



City of Claremont Regular Meeting Minutes Monday, July 6, 2015

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, July 6, 2015.

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 Catherine Renbarger, City Attorney Bob Grant, Finance Officer Stephanie Corn, City Clerk Wendy Helms, Police Chief Gary Bost, Fire Chief Bart Travis and Recreation Coordinator Michael Orders.

Others in attendance were: Scott Ramsey, Charles Helms, Robert Winrow, Luisa Agathon, Johnny Wear and Gene Monday.

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 Dennis Marshall from Bethlehem United Methodist Church. Councilmember Dayne Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Brown gave a brief report.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. June 1, 2015, Regular Meeting Minutes – Councilmember Dale Sherrill made a motion to accept June 1, 2015 regular meeting minutes as presented. Councilmember Timothy Lowrance seconded the

motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. CITIZEN'S CONCERNS & COMMENTS- none

7. PUBLIC HEARING-

Motion was made by Councilmember Nicky Setzer to open a public hearing at 7:04 p.m. to discuss the proposed voluntary annexation on 3123 Kelly Blvd. Second was made by Councilmember Timothy Lowrance.

Voluntary annexation was part of the agreement with Apple, Inc. entered into on September 8, 2014. The property was found to be contiguous to the primary corporate limits of the City of Claremont. The petition for annexation was signed by all owners of the real property, in accordance with G.S. 160A-31.

Motion was made by Councilmember Nicky Setzer to close the public hearing at 7:04 p.m. Second was made by Councilmember Timothy Lowrance.

8. OLD BUSINESS- Council was presented several budget transfers that were needed during the month of June. These were for informational purposes only.

9. NEW BUSINESS-

A. Resolution 01-15 Directing the Clerk to Investigate the Petition for Voluntary Annexation-

Resolution 01-15 directed the City Clerk to investigate the sufficiency of the voluntary annexation at 3123 Kelly Blvd. The property was found to be contiguous to the primary corporate limits of the City of Claremont. The petition for annexation was signed by all owners of the real property, in accordance with G.S. 160A-31.

Motion was made by Councilmember D.B. Setzer to accept Resolution 01-15 as presented. Second was made by Councilmember Dayne Miller. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Ordinance 01-15 Extending the Corporate Limits of the City- With the City Clerk certifying the sufficiency of the voluntary annexation petition and a public hearing advertised and held, Ordinance 01-15 will extend the corporate limits of the City of Claremont to include Catawba County parcel number 376109156074, located at 3123 Kelly Blvd.

Motion was made by Councilmember Timothy Lowrance to accept Ordinance 01-15. Second was made by Councilmember Dayne Miller. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Resolution 02-15 Adopting the 2015-2016 Classification and Pay Study- The proposed 2015 Classification and Pay Plan is a direct result of the contract with The MAPS Group. The plan is based on the need to provide compensation for employees to reflect market considerations. The plan also includes up to a 2% merit increase for all employees.

Motion was made by Councilmember Dale Sherrill to table Resolution 02-15 until closed session for further discussion. Second was made by Councilmember Nicky Setzer. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Resolution 03-15 Approving the Contract with Matthews Construction- The City has been in discussion with Bob Busbee and Gene Monday regarding the extension of Centennial Blvd. The agreement would execute a contract with Matthews Construction for this work. Mr. Busbee and Mr. Monday have agreed to donate \$35,000 each to the City to help fund this project. Work would begin after the donations have been received and subject to contract approval by the City Attorney and City Manager.

Motion was made by Councilmember Dale Sherrill to approve Resolution 03-15. Second was made by Councilmember Nicky Setzer. Motion passed unanimously.

E. Approve an Agreement with Sigmon Family Farms- The agreement would allow the City to dump tree trimmings, limbs and stump on the Sigmon property at 2385 Island Ford Road. This would allow the City to save time and fuel cost going to the Blackburn Landfill. Under the agreement the City would pay \$5,000 to the Sigmon's annually to dump the waste on their property.

Motion was made by Councilmember Nicky Setzer to approve the contract. Second was made by Councilmember D.B. Setzer. Motion passed unanimously.

F. Ordinance 02-15 Amending the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget- This item will amend the 2016 budget to account for the loan proceeds from BB&T for the purchase of the fire truck.

Motion was made by Councilmember Dale Sherrill to approve Ordinance 02-15. Second was made by Councilmember Dayne Miller. Motion passed unanimously.

10. DEPARTMENT & COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Monthly Department Dashboard Report- The monthly dashboard report was presented.

Police- Chief Bost informed Council of a new Police Officer, Joyce Cline. He also spoke about the Grand Jury Indictment of the bank robbery suspect and the WPCOG efforts to investigate the need for a private forensics lab in this area.

Planning- Interim City Planner, John Wear stated that the permanent Planner will begin in Claremont on July 29th. He gave Council an overview of zoning amendments that will be reviewed by the Planning Board.

Fire- Chief Travis spoke about the building dedication for Gary Sigmon. He spoke briefly about recruitment and retention, numbers have dropped recently. Finally he informed Council that the new fire truck is almost ready for delivery.

11. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Renbarger informed Council of the stage zero declaration by the Catawba River Basin. At this time the City does not need to take any action. She also spoke about the recent notice of violations at the waste water treatment plants. The City of Hickory has began sampling to determine the violation source. Councilmember Nicky Setzer inquired about the progress of the CMAQ Sidewalk Grant. At this time the plans are with the Department of Transportation waiting for approval.

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 7:33 p.m. Second was made by Councilmember Dayne Miller. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilmember Dayne Miller to go back into open session at 8:53 p.m. Second was made by Councilmember Timothy Lowrance.

Motion was made by Councilmember D.B. Setzer to approve the Pay and Classification Plan subject to amending the Public Services Director to grade 20. Second was made by Councilmember Dale Sherrill.

13. ADJOURN

Motion was made by Councilmember Timothy Lowrance to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Second was made by Councilmember Nicky Setzer. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy L. Helms, City Clerk

Shawn R. Brown, Mayor

Attested:

Wendy L. Helms, City Clerk