTMENT & COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Youth Council – Allie Setzer reported the Easter Egg Hunt is March 31st. The Youth will be going to Rising Hope Farms for training so they can help disabled children. They are participating in the Relay for Life fundraiser. They plan on selling different items to raise money for the fundraiser. Relay for Life is Friday, June 1st and their goal is to raise \$1500.

B. Fire Department – Chief Gary Sigmon reported January and February was slow. The Fire Department is working with Claremont Elementary to get the kids that are participating in the Fire & Safety Bowl ready.

C. Police Department – Chief Gerald Tolbert reported Sgt. Duane Cozzen's youngest daughter Cassie was struck by a vehicle and is in Carolina Medical Center. It was a hit & run and the State Highway Patrol are doing everything they can to find the person that struck Cassie. Cassie has a blood clot on her brain and is in ICU.

D. Public Works – Public Works Director Tom Winkler reported they jetted out 2 man holes & 620 feet of main sewer line on South Depot Street. He stated they discovered a sewer tap that was installed incorrectly and the problem has been corrected.

E. Rescue Squad – City Manager Barrick reported the Rescue Squads 12th annual Pig Pick'n and Poker Run is April 21st. Their 30 guns in 30 days raffle has started. The first drawing will be in September.

F. Utilities Department – City Manager Barrick reported he is working with Hickory to begin a City wide FOG ordinance implementation program. They are continuing to fix issues resulting from the smoke testing.

G. Planning and Zoning – City Planner Laurie LoCicero reported the Planning Board met and recommended the text amendment change. She also stated I-40 should be completed by October.

Councilmember Dale Setzer asked if Claremont had an internet gaming ordinance.

City Planning Laurie LoCicero stated that Claremont does not have an internet gaming ordinance.

City Manager Barrick asked if the Planning Board could look into it.

City Planner Laurie LoCicero said they would look into it.

H. Parks & Recreation – Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Lowrance reported Claremont Day is off to a good start. The name has been changed to Claremont Daze and it will begin on Friday night. Henry and Susan are expanding Senior Citizen’s programs.

Councilmember Shawn Brown reported Youth Council will be helping with the Easter Egg Hunt. The Boy Scout is working in the park.

I. Appearance Committee – No Report.

12. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT – City Manager Doug Barrick thanked Mandy and everyone else that worked on the website. Some of the new features on the new website are: Citizen’s Voice, City emails, agendas and minutes. He also stated that every Tuesday at 8:00 Claremont will have a video on Charter’s network. March 26th eat at Box Car and 10% of your bill will help the Relay for Life fundraiser, March 27th is the WPCOG’s dedication at their new facility and March 31st is Claremont’s Easter Egg Hunt in the park.

13. CLOSED SESSION – At 8:17 p.m. Councilmember Nicky Setzer made a motion to go into closed session in reference to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) (Attorney-Client Privilege), G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) (Personnel Matter) and G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4) (EDC Contract). Councilmember Dale Setzer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At 8:36 p.m. Councilmember Nicky Setzer made a motion to adjourn the closed session. Councilmember Shawn Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

City Manager Barrick stated he would start sending the Council emails one week before the Council meetings so they can add topics to the agenda if they need to.

14. ADJOURN - At 8:39 p.m. Councilmember Nicky Setzer made a motion to adjourn the Council Meeting. Councilmember Shawn Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectively submitted,
Mandy D. Buff,
Administrative Support Clerk

APPROVED FEBRUARY 6, 2012