



City of Claremont Regular Meeting Minutes Tuesday, September 3, 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 Tuesday, September 3, 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, 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, Finance Officer Stephanie Corn, Administrative Support Clerk Wendy Helms, Lieutenant Allen Long and Public Works Director Tom Winkler.

Others in attendance were: Henry Helton, Robert Winrow, Robert Smith, Eric Jones, Jason Lowrance, Scott Ramsey, Rupert Little, Brian Helms, Rick Damron, Kevin Little, Tyler Terry, Melissa Ball, Ray Ball, Jennifer Lowrance, Katana DeMauro, Clay Buff, Bill Morgan, Bruce Hartsoe, Russ Kruse Jr., Dayne Miller, Russell Kruse III, Roger Ham Sr., Rev. Colleen Samson, Jessalyn Johnson, Mike Hathaway, Carl Bump, Kathy Bump, Gina Lindsey, and Bill Bump.

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 Colleen Samson, Bethany United Church of Christ. Councilmember Dale Sherrill led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. MAYOR'S REPORT

Claremont Rescue Squad held a family night on August 8th, he thanked Councilmember's who attended. Mayor Morrow and City Manager, Doug Barrick presented the Town of Maiden with framed newspaper articles, in appreciation for their help during the last weather incident and in celebration of their new Town Hall.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. August 5, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes – Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Lowrance made a motion to accept August 5, 2013 regular meeting minutes as presented. Councilmember Shawn Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Resolution 03-13 NCLM Delegates- Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Lowrance made a motion to accept Resolution 03-13 as presented. Councilmember Shawn Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. CITIZEN'S CONCERN'S & COMMENTS

None

7. PRESENTATION

A. Claremont Fire Chief- The Fire Chief Selection committee has recommended Bill Bump as the next Fire Chief for the City of Claremont. Mayor Morrow introduced Bill to everyone in attendance. Mayor David Morrow swore Bill Bump in as Fire Chief. Bill's wife, Gina Lindsey pinned him with his new badge. Bill will begin his new position on Monday, September 9, 2013.

8. OLD BUSINESS- Old Business was tabled until later in the meeting while we waited on the arrival of City Attorney, Bob Grant.

9. NEW BUSINESS-

A. Ordinance 03-13 Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Amendment- Motion was made by Councilmember Nicky Setzer to accept Ordinance 03-13, a budget amendment. Second was made by Councilmember Shawn Brown. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Resolution 04-13 Claremont Rescue Squad- Resolution 04-13 honors Claremont Rescue Squad for 55 years of service. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Lowrance. Second was made by Councilmember Nicky Setzer. Motion passed unanimously.

10. DEPARTMENT & COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Police Department – Chief, Gary Bost addressed council with the Police Department report.

B. Fire Department – Assistant Chief, Brian Helms gave the Fire Department report. Council thanked Brian for his help during the hiring process for a new chief.

C. Public Works – Public Works Director, Tom Winkler thanked council for the purchase of a new grapple truck. He stated it had saved man hours.

D. Rescue Squad – Robert Smith spoke about the 55th Year Celebration, to be held on September 22, 2013.

E. Utilities Department – City Manager, Doug Barrick spoke about the water treatment plant recovery after the recent storms. The Waste Water plant is getting back on track. Bunker Hill water line project is moving forward. Lift Station upgrades are being completed. Water line projects on Kelly Blvd and BGA Drive are underway. FEMA and NC Emergency Management have visited the city for an

inspection. Tom Winkler stayed and showed them all the damage from the storms. We hope to get some reimbursements from them. BOD was out of compliance during July. The month of August has tracked to be back into compliance. There was a drainage spill at the North Plant during the month. This spill was contained and cleaned up within thirty minutes with less than 500 gallons spilled. Annual wastewater quality report is available on the city website.

F. Planning & Zoning – Doug gave the planning board report. Planning Board will have a meeting in September to discuss some changes to the subdivision ordinance.

G. Parks & Recreation Committee – Councilmember Timothy Lowrance gave the report for Parks and Recreation. They have met with Sam Irwin and the parks study will be ready by March. An Eagle Scout has placed vinyl siding on the eaves of the shelters. October 1st there will be a pep rally in the park with a parade, prior to the pep rally starting at the Lutheran Churches. Claremont Daze will begin on October 4th – October 5th. City Wide Yard Sale will be held on November 2nd. Peoples Bank will close at 5 p.m. on October 4th. The committee was asked to help with this situation, to help them stay open as long as they can.

11. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT – Doug reported that the property owners of the Jessup Hosiery Site have signed off on the donation of the property to the city. Innovate Catawba Project has been established to help bring businesses to the region. Doug encouraged everyone to become engaged by getting involved in Innovate Catawba.

12. REVISIT OLD BUSINESS- With the arrival of Bob Grant, council moved back on the agenda to Old Business. Discussion of the Francis Sigmon Park began. The City now has control of the property. The YMCA is interested in using the land for their programs. Councilmember Shawn Brown suggested that the city look into selling the property. After further discussion, council recommended Doug talk with the YMCA. Doug would like for four of the lights, which are not over the ball fields to be taken down, and used for other projects.

13. CLOSED SESSION- At 8:00 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Lowrance made a motion to go into closed session in reference to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) (Attorney-Client Privilege). Councilmember Nicky Setzer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At 8:47 p.m. Councilmember Dale Sherrill made a motion to adjourn the closed session and reconvene the regular session. Councilmember D.B. Setzer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

14. ADJOURN

At 8:55 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Lowrance made a motion to adjourn the City Council meeting. Councilmember Shawn Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy L. Helms, Administrative Support Clerk

David B. Morrow, Mayor

Attested:

Douglas L. Barrick, City Clerk