



City of Claremont Regular Meeting Minutes Monday, October 7, 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, October 7, 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, Public Works Director Tom Winkler, City Planner Laurie LoCicero, Rick Damron, Fire Chief Bill Bump and Police Chief Gary Bost.

Others in attendance were: Henry Helton, Ashley Wike, Dillon Wike, Susan Tucker, Melinda Bumgarner, Robert Smith, Jerry Teague, Rupert Little, Rev. Dennis Richards, Sarah Lemons, Olivia Simmons, Ashley Baucom, Mara Loftin, Cheyanne DeMauro, Savannah Frye, Katelynn Bruno, Jake Loftin, Christina Hedrick, Abbey Moose, Cole Travis, Lisa Travis, Annette Richards, Scott Richards, Sandra Vang, Lilly Ly, Allie Hedrick, David Perry, Lorie Hedrick, Regan Hedrick, Lynn Frye, Angela Frye, Mike Beard, Mason Beard, Barbara Beard, Sandy Baucom, Candace Simmons, Taylor Simmons, May See Lo, Heather Blanton, Jeff Barkley, Carl Greene, Gene Monday, Gina Lindsey, Carl Bump, Jack Whitener, Stacey Isenhour, Donald Isenhour, Andrea Ramsey, Bill Morgan, Jason Lowrance and Scott Ramsey.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor David Morrow called the Claremont City Council meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as amended.

3. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation was led by Jerry Teague from First Baptist Church. Councilmember D.B. Setzer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Morrow spoke about the Bunker Hill Pep Rally. There was a great turn out for this event. Claremont Daze 2013 was very successful. He thanked the Parks and Recreation Committee for their hard work and all City departments for their help. October 10th the City of Claremont will travel to

Maiden for the annual softball game. Anyone interested is urged to attend. Mayor Morrow also read two Proclamations. The first was a Proclamation celebrating Homecoming Week at Bunker Hill High School during the week of September 29 thru October 5, 2013, also known as BEAR WEEK.

The second proclamation was in observance of Fire Prevention Week. October 6 thru 12, 2013 was proclaimed Fire Prevention Week throughout the City.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. September 3, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes – Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Lowrance made a motion to accept July 1, 2013 regular meeting minutes as presented. Councilmember Shawn Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Lowrance to accept the minutes as presented. Second was made by Councilmember Nicky Setzer. Motion passed unanimously.

B. September 3, 2013 Closed Session Meeting Minutes- Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Lowrance made a motion to accept July 1, 2013 closed session meeting minutes as presented. Councilmember Shawn Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Lowrance to accept the minutes as presented. Second was made by Councilmember Nicky Setzer. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Resolution 04-13 Voluntary Annexation Sufficiency- The owners of 2992 West Main Street are requesting voluntary annexation into the Corporate Limits of the City of Claremont. This 0.9 acre tract is currently in the ETJ of the City of Claremont and is contiguous to current Corporate Limits, served by the City Utilities, and is served by all other city services. This property was previously stated for annexation in 1985 however due to errors the annexation was never made official. The City Clerk certifies the sufficiency of the request as the City tries to honor voluntary annexation request, the proposed annexation would expand the City's tax base, and the proposed annexation will not hamper the cities ability to deliver public serves to this parcel. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Lowrance to accept Resolution 04-13 as presented. Second was made by Councilmember Nicky Setzer. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Resolution 05-13 Pertaining to the Sufficiency of the Petition to Extend the City of Claremont Corporate Limits- North Carolina General Statues require that prior to any annexation proceedings take place that the City Council approve and set a date and time for a public hearing. The public hearing for this annexation will be advertised for November 4, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the News and Observer. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Lowrance to approve Resolution 05-13. Second was made by Councilmember Nicky Setzer. Motion passed unanimously.

6. CITIZEN'S CONCERN'S & COMMENTS

Reverend Dennis Richards addressed the Council about the music choices and alcohol served at Claremont Daze 2013.

Scott Richards inquired about the Francis Sigmon Park. He is interested in using the fields for travel ball teams. City Manager, Doug Barrick gave a brief update on the project.

7. PRESENTATION

A. Claremont Youth Council- Susan Tucker introduced the 2013-2014 Youth Council. Each member was sworn in. The following youth were swore in Sarah Lemons, Morgan Howden, Katelynn

Patterson, Jake Loftin, Abbey Moose, Zach Gardner, Sandra Vang, Ashley Baucom, Mason Beard, Katelynn Bruno, Katana DeMauro, Allie Hedrick, Christina Hefner, Mara Loftin, Lillian Ly, Emily Maxfield, Abby Miller, Olivia Simmons, Savannah Frye, Logan Hedrick, Cole Travis, Cheyanne DeMauro.

B. Bill Bump- Carl Bump, father of Chief Bill Bump, presented him with the flag flown over the state capital on September 3, 2013; the day he was sworn in as Chief.

8. OLD BUSINESS-

A. Francis Sigmon Park Update- City Manager, Doug Barrick gave a brief update on the Francis Sigmon Park.

9. NEW BUSINESS-

A. Ordinance 04-13 Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Amendment- This amendment would appropriate funds for the purchase of a new support vehicle for the Police Department and funds to reimburse the County School System for the sale of a drug seizure vehicle. Motion was made by Councilmember Shawn Brown to approve Ordinance 04-13. Second was made by Councilmember Nicky Setzer. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Agreement for intersection Analysis- the City has been approached by NCDOT to begin looking at ways to improve the intersection of North Oxford and Centennial Blvd. Motion was made by Councilmember D.B. Setzer to approve an Intersection Analysis, with authority for Doug and Bob Grant to negotiate the language in paragraph 10- litigation. Second was made by Councilmember Shawn Brown. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Change of Location for November Meeting- The November Council meeting will need to change locations due to the elections. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Lowrance to change the location of the November meeting to the Police Department. Second was made by Councilmember Nicky Setzer. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Damage Evaluation on Sewer Outfall Support- This report would give current condition of McLin Outfall Support Pier, identified by the City as being damaged by recent heavy rains. It would provide options for repair or replacement. Motion was made by Councilmember Dale Sherrill to accept the proposal for the Damage Evaluation. Second was made by Councilmember D.B. Setzer. Motion passed unanimously.

10. DEPARTMENT & COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Quarterly Financial Report – City Manager, Doug Barrick presented council with quarterly totals. He reported that departments are doing well year to date.

B. Police Department – Claremont Daze went well. Chief Bost spoke to council about the recent license checks. These checks were very successful.

C. Fire Department – Chief Bump presented the Fire Department report. There will be a Firefighter Academy being held at Claremont Fire Department starting in January.

D. Public Works – New Generator has been installed at the School Lift Station.

E. Rescue Squad – Carl Green reported for the Rescue Squad.

F. Utilities Department – Installation of radio read water meters have begun. These should make for a more accurate reading and use less manpower. Permits have been received to extend the waterline on BGA Drive. The pump at Mom n Pop Lift station has been replaced.

G. Planning and Zoning – Laurie LoCicero reported that the Planning Board approved a revision to the conditional use permit for the planned unit development on Main Street. Laurie also helped Doug with the recreation survey.

H. Parks and Recreation Committee- Tim Lowrance spoke to council about the events in the near future.

11. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT- Doug highlighted the recreation survey. It was sent out in the water bills. He will also start putting the survey on social media sites. He asked that everyone take time to give their opinions. An update on the motel was given.

12. CLOSED SESSION- Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Lowrance to go into closed session in reference to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) (Attorney Client Privilege). At 8:37 p.m. Second was made by Councilmember Shawn Brown. Motion passed unanimously.

13. OPEN SESSION- Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Lowrance to go back into open session at 9:08 p.m. Second was made by Councilmember D.B. Setzer. Motion passed unanimously.

At this time Item 9E was added to the agenda- Agreement for Wastewater Capacity with City of Newton. Motion was made by Councilmember Nicky Setzer to the Agreement with the City of Newton for Wastewater Capacity pending final contractual language by Attorney Bob Grant and City Manager Barrick. Second was made by Councilmember Shawn Brown. Motion passed unanimously.

Phase II of the business park is being planned on at this time. The City owns 38 acres of the 200 acre tract. Doug has received confirmation from Norfolk Southern that they agree with the plan city council approved; new drive across from Comfort Drive. The property will be shown on October 18th.

13. ADJOURN- Motion was made by Councilmember D.B. Setzer to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. Second was made by Councilmember Shawn Brown. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy L. Helms, Administrative Support Clerk

David B. Morrow, Mayor

Attested:

Douglas L. Barrick, City Clerk