



## **City Council Regular Meeting Minutes Monday, October 1, 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, October 1, 2012.

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 Sherrill and Councilmember Dale Setzer.

The following personnel of the City of Claremont were present: City Manager, Doug Barrick, City Attorney Bob Grant, Administrative Support Clerk, Mandy Buff, Fire Chief, Gary Sigmon, Public Works Director, Tom Winkler, Public Works Lead Supervisor, Garrick Butts and Sgt. Duane Cozen. Finance Officer, Stephanie Corn was working with the auditor.

Others in attendance were: Susan Tucker, Autumn Edwards, Allie Setzer, Ashley Peltack, Cody Travis, Sarah Lemons, Sydney Tomblin, Tori Little, Katelynn Patterson, Abby Miller, Katana DeMauro, Lilly Ly, Mason Beard, Lisa Lemons, Julie Pruitt, Mary Davenport, Troy Edwards, Robert Winrow, Terri Miller, Lisa Travis, Gene Monday, Robert Smith, Eric Jones, Mike Beard, Barbara Beard, Bill Morgan, Andrea Ramsey, Laurie LoCicero, Jason Lowrance, Maylee Ly, Dayne Miller and Elizabeth Smyre.

### **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 Ruffin Snow from Tri-City Baptist Church in Conover. Councilmember Shawn Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **4. MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor David Morrow stated the month of September was a busy month. September 7<sup>th</sup> the City provided a meal for the Bunker Hill School football players and band. Councilmember Shawn Brown made the arrangements for the food. There was a pep rally in the park for the Bunker Hill football game. Around 400 people attended the pep rally. September 22<sup>nd</sup> Claremont Hardware & Farm Supply celebrated their one year anniversary. There is a new addition to Claremont Daze. "Too Much Sylvia" will be performing Friday night. The Council had a special call meeting on September 25<sup>th</sup> to discuss the purchasing of a 75 ft. ladder truck. The Council voted to purchase the truck.

## 5. CONSENT AGENDA

**A. Regular Meeting Minutes – September 4, 2012** - A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Lowrance to accept September 4, 2012 regular meeting minutes as presented. Councilmember Shawn Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**B. Closed Session Minutes – September 4, 2012** - A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Lowrance to accept September 4, 2012 closed session minutes as presented. Councilmember Shawn Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**C. Special Meeting Minutes – September 25, 2012** - A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Lowrance to accept September 25, 2012 special meeting minutes as presented. Councilmember Shawn Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**D. Ordinance 06-12 Charlottes Crossing Speed Limits** - A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Lowrance to accept Ordinance 06-12 as presented. Councilmember Shawn Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**E. Ordinance 07-12 Budget Amendment** - A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Lowrance to accept Ordinance 07-12 as presented. Councilmember Shawn Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**F. Resolution 05-12 NCLM Voting Members** - A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Lowrance to accept Resolution 05-12 as presented. Councilmember Shawn Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## 6. CITIZEN'S CONCERNS AND COMMENTS

None.

## 7. PRESENTATION

**A. 2012-2013 Claremont Youth Council** – Mayor Morrow sworn in the 2012-2013 Youth Council Members.

Autumn Edwards reported the youth will have two booths at Claremont Daze. The Relay for Life Fundraiser will be on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

## 8. OLD BUSINESS

None.

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

**A. Resolution 06-12 Project Hamilton** – Scott Millar from the Catawba County EDC stated Bed Bath & Beyond purchased a 48,000 square foot spec building in Claremont's Business Park. They will create 112 direct jobs.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Lowrance to approve Resolution 06-12 as presented. Councilmember Nicky Setzer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**B. Approve Contract Hamilton** - A motion was made by Councilmember Shawn Brown to approve contract Hamilton as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Lowrance seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**C. Resolution 07-12 Fire Prevention Week** - A motion was made by Councilmember Dale Setzer to approve Resolution 07-12 as presented. Councilmember Shawn Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**D. November 5<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting** - A motion was made by Councilmember Shawn Brown to have November 5<sup>th</sup>'s Council meeting at the Claremont Fire Department. Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Lowrance seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

**A. Quarterly Financial Report** – City Manager Barrick reported the property tax revenue is low at this time but tax bills were just sent out. Water and Sewer revenues are doing well.

**B. Fire Department** – Chief Gary Sigmon thanked the Council for the Fire Prevention Resolution. He stated they will be flushing fire hydrants this month. Chief Sigmon also stated to kick off fire prevention week area fire departments will be bringing their trucks to Home Depot. They will get the new fire truck in service as soon as possible.

**C. Police Department** – Sergeant Duane Cozzen reported he investigated a case of larceny of fuel from Kangaroo; Cpl. Clark investigated a case of shoplifting at Dollar General, Officer Jarvis investigated a case involving a counterfeit \$20.00 bill at Lowes Foods and Cpl. Buff investigated a case of indecent exposure at Certainteed. On September 22<sup>nd</sup> Cargo Transporters held a 5K run, as a part of the event the Lt. Governor gave a speech. The Claremont Police Department had several officers along with the Chief and Captain on hand to help with the event and reported no accidents occurred.

**D. Public Works** – Public Works Director Tom Winkler reported they are trying to disconnect 2" galvanized lines and they're 80% complete. Tom and Rick Damron will be attending classes in order to take over the water system. They will be working on storm drains after Claremont Daze.

**E. Rescue Squad** – Eric Jones reported they responded to 57 total calls. Their 30 guns in 30 days fundraiser is over but they will be doing it again next year. They had members who attended the N.C. Rescue Association Convention on September 13-15. They had a team compete in the Technical Rescue Team competition, where they finished first place. He also stated they are cleaning up around the rescue squad.

**F. Utilities Department** – City Manager Barrick reported he is continuing to evaluate regional options for wastewater treatment and he is working with Catawba County to extend a water line to the Bunker Hill covered bridge. City Manager Barrick stated the North Plant is in compliance. He also thanked the Public Works department for all they do.

**G. Planning and Zoning** – City Planner Laurie LoCicero reported she attended a NC Planning Conference and she met with a group of school kids.

**H. Parks & Recreation** – Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Lowrance reported the streets in the downtown area will be blocked off at 5:30 p.m. Friday, October 5th for the start of Claremont Daze. Roger Shook will be taking on a project in the park for the month of October. The City Wide Yard Sale is November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

All of the floats have been sold for the Christmas Parade and the senior citizen's dinner will be on November 8<sup>th</sup>.

**I. Appearance Committee** – Councilmember Nicky Setzer reported the committee had decided to do the pumpkin carving contest the same as they have done in the past. Upcoming event reminders are: City Wide Yard Sale and PJ Stanley Memorial 5K Run and 1 Mile Fun Walk, Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Also the Christmas Parade and Buggy Rides Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> and Christmas Lights contest Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.

**12. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT** – City Manager Doug Barrick reported the weather looks good for paving Charlotte's Crossing and Frazier Drive. He also reported the Fast Track building is now owned by Seven Eleven and Subway will be opened by the end of October. Two new businesses have opened up across from Hannah's Bar-B-Que on North Oxford Street. One business is Beaver Sports and the other is Choice Health Management.

**14. ADJOURN** - At 8:05 p.m. Councilmember Dale Sherrill moved to adjourn the City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dale Setzer. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectively submitted,  
Mandy D. Buff, Administrative Support Clerk

**Approved November 5, 2012**