



## **City of Claremont Budget Retreat Minutes Saturday, April 11, 2015**

The City Council held its annual budget retreat meeting in the council chambers located at Claremont City Hall at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 11, 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, Finance Officer Stephanie Corn, City Clerk Wendy Helms, Police Chief Gary Bost, Fire Chief Bart Travis, Public Works Director Tom Winkler and Recreation Coordinator Michael Orders.

### ***1. CALL TO ORDER***

Mayor Shawn R. Brown called the budget retreat to order at 8:03 a.m.

### ***2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA***

The agenda was approved as presented.

### ***3. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE***

The invocation was given by Councilmember Timothy Lowrance.

### ***4. OVERVIEW OF FY 2016 BUDGET***

City Manager Renbarger spoke with Council about the county re-evaluation of property. Due to this re-evaluation the City has a loss in revenue of \$102,016. With this factor the City will be less reliant on property taxes and more reliant on other revenue sources and fund balance. The City Manager presented her recommendations for FY 2016. Results of a recent pay classification study are to be presented at the May Council meeting. Money has been set aside to begin the process of aligning jobs with appropriate pay. Mrs. Renbarger advised Council that not all jobs will be affected. She would also like to implement a 2% raise pool based on performance. Investment in Wastewater Infrastructure will become very important in the 2016 budget year. A new pump station, decommissioning of the WWTP and improvements to the Catawba pump station are planned.

## **5. DEPARTMENTAL GOALS**

Each department head was given time to discuss the goals and capital request they have for their department.

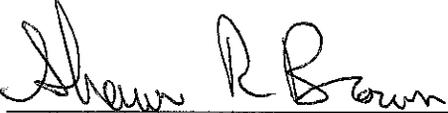
## **6. WRAP UP**

Council was then given a chance to state their initiatives for the upcoming year. There will be a second budget meeting, scheduled for May 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. At that time the City Manager will have more information to give Council regarding water/sewer rates and taxes.

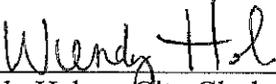
## **7. ADJOURN**

Motion was made by Councilmember Timothy Lowrance to adjourn the meeting at 12:02 p.m. Second was made by Councilmember Dayne Miller. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wendy L. Helms, City Clerk

  
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Shawn R. Brown, Mayor

Attested:

  
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Wendy Helms, City Clerk