



## **City of Claremont Regular Meeting Minutes Monday, January 6, 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, January 6, 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, and Councilmember Dale Setzer. Councilmember Dale Sherrill was excused from the meeting.

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 and Police Chief Gary Bost.

Others in attendance were: Melinda Bumgarner, Robert Winrow, Gere Helton, Henry Helton, Robert Smith, Scott Richards, Annette Richards, Rebecca Rhodes, Susan Tucker, Andrea Ramsey, Scott Ramsey and Zack Gardner

### **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 Henry Helton. Councilmember Timothy Lowrance led the pledge of allegiance.

### **4. MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Brown thanked everyone for their help with the Christmas Parade.

### **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. December 2, 2013, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes** – Councilmember Timothy Lowrance made a motion to accept December 2, 2013 regular meeting minutes as presented. Councilmember Nicky Setzer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**B. Fiscal Year Budget Calendar-** Councilmember Timothy Lowrance made a motion to accept December 2, 2013 regular meeting minutes as presented. Councilmember Nicky Setzer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **6. CITIZEN'S CONCERN'S & COMMENTS**

Rebecca Rhodes from the Hickory Jaycee's presented the City of Claremont with a plaque and congratulated them on being named 2013 Community Partner of the Year.

## **7. OLD BUSINESS-**

**A. Presentation of Current Year Department Updates-** As a part of the Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Process each department of the City established goals to work toward during the fiscal year. The departments also had specific capital improvement needs for the fiscal year. These goals and CIP items were adopted by the City Council as a part of the Fiscal Year 2014 Budget.

December marked the mid-point of the fiscal year and the City Manager and Department Heads gave a brief presentation on the status of their goals and CIP items.

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Resolution 11-13 Claremont Daze 2014-** After 20 years with the City Henry Helton has announced his retirement from the City of Claremont effective December 31, 2013. Henry has been a member of the city's parks and recreation committee and the city's part time special events coordinator since 1993. Among other special events through the year Henry has played a vital role in the creation and success of our Claremont Daze festival and the Tailgate Market. Henry came to the city early in his retirement from the YMCA as an executive director and has propelled our events and outreach programs to rival those of city's much larger than Claremont. In honor of his dedicated support this resolution will dedicated the 2014 Claremont Daze Festival in Henry's Honor. Motion was made by Councilmember Timothy Lowrance to accept Resolution 11-13. Second was made by Councilmember Nicky Setzer. Motion passed unanimously.

**B. Budget Transfers-** Monies have been moved in the FY 14 Budget to cover some unplanned expenses and break downs.

## **9. DEPARTMENT & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Youth Council** – Zack Gardner reported for the Youth Council.

**B. Police Department** -

**C. Fire Department** –

**D. Public Works** –

**E. Rescue Squad** –

**F. Utilities Department** –

**G. Planning and Zoning** –

**H. Parks and Recreation Committee-** Franklin Harris has retired from the Planning Board.

**I. Appearance Committee-**

**10. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT-** City Manager, Doug Barrick encouraged citizens to take time to explore the new city website. City Manager Barrick would like to persuade you to turn in anyone you see littering. He has offered a Kangaroo gas card for anyone who can give information, which leads to the Police Department issuing a ticket for littering.

**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 8:00 p.m. Second was made by Councilmember Nicky Setzer.

Motion was made by Councilmember Timothy Lowrance to adjourn the closed session meeting at 8:45 p.m. Second was made by Councilmember Dayne Miller. Motion passed unanimously.

After returning to regular session City Manager, Doug Barrick inquired with council on their thoughts of changing zoning restrictions on a piece of property located on North Oxford Street. At this time the property is zoned neighborhood commercial, the rezoning would be to residential. Upon discussion council was in agreement with this rezoning.

**12. ADJOURN-** Motion was made by Councilmember Timothy Lowrance to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 p.m. Second was made by Councilmember Dayne Miller. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wendy L. Helms, Administrative Support Clerk

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Shawn R. Brown, Mayor

Attested:

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Douglas L. Barrick, City Clerk