



City of Claremont Regular Meeting Minutes Monday, August 4, 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, August 4, 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, Police Chief Gary Bost, Sgt. Duane Cozzen, Public Works Director Tom Winkler and City Planner Shelley Stevens.

Others in attendance were: Robert Smith, Andrea Ramsey, Jessalyn Johnson, Dennis Richards, Matthew Ross, Dalton Miller, Allen Barkley, Tyler Terry, Jeff Barkley, Dedee Barkley, Ramona Cozzen and Brianna Cozzen.

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 Rev. Dennis Richards. Councilmember Timothy Lowrance led the pledge of allegiance.

4. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Brown spoke briefly about several thank you notes. He also recognized Les Sigmon for a \$2,000 donation to the P.J. Stanley Scholarship Fund.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. July 7, 2014 Closed Session Minutes- Councilmember Timothy Lowrance made a motion to accept June 2, 2014 closed session minutes as presented. Councilmember Nicky Setzer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Resolution 06-14 Voluntary Annexation Sufficiency- Councilmember Timothy Lowrance made a motion to approve the voluntary annexation sufficiency. Second was made by Councilmember Nicky Setzer. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Resolution 07-14 Voluntary Annexation Public Hearing- Councilmember Timothy Lowrance made a motion to accept Resolution 07-14, to hold a public hearing for questions of annexation of the area described herein will be held at Claremont City Hall, 3288 East Main Street, Claremont, NC 28610 at 7:00PM on Monday September 1, 2014.

Catawba County Parcel Identification Number: 375112872357 and located at 2421 BGA Drive comprising 9.310 Acres and furthermore defined in a plat map recorded at the Catawba County Register of Deeds in Plat Book 51- Page 158 as Tract E.

Second was made by Councilmember Nicky Setzer. Motion passed unanimously.

E. Resolution 08-14 Awarding Retiring Police Sergeant Duane Cozzen- Duane Cozzen has served as a member of the Claremont Police Department for a period of 15 years and as Sergeant for all of those 15 years and is retiring from the City of Claremont Police Department on August 1, 2014. Council presented Duane with his badge and service weapon. Councilmember Timothy Lowrance made a motion to approve Resolution 08-14. Second was made by Councilmember Nicky Setzer. Motion passed unanimously.

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

7. PRESENTATIONS

A. P.J. Stanley Memorial Scholarships- Brenda Stanley presented (2) two, Five Hundred dollar scholarships.

The PJ Stanley Memorial Scholarship Committee has reviewed the applications for the Fall 2014 scholarship awards to honor former City Councilman James "PJ" Stanley. The recipients of the Fall 2014 awards are:

Matthew Ross

2012 Graduate of Bunker Hill High School
Member of the Oxford Fire Dept & Claremont Rescue
Attending CVCC for Fire Protection Technology

Allen Barkley

2013 Graduate of Bunker Hill High School
Member of the Claremont Fire Dept
Attending CVCC for Fire Protection Technology

B. Police Department- Police Chief Gary Bost and Mayor Shawn Brown presented Duane Cozzen with his badge and weapon. Duane Cozzen has served as a member of the Claremont Police Department for a period of 15 years and as Sergeant for all of those 15 years and is retiring from the City of Claremont Police Department on August 1, 2014.

8. OLD BUSINESS- none

9. NEW BUSINEES-

A. Resolution 05-14 Exchange of Land Rights- The City has been approached by Apple Inc to revise the existing resolution of exchange rights to transfer the City owned land to Apple Inc. instead of Duke Energy. All other aspects of the resolution remain the same. Motion was made by Councilmember Dale Sherrill to accept Resolution 05-14. Second was made by Councilmember Dayne Miller. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Ordinance 02-14 Animal Updates- The City has been approached by the County to align our ordinances with the County code for Animal services. In order to streamline this process the proposed ordinance references the County code and aligns the power to enforce both the City Code and County code for both Claremont Police and County Animal Control officers as allowed by state law for mutual aid.

The proposed changes also strengthen our existing code for animal nuisance issues and sets forth enforceable penalties for the Police and Animal control to enforce.

Motion was made by Councilmember Timothy Lowrance to accept Ordinance 02-14. Second was made by Councilmember Nicky Setzer. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Harris Local Government MyGovHub Web Portal- This web portal for online bill pay will allow customers more transparency in their billing information and builds on the city's ability to expand our e-profile. This portal will allow for online bill notification, billing history, usage history, & user set up configurations. The City will benefit from the flexi bill integration for real time payments, and ability to save costs over time with e-billing. The portal has a onetime payment of \$2,250 and a yearly ongoing charge of \$1,500 per year. The customers will assume the usage charges in the transaction fees with a standard fee costing the customer \$2.25 per transaction.

Motion was made by Councilmember Dayne Miller to accept the contract with MyGovHub, for online water/sewer payments. Second was made by Councilmember Timothy Lowrance. Motion passed unanimously.

10. DEPARTMENT & COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Monthly Department Dashboard Report- Public Works Director Tom Winkler thanked all departments for their assistance while his crew made water connections on Main Street.

B. Parks and Recreation Committee- Jessica Miller spoke on behalf of the Recreation Committee. She gave updates for movies in the park. The next movie will be held on August 16th at 9 p.m. In case of rain the movie will be moved to the fire department. Plans are under way for this year's Scaremont Park.

11. CITY MANAGERS REPORT

City Manager Barrick informed council and those in attendance that NC DOT would start paving on Lookout Street. Mr. Barrick also spoke about the STEM Tours. These tours will be provided by an Innovation Grant. These tours will benefit River Bend Middle School and Bunker Hill High School. Lastly he presented (5) five new AED's to the Police, Fire and Administration Departments.

12. CLOSED SESSION: Motion was made by Councilmember Nicky Setzer to go into a closed session in reference to G.S. 143-318.11(a) (4) at 7:45 p.m. Second was made by Councilmember Dayne Miller. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilmember Nicky Setzer to recess the closed session at 8:19 p.m. Second was made by Councilmember Timothy Lowrance. Motion passed unanimously.

13. ADJOURN- Motion was made by Councilmember Dayne Miller to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. Second was made by Councilmember Dale Setzer. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy L. Helms, Administrative Support Clerk

Shawn R. Brown, Mayor

Attested:

Douglas L. Barrick, City Clerk