



City Council Regular Meeting Minutes Monday, November 5, 2012

The regular City Council meeting of the City of Claremont was held in the Training Room at the Claremont Fire Department at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 5, 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, 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. City Attorney, Bob Grant attended the meeting via Skype.

Others in attendance were: Henry Helton, Laurie LoCicero, Susan Tucker, Robert Smith, Melanie Starr, Rupert Little, Eric Jones, Gene Monday, Rev. Dennis Richards, Becky Hannah, James Hannah, Jeff Taylor, Robert Winrow, Jerry Peeler II, Jerry Peeler Sr. and Allie Setzer

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 Dennis Richards. Councilmember Dale Setzer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor David Morrow stated October was a busy month. He mentioned Police Chief Gerald Tolbert had a heart attack but he is doing better. Friday, October 5th kicked off Claremont Daze beginning with the band "Too Much Sylvia" that took the stage on Friday night. The Hickory Jaycees hosted a beer garden in O' Cup Bean & Bakery's parking lot. October 23rd the Council and Police were invited to an anti-bullying meeting. City Manager Doug Barrick, Sgt. Allen Long, Cpt. Gary Bost and Mayor David Morrow attended the meeting. October 25th Mayor Pro Tem Lowrance, Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Nicky Setzer, Mayor David Morrow and Councilmember Dale Sherrill attended an event at the Crawdad's Stadium in Hickory. On October 31st Subway opened up in Claremont. The citywide yard sale and the PJ Stanley 5k run and 1 mile fun walk took place on November 3rd. The 5k run/ fun walk had 67 participants and raised \$1,940.00 for the PJ Stanley Memorial Scholarship fund. Mayor David Morrow thanked the parks & recreation committee, public works and the rescue squad for their help with yard sale and run.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Regular Meeting Minutes – October 1, 2012 - A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Lowrance to accept the October 1, 2012 regular meeting minutes as presented. Councilmember Shawn Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. CITIZEN'S CONCERNS AND COMMENTS

Principal Jeff Taylor from Bunker Hill High School thanked Claremont for hosting the pep rally.

7. PRESENTAION

Melanie Starr from Bowman, Pegg & Starr went over their findings from the audit of FY 2012.

8. OLD BUSINESS

None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution 09-12 Jessup Kline Mill – A motion was made by Councilmember Nicky Setzer to approve Resolution 09-12 as presented. Councilmember Dale Setzer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Resolution 10-12 Surplus Property - A motion was made by Councilmember Shawn Brown to approve Resolution 10-12 as presented. Councilmember Nicky Setzer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Resolution 08-12 Transitional Hold Harmless Funds - A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Timothy Lowrance to approve Resolution 08-12 as presented. Councilmember Dale Sherrill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

10. DEPARMENT & COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Youth Council – Allie Setzer reported the Youth Council will hand out treat bags after the Christmas Parade in the Council Chambers and kids can get their picture made with Santa. The Relay for Life fundraiser is May 31 and June 1, 2013. There are currently 16 youth council members. Allie stated the haunted trail was a success.

B. Fire Department – Chief Gary Sigmon reported several volunteers attended training. Hydrant testing has been completed and the new ladder truck will be in service by December 1st.

C. Police Department – Chief Gerald Tolbert reported Lieutenant Bill Stamey, Sergeant Ron Self, Corporal Clay Buff, Officer David Pruitt, Officer Jamie Arbelaez and himself attended the NCLEOA conference at Lake Lure. Captain Gary Bost attended the IACP conference in San Diego, CA and the NCFBINAA in Charlotte. Also CommScope held a 5k run on October 13th, Officer Mark Hays and Officer Jamie Arbelaez along with Captain Gary Bost were on hand to help with the event and there weren't any incidents to report.

D. Public Works – Public Works Director Tom Winkler reported they jetted out and cleaned out 650 feet of main sewer line on the north plant out fall line. They also jetted and cleaned out 870 feet of main sewer line on South Lookout to Oak Street. They also cleaned 6 manholes.

E. Rescue Squad – Chief Eric Jones thanked the Council for donating the surplus vehicle to the Rescue Squad. Chief Jones stated they responded to their first horse rescue call. The horse was involved in an accident on I-40. They have begun some outside work at Rescue Base 1; they are trying to make the outside look better. They are working a presentation to take to Bunker Hill High School to try and recruit new members.

F. Utilities Department – City Manager Barrick reported they are continuing to evaluate regional options for wastewater treatment. They are also working with Catawba County to extend a water line to the Bunker Hill Covered Bridge. They are also beginning winter outfall line maintenance work.

G. Planning and Zoning – City Planner Laurie LoCicero reported she worked with the Wooten Company and the Bed Bath and Beyond contractors on the site plan and impervious calculations. Carolina Coach & Camper is adding a boat storage facility. The Planning Board did not meet in October.

H. Parks & Recreation – Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Lowrance reported October was a busy month. They have a new member Angie Sigmon. On Sunday, November 11th at 1:30 p.m. the committee will host a Veteran's Day ceremony. The Christmas parade is coming up. Claremont Daze was a success.

I. Appearance Committee – Councilmember Nicky Setzer reported the committee will judge the Christmas light contest on December 17th.

Mayor Morrow stated on October 22nd and 23rd Councilmember Shawn Brown and Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Lowrance attended a NCLM conference in Charlotte. Mayor Morrow will be attending a conference in Boston after Thanksgiving.

12. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT – City Manager Doug Barrick thanked the parks and recreation committee, Councilmember Dale Sherrill, Sergeant Allen Long, Chief Gary Sigmon, Officer Cody Jarvis and Brenda Stanley and the sponsors for their part in the citywide yard sale and PJ Stanley Memorial 5k run/ fun walk. The paving project has been completed. City Manager Barrick stated he will present the sidewalk grant contract before Council at the December or January Council meeting. He also stated he felt like the City had a clean audit, and all issues have been previously addressed with the Finance Officer's operating procedures.

13. CLOSED SESSION – At 8:12 p.m. Councilmember Dale Setzer made a motion to go into closed session in reference to G.S. 143-318.11(3) (Attorney-Client Privilege) and G.S. 143-318.11(6) (Personnel Matter). Councilmember Dale Sherrill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At 9:57 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.

14. ADJOURN - At 9:58 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Lowrance moved to adjourn the City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Shawn Brown. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectively submitted,
Mandy D. Buff, Administrative Support Clerk

Approved December 3, 2012