



City of Claremont Regular Meeting Minutes Monday, April 1, 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, April 1, 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 Sherrill. Councilmember Dale Setzer was absent.

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, Deputy Chief Gary Bost, Fire Chief Gary Sigmon, Public Works Director Tom Winkler and Public Works Lead Supervisor Richard Damron.

Others in attendance were: Henry Helton, Susan Tucker, Heather Blanton, Steve Norris, Robert Winrow, Ramona Cozzen, Robert Smith, Gene Monday, Andrea Ramsey 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 William Hollar. Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Lowrance led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. MAYOR'S REPORT & PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor David Morrow reported he attended the opening of Claremont Elementary's Amazing Race on March 19th. On March 26th he attended a ribbon cutting ceremony for Staff Masters; they are a new business in Claremont. He received a letter from Reverend Dennis Richards from First Baptist Church. In the letter Reverend Richards thanked the Police Department and the Fire Department for responding to a fire alarm at First Baptist Church. Councilmember Dale Setzer is absent due to traveling with his family.

A. Early Childhood Education

B. Child Abuse Prevention Month

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Regular Meeting Minutes – March 4, 2013 – Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Lowrance made a motion to approve March 4, 2013 regular meeting minutes as presented. Councilmember Shawn Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Closed Meeting Minutes – March 4, 2013 – Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Lowrance made a motion to approve March 4, 2013 closed session meeting minutes as presented. Councilmember Shawn Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Budget Retreat Regular Minutes – March 2, 2013 – Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Lowrance made a motion to approve March 2, 2013 budget retreat regular minutes as presented. Councilmember Shawn Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Budget Retreat Closed Session Minutes – March 2, 2013 – Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Lowrance made a motion to approve March 2, 2013 budget retreat closed session minutes as presented. Councilmember Shawn Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Resolution 16-12 Voluntary Annexation Sufficiency (ANX 13-01) – Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Lowrance made a motion to approve resolution 16-12 as presented. Councilmember Shawn Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Resolution 17-12 Voluntary Annexation Sufficiency Public Hearing (ANX 13-01) – Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Lowrance made a motion to approve resolution 17-12 as presented. Councilmember Shawn Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. CITIZEN'S CONCERN'S & COMMENTS

None

7. OLD BUSINESS

Mayor David Morrow and City Manager Doug Barrick presented Sergeant Duane Cozzen with his Intermediate Law Enforcement certificate.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution 18-12 Awarding Retiring Police Chief Gerald Tolbert - Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Lowrance made a motion to approve resolution 18-12 as presented. Councilmember Dale Sherrill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Resolution 19-12 Support of the Western Piedmont Council of Governments – Councilmember Nicky Setzer made a motion to approve resolution 19-12 as presented. Councilmember Shawn Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Ordinance 10-12 Budget Amendment – Councilmember Shawn Brown made a motion to approve ordinance 10-12 as presented. Councilmember Nicky Setzer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Draft Ordinance 11-12 Beer & Wine Consumption Update – Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Lowrance made a motion to hold a public hearing at May's Council meeting for draft ordinance 11-12.

Councilmember Nicky Setzer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Change Order With Davis & Floyd – Approve change order with Davis & Floyd for \$77,000 of which \$36,000 will be reimbursed by the City of Conover.

Councilmember Nicky Setzer made a motion to approve the change order as presented. Councilmember Shawn Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9. DEPARTMENT & COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Quarterly Financial Report – City Manager Doug Barrick reported 99.57% of the City's general fund revenue has been collected and 76.69% of the City's general fund budget has been spent. Also 77.22% of the City's water & sewer revenue has been collected and 57.68% of the City's water & sewer budget has been spent. He stated the City is on track with both the general fund and water & sewer budgets.

A. Youth Council – Susan Tucker reported they had the Easter egg hunt on March 30th and it was a success. They are now concentrating on the Relay for Life event. The Relay for Life event will be on May 31st at the Hickory Legion Fairgrounds.

B. Fire Department – Chief Gary Sigmon reported they responded to a serious structure call in Rock Barn. They had 11 calls for the month of March. He reminded everyone their pancake breakfast is May 4th.

C. Police Department – Chief Gerald Tolbert he is retiring at the end of April so this will be his last report. Officer Alan Russell investigated a break in to a drink machine at Town & Country Tire. Deputy Chief Gary Bost and Lieutenant Allen Long are continuing to investigate the break in at the Public Works Facility.

D. Public Works – Public Works Director Tom Winkler reported they have been conducting a lot of sewer jetting and they have cleaned 1,000 feet of sewer line. He also introduced the new Lead Supervisor Richard Damron.

E. Rescue Squad – Steve Norris reported they ran 70 emergency calls. They are selling 20 guns in 20 days raffle tickets. The tickets are \$20 per ticket. Their annual Pig Picking and Poker Run are on Saturday, April 20th. They have two members that are coming off their probation.

F. Utilities Department – City Manager Doug Barrick reported they are working on construction plans to extend a water line along Kelly Blvd. They are also working on pricing plans to extend a water line along BGA Drive. They have filed local water supply plans for Claremont and Shamrock.

G. Planning & Zoning – City Manager Doug Barrick reported City Planner Laurie LoCicero has extended officers hours. She will be in the office on Wednesday's from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. in addition to her office hours on Monday's from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. On Monday, April 8th the Planning Board will be holding a public input forum to discuss the changes and revisions to the sign ordinance.

H. Parks & Recreation Committee – Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Lowrance reported they have a new member his name is Bob Brinkley. Saturday, May 11th Dave Pitman, a past American Idol contestant, will be giving a concert in Claremont Park.

Mayor David Morrow stated Rising Hope Farm invited the public to their open house on Saturday, April 13th.

I. Appearance Commission – Councilmember Nicky Setzer reported Glenn Morrison still hasn't heard back from his artist contact about the mural. They are looking for a yard to select for the month of April. They will select the yard of the month at April's meeting. They are looking at improving the bases for the Claremont welcome signs.

Councilmember Shawn Brown stated in a partnership with Cargo Transporters, the City of Claremont and Claremont Elementary there will be a tree planted on the grounds of Claremont City Park and Claremont Elementary in honor of Earth Day on April 22nd.

City Manager Doug Barrick reported he and Glenn Morrison have been trying to get in touch with several mural artists and haven't been able to get in touch with the ones they have contacted. City Manager Doug Barrick was able to get a hold of a mural artist that did some work in Newton. Glenn Morrison met with the artist and the artist is going to present three or four sketches and some prices to do some murals for Claremont.

10. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Doug Barrick reminded everyone to follow the City of Claremont on Facebook. May 4th is the Citywide Yard Sale, Hope for Cure event in Claremont Park, the Fire Department's Pancake Breakfast, the hazardous waste collection in City Hall's parking lot and Operation Medicine Cabinet at the Police Department. He reported he has a new baby girl at home. He thanked Police Chief Gerald Tolbert for his many years of hard work and dedication as a Police Officer and to the City of Claremont.

11. CLOSED SESSION

At 8:09 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Lowrance made a motion to go into closed session, following a short recess to look at the new Police vehicle, in reference to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) (Attorney-Client Privilege). Councilmember Shawn Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At 8:58 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Lowrance made a motion to adjourn the closed session and reconvene the regular session. Councilmember Dale Sherrill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

12. ADJOURN

At 8:58 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Lowrance made a motion to adjourn the City Council meeting. Councilmember Dale Sherrill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Mandy D. Buff, Administrative Support Clerk

Attested:

David B. Morrow, Mayor

Douglas L. Barrick, City Clerk