



City of Claremont Regular Meeting Minutes Monday, March 2, 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, March 2, 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, Rick Damron, Lieutenant Allen Long, Melinda Bumgarner, Police Chief Gary Bost, and Public Works Director Tom Winkler and Recreation Coordinator Michael Orders.

Others in attendance were: Robert Smith, Zack Gardner, Lisa Travis, Robert Winrow, Summer Jenkins, Kim Bolick, Jeff Swagger, Andrea Ramsey and Gene Monday.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Shawn R. Brown called the Claremont City Council meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

3. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation was given by Reverend Gary Haddock from St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

4. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Brown spoke briefly about his plans to attend the National League of Cities Conference in Washington D.C.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. February 2, 2015, Regular Meeting Minutes – Councilmember Timothy Lowrance made a motion

to accept February 2, 2015 regular meeting minutes as presented. Councilmember Dayne Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. February 2, 2015 Closed Session Minutes- Councilmember Timothy Lowrance made a motion to accept February 2, 2015 closed session minutes. Councilmember Dayne Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Resolution 18-14 Adopt the 2015 Action Plan- Councilmember Timothy Lowrance made a motion to accept Resolution 18-14, to adopt the 2015 Action Plan. Councilmember Dayne Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Municipal Retention Schedule Amendment to Standard 9 & 12- Councilmember Timothy Lowrance made a motion to accept Amendments to the Retention Schedule; Schedule 9 and 12. Councilmember Dayne Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Municipal Retention Schedule Amendment to Standard 4 & 12- Councilmember Timothy Lowrance made a motion to accept Amendments to the Retention Schedule; Schedule 4 and 12. Councilmember Dayne Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

7. PROCLAMATION

A. National Nutrition Month- Mayor Brown recognized Summer Jenkins from The Corner Table. Ms. Jenkins spoke about a local movement "Give Healthy". This movement has been launched to encourage the donation of foods filled with the nutrients adults and children need for healthy living in partnership with Eastern Catawba Cooperative Christian Ministries; Greater Hickory Cooperative Christian Ministries; Hickory Soup Kitchen; and the Corner Table.

Mayor Brown read excerpts from the proclamation. Motion was made by Councilmember Nicky Setzer to approve the Proclamation designating March as National Nutrition Month. Second was made by Councilmember D.B. Setzer. Motion passed unanimously.

8. OLD BUSINESS-

A. Budget Transfer- A budget transfer was presented to Council for informational purpose only. This budget transfer was made to account for additional legal fees.

9. NEW BUSINESS-

A. Ordinance 18-14 Budget Amendment – Ordinance 18-14 is a budget amendment that reflects funds that were reimbursed to the City as part of a Department of Public Safety Grant, for cameras at Bunker Hill High School. Motion was made by Councilmember Nicky Setzer to accept Ordinance 18-14 as presented. Second was made by Councilmember Dayne Miller. Motion passed unanimously.

10. DEPARTMENT & COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Youth Council- Zack Gardner spoke on behalf of the Youth Council. He gave a summary of events they plan to host. The 5th annual Easter egg hunt will be held in the City Park on March 28th. The Youth Council is in the planning stages of developing a Color Run, tentatively scheduled for June 6th. The Youth Council would also like to place boxes in local businesses to take donations of food for the local food banks. The next meeting of the Youth Council will be held April 11th.

B. Monthly Department Dashboard Report- The monthly dashboard report was presented. Chief Bost spoke to Council about the recent audit performed by the State of North Carolina. Public Works Director, Tom Winkler; informed Council the construction of a waterline on Kelly Blvd has begun.

C. Recreation Committee- Recreational Coordinator, Michael Orders informed, Council that the current slab at the Veteran's Memorial was full. They have established a wait list, for new names to be added.

11. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Catherine Renbarger gave Council a brief overview of several subjects.

- Waste Water Treatment Plant Inspections- gave updates on process and repairs.
- Claremont Elementary /Summer Reading will take place in the Council chambers the summer of 2015.
- Vacancies at Public Works- Currently there are two vacancies at Public Works; interviews will begin the week of March 4th.
- Department of Commerce has issued a grant in the amount of \$240,000 for building updates at Prysmium. The City will invest \$12,000 for grant administration.
- Rodeway Inn has paid their occupancy tax.
- Council will hold their budget workshop on April 11th.
- 2014 audit will be wrapping up this week; final numbers should be available soon.

12. CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made by Councilmember Dale Sherrill to go into a closed session in reference to G.S. 143-318.11(a) (4) at 7:22 p.m. Second was made by Councilmember Dayne Miller. Motion passed unanimously.

13. ADJOURN

Motion was made by Councilmember Timothy Lowrance to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. Second was made by Councilmember Nicky Setzer. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy L. Helms, City Clerk

Attested:

Shawn R. Brown, Mayor

Wendy Helms, City Clerk

