



City of Claremont Regular Meeting Minutes Monday, February 3, 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, February 3, 2014.

The following members of the Claremont City Council were present: Mayor Shawn Brown, Mayor Pro Tem 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 Miler and Police Chief Gary Bost.

Others in attendance were: Melinda Bumgarner, Robert Smith, Susan Tucker, Savannah Frye, Ruffin Snow, Eyan Townsend, Jack Whitener, Angela Brown, Duane Cozzen, Terri Miller, Laurie LoCicero 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 Reverend Ruffin Snow. Councilmember Nicky Setzer led the pledge of allegiance.

4. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Brown reported that Councilmember Dayne Miller will be replacing Councilmember D.B. Setzer as Council liaison to the Youth Council. He also read a letter from Henry Helton, expressing his gratitude for naming the 2014 Claremont Daze in his honor. Mayor Brown read an email from the Town of Catawba, thanking Claremont for their help during the recent snow storm.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. January 6, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes – Councilmember Timothy Lowrance made a motion to accept January 6, 2014 regular meeting minutes as presented. Councilmember Dayne Miller seconded

the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. January 6, 2014 Closed Session Meeting- Councilmember Timothy Lowrance made a motion to accept January 6, 2014 closed session meeting minutes as presented. Councilmember Dayne Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Resolution 12-13 Surplus Property- Councilmember Timothy Lowrance made a motion to accept Resolution 12-13 for Surplus Property as presented. Councilmember Dayne Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

7. OLD BUSINESS-

A. Presentation of Current Year Fire Department Updates- December marked the mid-point of the fiscal year and the Fire Chief was out of town attending the National Fire Academy at the last Council meeting, Chief Travis will give a brief presentation on the status of the Fire Department goals and CIP items

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Ordinance 07-13 Fire Department Structure- This ordinance updates the operational procedures of the Claremont Fire Department and transitions the administrative duties of the department to the Fire Chief and the officers of the department. These changes also establish the duties of the Chief to issue standard operating guidelines for the department and align the membership requirements of the department to North Carolina Standards. It furthermore establishes the Standard Operating Guidelines as the basis of operations for the department.

The highlighted sections of the ordinance reflect updates and or revisions from the current ordinance.

B. Approve Contract for Construction repairs to McLin Creek Sewer Lines- As a result of the July 2013 flooding, one of the McLin Creek sewer outfall support piers was damaged. The City has worked with FEMA and our engineers to come up with funding and a plan to repair and reconstruct this line. Construction bids for this project will be opened on Thursday January 30th.

Bids came in extremely high. With one bid at \$127,000 and the other at 149,000. Councilmember Timothy Lowrance made a motion to reject the bids presented. Councilmember Nicky Setzer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Dayne Miller asked about a piece of property on Centennial Blvd. and as to why it had not been annexed into the city limits. Council asked City Manager Barrick to report back with further information.

9. DEPARTMENT & COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Youth Council – Savannah Frye 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 were no questions in reference to the new monthly dashboard report.

10. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT- City Manager Barrick spoke about Inter Gov. This program allows the City and the County to transmit data back and forth, easily. He also informed everyone of the Firefighter Rookie School being held at Claremont Fire Department. They have 35 people committed to the entire program.

11. CLOSED SESSION- Motion was made by Councilmember Timothy Lowrance to recess the regular meeting and go into closed session in reference to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) (Attorney Client Privilege) at 7:43 p.m. Second was made by Councilmember Nicky Setzer.

Motion was made by Councilmember Timothy Lowrance to adjourn the closed session meeting at 8:09 p.m. Second was made by Councilmember Nicky Setzer. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember's questioned whether there had been any contact with the motel. City Manager Barrick will try and contact them and see what plans they have for that property.

Advance Pierre has purchased the property formally owned by the Ham House. City Manager Barrick will be in touch with Advance Pierre to set up a meeting to talk about the demolition that is planned.

12. ADJOURN- Motion was made by Councilmember Nicky Setzer to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. Second was made by Councilmember Timothy Lowrance. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy L. Helms, Administrative Support Clerk

Shawn R. Brown, Mayor

Attested:

Douglas L. Barrick, City Clerk