



City of Claremont Regular Meeting Minutes Monday, April 6, 2015

The regular City Council meeting of the City of Claremont was held in the council chambers located at Claremont City Hall at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 6, 2015.

The following members of the Claremont City Council were present: Mayor Shawn Brown, Councilmember Timothy Lowrance, Councilmember Dayne Miller, Councilmember Nicky Setzer, Councilmember Dale Setzer and Councilmember Dale Sherrill.

The following personnel of the City of Claremont were present: City Manager Catherine Renbarger, City Attorney Bob Grant, Finance Officer Stephanie Corn, City Clerk Wendy Helms, Rick Damron, Lieutenant Allen Long, Police Chief Gary Bost, Fire Chief Bart Travis, Public Works Director Tom Winkler and Recreation Coordinator Michael Orders.

Others in attendance were: Robert Smith, Andrea Ramsey, Mike Hathaway, Jason Lowrance, Angela Brown, Rupert Little, Terri Miller, Charles Helms, Shelley Stevens and Gene Monday.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Shawn R. Brown called the Claremont City Council meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

3. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation was given by Reverend Dennis Richards from First Baptist Church.

4. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Brown spoke briefly about the NLC Conference in Washington D.C. He also read several thank you notes received during the prior month.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. March 2, 2015, Regular Meeting Minutes – Councilmember Timothy Lowrance made a motion to accept March 2, 2015 regular meeting minutes as presented. Councilmember D.B. Setzer seconded the

motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. March 2, 2015 Closed Session Minutes- Councilmember Timothy Lowrance made a motion to accept March 2, 2015 closed session minutes. Councilmember D.B. Setzer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Municipal Mowing Agreement with NC DOT- Councilmember Timothy Lowrance made a motion to accept the mowing agreement with NC DOT. Councilmember D.B. Setzer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Amended Audit Contract- Councilmember Timothy Lowrance made a motion to accept the amended audit contract with Melanie Starr, CPA LLC. Councilmember D.B. Setzer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. CITIZEN'S CONCERN'S & COMMENTS- none

7. PRESENTATION-

Melanie Starr presented the 2014 Audit. Ms. Starr informed Council of prior period adjustments that had to be restated before the 2014 audit was started. In her opinion, the City's General Fund is in good financial shape, with \$1,817,208 in unassigned fund balance.

8. OLD BUSINESS- none

9. NEW BUSINESS-

A. Ordinance 19-14 Amend the Code of Ordinances Title 4 & 5- Updates were made to the Ordinance to reflect that the City or City's contractor now provide garbage containers; commercial business are now allowed only two solid waste containers and removal of exact charges for nonpayment and deposits to allow for future adjustments without changes to the ordinance. Motion was made by Councilmember Timothy Lowrance to accept Ordinance 19-14 as presented. Second was made by Councilmember Dayne Miller. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Ordinance 20-14 Amending the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget- Reimbursement was made for an overpayment to The Wooten Company. Ordinance 20-14 will account for this reimbursement in the fiscal year budget. Motion was made by Councilmember Dale Sherrill to accept Ordinance 20-14. Second was made by Councilmember Nicky Setzer. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Resolution 20-14 Adopting the Unifour Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan- The Unifour Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee and AECOM, led by Catawba County, initiated a Unifour Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Local governments in the Unifour contributed to the plan, based on assessed need for specific hazards and remedies. The plan includes Mitigation Actions specific to those local governments. Adopting the Unifour Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan will allow the City to be eligible for federal and state assistance in the event that a state of disaster is declared. Motion was made by Councilmember D.B. Setzer to accept Resolution 20-14. Second was made by Councilmember Dayne Miller. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Resolution 21-14 Resolution designating an Official to make Recommendations to the NC ABC Commission on ABC Permits- This resolution would give the City Manager authority to make recommendations to the NC ABC Commission concerning ABC retail permits. At this time, City Council has delegated this authority to the Mayor. Motion was made by Councilmember Timothy Lowrance to approve Resolution 21-14. Second was made by Councilmember Nicky Setzer. Motion passed unanimously.

10. DEPARTMENT & COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Monthly Department Dashboard Report- The monthly dashboard report was presented.

11. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Renbarger reminded Council of the upcoming Council retreat, Saturday, April 11th. She also asked Council to respond whether they will be in attendance for the WPCOG Annual meeting. Discussion then turned to the code violations of a new home on South Depot Street. The City issued a permit for this home. Mrs. Renbarger advised the Planning Board will be asked to investigate the specific code and see if changes need to be made. City Manager Renbarger polled Council to see if there was interest in attending the NC Main Street Program. This program provides grants, engineering, etc., for planning visions of a downtown area. A City official and local representative from the downtown area must attend the workshop to be able to participate. Councilmember Setzer advised he would like to attend.

12. CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made by Councilmember Dayne Miller to go into a closed session in reference to G.S. 143-318.11(a) (4) at 7:50 p.m. Second was made by Councilmember D.B. Setzer. Motion passed unanimously.

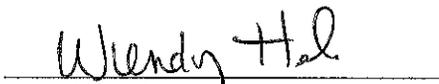
13. ADJOURN

Motion was made by Councilmember Dayne Miller to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Second was made by Councilmember Timothy Lowrance. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy L. Helms, City Clerk

Attested:


Shawn R. Brown, Mayor


Wendy Helms, City Clerk