



City of Claremont Regular Meeting Minutes Monday, May 5, 2014

The regular City Council meeting of the City of Claremont was held in the large shelter located at Claremont City Park at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 5, 2014.

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 Doug Barrick, City Attorney Bob Grant, Finance Officer Stephanie Corn, Administrative Support Clerk Wendy Helms, Rick Damron, Lieutenant Allen Long, Jessica Miller, Fire Chief Bart Travis, Melinda Bumgarner and Police Chief Gary Bost.

Others in attendance were: Robert Smith, Cole Travis, Lisa Travis, Laurie LoCicero, Crystal Clark, David Clark, Reverend George Hilton, Gene Monday, Rupert Little, Andre Ramsey, Jason Lowrance and Cameron Morgan.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Shawn R. Brown 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 given by George Hilton, from Lighthouse Ministries. Councilmember Nicky Setzer led the pledge of allegiance.

4. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Brown spoke about the ribbon cutting at Crown Merchants on April 24th. He also spoke about the Hope 4 a Cure 5k which was held on May 3rd. Mayor Brown read two thank you notes; one from Kim Yancy, Claremont Elementary School, thanking the city for their donation. The second note was from Claremont Friends of the Library. Mayor Brown read two proclamations. The first was to recognize Police Week, May 11-17, 2014. The second was to recognize Public Works Week, May 18-24. City Manager, Doug Barrick presented Public Works with a framed Public Works Week Poster.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. April 7, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes – Councilmember Timothy Lowrance made a motion to accept April 7, 2014 regular meeting minutes as presented. Councilmember Nicky Setzer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. April 7, 2014 Closed Session Minutes- Councilmember Timothy Lowrance made a motion to accept April 7, 2014 closed session minutes as presented. Councilmember Nicky Setzer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Interlocal Contract for HGAC Buy Cooperative Purchasing- Councilmember Timothy Lowrance made a motion to accept the contract as presented. Councilmember Nicky Setzer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Resolution 19-13 Planning Board Appointment- Councilmember Timothy Lowrance made a motion to accept the Resolution as presented, appointing Crystal Clark to the planning board. Councilmember Nicky Setzer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

7. PRESENTATIONS: City Manager, Doug Barrick presented the Managers Recommended Budget for fiscal year 2014. Manager Barrick gave an overview of the budget. There will be a public hearing on Monday, June 2, 2014.

8. PUBLIC HEARING- Motion was made by Councilmember Timothy Lowrance to open a public hearing at 7:36 p.m. Second was made by Councilmember Dayne Miller. Motion passed unanimously. Purpose of the public hearing: The owners of 3033 Centennial Blvd are requesting voluntary annexation into the Corporate Limits of the City of Claremont. This 12.76 acre tract is currently in the ETJ of the City of Claremont and is contiguous to current Corporate Limits, served by City Utilities, and is served by all other city services. The City Clerk certifies the sufficiency of the request as the City tries to honor voluntary annexation requests, the proposed annexation would expand the City's tax base, and the proposed annexation will not hamper the Cities ability to deliver public services to this parcel.

Motion was made by Councilmember Nicky Setzer to close the public hearing at 7:38 p.m. Second was made by Councilmember Timothy Lowrance. Motion passed unanimously.

9. OLD BUSINESS- Francis Sigmon Park front lots have been sold to S & A Sports. The rear lots have been purchased by the Sigmon family.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Ordinance 12-13 Annexation 14-01- Motion was made by Councilmember Dale Sherrill to accept Ordinance 10-13. Second was made by Councilmember Dayne Miller. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Ordinance 13-13 FY 14 Budget Amendment- This budget amendment will account for the money received from the fire departments checking. Motion was made by Councilmember Dale Sherrill to accept Ordinance 13-13. Second was made by Councilmember Nicky Setzer. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Resolution 20-13 Parks & Recreation Master Plan- Motion was made by Councilmember Timothy Lowrance to adopt the Parks & Recreation Master Plan. Second was made by Councilmember Nicky Setzer. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Agreement for Wastewater Operations- State laws requires that the City of Claremont designate an Operator Responsible in Charge (ORC) for the waste water operations. The City of Hickory is currently under contract and performing these ORC duties associated with the treatment facilities and pump stations for the City of Claremont. This contract will extended these services for an additional 3 years. Motion was made by Councilmember Dale Sherrill. Second was made by Councilmember Nicky Setzer. Motion passed unanimously.

E. Ordinance 14-14 Fire Department Command Structure- This ordinance updates the structure of the Fire Dept to operate with two elected assistant chiefs. These changes come about to assist the department in the separation of duties and provide opportunities for growth within the department. Motion was made by Councilmember Dale Sherrill. Second was made by Councilmember Dayne Miller. Motion passed unanimously.

F. Budget Transfer- Monies have been moved in the FY 14 Budget to cover some unplanned expenses and break downs. No action was needed.

11. DEPARTMENT & COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Youth Council – Cole Travis presented the Youth Council report.

B. Parks and Recreation Committee- Jessica Miller spoke on behalf of the Recreation Committee.

C. Monthly Department Dashboard Report- There was no questions in reference to the monthly dashboard report.

12. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT- City Manager Barrick advised everyone that the city website is up to date with loads of information. He also spoke about grass. City ordinance stated grass on approved lots can be no higher than 8 inches or 24" inches on unapproved lots. He asked everyone to come by city hall and look at the display cases which are full of police and public work equipment.

13. CLOSED SESSION: Motion was made by Councilmember Timothy Lowrance to go into a closed session in reference to G.S. 143-318.11(a) (4, 5) at 7:57 p.m. Second was made by Councilmember Dayne Miller. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilmember Timothy Lowrance to recess the closed session at 9:08 p.m. Second was made by Councilmember Nicky Setzer. Motion passed unanimously.

14. ADJOURN- Motion was made by Councilmember Dayne Miller to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m. Second was made by Councilmember D.B. Setzer. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy L. Helms, Administrative Support Clerk

Shawn R. Brown, Mayor

Attested:

Douglas L. Barrick, City Clerk