



City of Claremont Regular Meeting Minutes Monday, April 7, 2014

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 7, 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, Public Works Director Tom Winkler, Rick Damron, Lieutenant Allen Long, Jessica Miller, Fire Chief Bart Travis and Police Chief Gary Bost.

Others in attendance were: Melinda Bumgarner, Robert Smith, Susan Tucker, Laurie LoCicero, Robert Winrow, Gene Monday, Cole Travis, Lisa Travis, Evan Matomoto, David Clark, Dillon Keller, Sam Erwin, Cory Klassett, Cayden Klassett, Kim Yancy, Jason Lowrance, Kemp Sigmon, Tyler Terry, Loretta Williams, Rubin Williams, Johnny Lylerly, Eddie Chapman, Jeff Kautz, Dan Brigman and Andrea Ramsey.

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 Jeff Kautz; from New Life Baptist Church. Councilmember Timothy Lowrance led the pledge of allegiance.

4. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Brown read a proclamation for the Children's Advocacy Center of Catawba County along with the Children's Protection Council of Catawba County, have asked that Catawba County and all eight municipalities to join in proclaiming April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. This proclamation is indented to help raise awareness and pledge support to prevent child abuse and neglect in Catawba County.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. March 3, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes – Councilmember Timothy Lowrance made a motion to accept March 3, 2014 regular meeting minutes as presented. Councilmember D.B. Setzer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. March 29, 2014 Budget Retreat Meeting- Councilmember Timothy Lowrance made a motion to accept March 29, 2014 budget retreat meeting minutes as presented. Councilmember D.B. Setzer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Resolution 15-13 Appreciation of Dana B Roberts- WPCOG- Councilmember Timothy Lowrance made a motion to accept the Resolution as presented. Councilmember D.B. Setzer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Resolution 16-13 Planning Board Reappointments- Councilmember Timothy Lowrance made a motion to accept the Resolution as presented. Councilmember D.B. Setzer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Resolution 17-13 Voluntary Annexation Sufficiency (ANX 14-01)- Councilmember Timothy Lowrance made a motion to accept the Resolution as presented. City Council of the City of Claremont deems it advisable to proceed in response to this voluntary request for annexation. Councilmember D.B. Setzer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Resolution 18-13 Voluntary Annexation Public Hearing (ANX 14-01) - Notice of the public hearing will be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Claremont. The advertisement will fulfill the requirement to post the date of the public hearing at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the public hearing. Catawba County Parcel Identification Number: 3376209157095 & 376209254128 and located at 3300 Centennial Blvd comprising 12.76 Acres and Furthermore defined in a plat map recorded at the Catawba County Register of Deeds in Plat Book 48- Page 66. Councilmember Timothy Lowrance made a motion to accept the Resolution as presented. Councilmember D.B. Setzer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

7. PRESENTATIONS: The Claremont Police Dept recently sold a drug seizure vehicle in an effort to reduce and upgrade the rolling stock of the dept. The vehicle had been used to perform undercover work and resulted in even more drug busts and other criminal activity began to stop. According to state law the funds recovered from the sale of the vehicle must be given to the local school system. Tonight we were joined by Dan Brigman Superintendent of the School System and Principal Kim Yancey of Claremont Elementary. Chief Gary Bost presented them with a check from the proceeds of the sale.

In order to gauge community input and provide a long term development and redevelopment plan for the City Park, the City engaged the WPCOG to holistically plan for park improvements. This master plan will provide a road map for future improvements for the park along with fully developed budgets for grant and budget purposes. The WPCOG has completed this plan and Sam Erwin presented the findings of the plan, with a budget analysis.

8. PUBLIC HEARING- Motion was made by Councilmember Nicky Setzer to open a public hearing at 7:24 p.m. Second was made by Councilmember Dayne Miller. Motion passed unanimously. Purpose of the public hearing was for the Council to consider **Rezoning Case 14-1** for three properties located at 2681 & 2633 JB Road and 2585 Old Island Ford Road. These properties are also identified by the following Catawba County Parcel Identification numbers: 3761-08-89-7105, 3761-08-89-6132,

3761-08-88-6982. The parcels are recommended to be rezoned from R-2 Residential Agriculture to R-2 with MHO Manufacturing Home Overlay.

City Planner, Laurie LoCicero recommended that the city rezone the parcels to R-2 with a mobile home overlay. Kemp Sigmon, neighbor to the property, stated he had no issues with the re-zoning. Motion was made by Councilmember Nicky Setzer to close the public hearing at 7:30 p.m. Second was made by Councilmember Timothy Lowrance. Motion passed unanimously.

9. OLD BUSINESS- none

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Ordinance 10-13 Budget Amendment- Motion was made by Councilmember Dale Sherrill to accept Ordinance 10-13. Second was made by Councilmember Dayne Miller. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Ordinance 11-13 Claremont Zoning Map Updates- The City of Claremont Official Zoning Map shall be updated to reflect the change of three parcels from R-2 Residential Agriculture District to R-2 Residential Agriculture District with the Manufactured Home Overlay District. This change is in conformance with the Land Development Plan in that it allows for affordable housing options in the City’s Extra Territorial Jurisdiction. This zoning change is subject to the following properties:

<u>Catawba County PIN</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Address</u>
3761-08-89-7105	Mildred Lyerly	2681 JB Rd
3761-08-89-6132	Mildred Lyerly	2683 JB Rd
3761-08-88-6982	Johnny and Mary Lyerly	2585 Old Island Ford Rd

Motion was made by Councilmember Timothy Lowrance to accept Ordinance 11-13. Second was made by Councilmember Nicky Setzer. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Consider joining the NCLM REG-TAF- The NC League of Municipalities (League) is requesting voluntary contributions for the Regulatory Technical Assistance Fund (REG-TAF). REG-TAF is a voluntary annual joint action program that is separate from our League dues and was created to protect N.C. municipalities’ collective interests by hiring external technical support for water quality and electric regulatory issues. The League membership asked the League to organize this annual voluntary joint action program after the success of two previous League member-supported joint action programs -- the Municipal Environmental Assessment Coalition (MEAC) and the North Carolina Municipal Energy Group (NC-MEG).

Motion was made by Councilmember Dale Sherrill to join the NCLM REG-TAF. Second was made by Councilmember Nicky Setzer. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Fire Engine Replacement Bid Tabulations- The Claremont Fire Dept. received bids for the replacement of Engine 71 as requested for the Fiscal Year 2015 Capital Improvement Plan. The bids received were well above the budgeted price. The Chief has requested that these bids be rejected and that the City Council give authorization to look for piggyback options, demo truck options or a second bid process to bring forth an Engine replacement contract within budget.

Motion was made by Councilmember Dale Sherrill to reject the bids and directed Fire Chief; Bart Travis to look into demo’s, piggy backing on other spec’s and if all else fails to re-bid the replacement fire engine. Second was made by Councilmember D. B. Setzer. Motion passed unanimously.

E. May 5th City Council Meeting Location- The Catawba County Board of Elections will be using the Council Chambers for the General Primary Election Voting on May 6, 2014. In order to prepare for the elections, their staff will be setting up the voting machines on the evening of May 5, 2014. In the past the Council has relocated the meeting in lieu of rescheduling the meeting. In keeping with our rotations to departments the Claremont City Park Shelter will play host to the May meeting this year. The training room of the Claremont Police Dept. will be used as a bad weather location.

Motion was made by Councilmember Nicky Setzer to change the location of the May 7, 2014 Council Meeting to the city park; in case of bad weather the Claremont Police Department. Second was made by Councilmember Dayne Miller. Motion passed unanimously.

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 introduced Police Officer, Dillon Keller. He also announced the Police Department had been awarded a grant in the amount of \$8600, for their interrogation Room upgrades. Surplus property will go on Gov Deals this week. He also eluded to the “Fire Up Claremont” applications. They are due by April 11th.

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)(3) (Attorney Client Privilege) at 7:58 p.m. Second was made by Councilmember Dale Sherrill. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilmember Timothy Lowrance to recess the closed session at 8:05 p.m. Second was made by Councilmember Dale Sherrill. Motion passed unanimously.

14. ADJOURN- Motion was made by Councilmember Dale Sherrill to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Second was made by Councilmember Nicky Setzer. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy L. Helms, Administrative Support Clerk

Shawn R. Brown, Mayor

Attested:

Douglas L. Barrick, City Clerk