

Chester City Council Meeting

January 26, 2015, 6:30 pm

Minutes

PRESENT: Mayor Wanda Y. Stringfellow; Council Members Betty Bagley, Susan Kovas, King D. Thompson, William Killian, Annie M. Reid, George Caldwell and Linda Tinker; City Administrator Sandi Worthy; Human Resources Director Carla Roof and City Attorney Megan Gaston.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Stringfellow called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

PAYER: Councilwoman Kovas led in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor and Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS FORUM: no one present to speak.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Administrative – Recreation Commission, Recreation Committee, Recreation Director and City Administrator had a strategic planning session on

Finance – Committee met prior to Council Meeting.

Fire – no report

Human Resources – Mayor Stringfellow requested an update on the hiring status on the vacant positions in the police department.

Police Department – no report

Public Works – no report

Recreation Department – Flag Football took place with the young and old and was a big success. Currently working on more activities for the community.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety – Reviewed the Safety Manual and Events Form was updated and would like Council to move forward on this. The trucking permits will be color-coded. The neon green sign will be administered to trucks coming in the city limit and the neon yellow will be for trucks coming through the city. The four way sign has been posted at McFadden and Oakland.

Recreation – Commission and Committee met to discuss the use of Capital funds. Discussion took place concerning the recreation at the Joe Collins Stadium. Discussed installing a park in the entryway at one of the stadium entrances.

Economic Development – Working to get the businesses in the city with annexation.

CDDA – Hog on the Hill will be held in May, first week. HILLarity in October.

Beautification – Minutes provided in package. The way finding signs in the city limits to locate different areas. Christmas in Chester and Parade was discussed. Working on having a better form of communication with the planners, there was a disconnect. As a committee, we would like to work with all of the events. Remind citizens to recycle.

Properties – No report, currently do not have a chairperson. Committee can still meet and will call a meeting.

Finance Committee met today and discussed several items.

#### COMMISSION REPORTS:

Evergreen Cemetery – No report

HPC – No report

Planning Commission – No report

ZBA – no report

Housing Authority – No report

Recreation Commission – Commission met with City Administrator, Committee and Commission and discussed strategic planning.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Commission Appointments – Mayor Pro Tempore Reid presented a Commission Profile from Ms. Peggy Hopkins for the Zoning Board of Appeals. With no other recommendation, Mayor Pro Tempore Reid recommended to appoint Peggy Hopkins to the ZAB board filling the unexpired term of Hillary Cunningham. Councilwoman Tinker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to reappoint Bubba Jackson, LaJessica Stringfellow, Jeff Kee and Theodore Feaster to the Recreation Commission. Councilman Killian seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Safety Policy Resolution – Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the Safety Policy Resolution as presented. Councilman Killian seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

#### NEWS BUSINESS:

Councilwoman Bagley motioned to change the sealed bid ordinance from \$5000.00 to \$10,000.00; ordinance will have to be changed to do this. Councilman Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. An ordinance revision will be presented at the next scheduled meeting.

With no further business, Councilwoman Tinker motion to adjourn at 7: 00 pm. Councilman Thompson seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Roof