

Chester City Council Work Session  
August 22, 2016, 5:30 pm  
Minutes

PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley; Council Members Angela Douglas, Ike McBrayer, Linda Tinker, Carlos Williams arrived at 6:10 pm.

ABSENT: Mayor George Caldwell, Council Members Susan Kovas, Annie M. Reid,

Call to Order: Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley called the Work Session to order at 5:35 pm.

Police Department Sub Station – Chief Levister stated that she has no problem with working out of City Hall but I feel that we have a makeshift department. Being in this building puts our informants in jeopardy bringing them into a public facility. I want a department centrally located for citizens. Chief Levister informed Council that she has looked at several locations and currently has two options. I will need a location that we will be able to have our impound lot located at the facility. We could work more effectively if we had our on location. This has nothing to do about Sheriff Underwood. The two locations are the Ashley car lot on Columba Street. The building is small but the parking is good. The YMCA has made available space but we cannot use Hospitality money on the YMCA. Discussion took place concerning the Red Cross Building currently owned by the city. The low end for cleanup on the Springsteen site is \$800 thousand dollars. I understand money is an issue and time is an issue. I want to better the police department. Chief Levister introduced Officer Graham who was wearing the new uniforms that she has selected for her department.

Finance – Michael Kozalarek – Talked to Council about financing and how important it is for Council to understand the limits the City has and the importance of prioritizing these projects. If the city does a general obligation bond, which is the cheapest form to borrow money, we have \$700,000.00 dollars to use. Installment revenue bond contract is another option. Discussed USDA, SRF (State Revolving Fund). Mrs. Worthy encouraged Council to prioritize our needs list for the community.

Call to Order Council Meeting 6:35 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor George Caldwell; Council Members Betty B. Bagley, Angela Douglas, Ike McBrayer, Linda Tinker, Carlos Williams, Annie M. Reid, Susan Kovas and William Killian; City Administrator Sandi Worthy; HR Director Carla Roof.

ABSENT: Attorney Megan Gaston.

Call to Order: Mayor Caldwell requested that Councilwoman Kovas chair the meeting. Councilwoman Kovas called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

CITIZENS FORUM: Donald Crocket – Requested from each member of Council their personal accomplishments since serving in their seat and what are their goals. Mr. Crocket informed Council that he would request to be on the next scheduled Council agenda to discuss in more detail.

## DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Administrative – No discussion.

Finance – No discussion.

HR – No discussion.

Police Department – No discussion.

Public Works – No discussion. Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to approve as presented. Councilwoman Kovas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commission Reports - No reports presented.

## Unfinished Business

Finance Director Position – Councilman Killian wanted to know what the status of the position was. Council called a special called meeting to discuss the salary and the position because Mrs. McDaniel would not agree to the starting salary. The majority present voted to repost the position for 30 days.

Mayor Caldwell and Councilwoman Reid requested to be excused from the meeting at 6:55 pm, due to an obligation with Church. Councilman Killian left the meeting with no approval from the chair at 6:55 pm.

## NEW BUSINESS

Facilities Crew – Councilwoman Bagley thanked the Facilities Crew for a job well done with the swimming pool, Recreation Center and the Joe Collins Stadium. Council recommended that the crew come forward to be recognized.

Kitchen Committee – Councilwoman Kovas recommended that the Ad-Hoc Committee continue as a committee and have Mrs. Kellerhals come to finish the grant working through the Committee and bring in Dr. Honeycutt to help. Mrs. Worthy wanted to know if she needed to be present due to the fact our current ordinance states that the Administrator is present at Committee Meetings. Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley stated the ordinance stated that she is to be present at committee meetings. After much discussion, this Committee has taken an Oath to move forward and work through this project. Councilwoman Kovas made a motion to allow the Committee to continue until the Kitchen is up and running. Councilwoman Douglas seconded the motion. The motion carried with Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley opposing. The motion carried.

Purchase of Christmas Lights – Council requested that Mrs. McBrayer come before Council concerning Christmas Lights. Councilwoman Douglas made a motion to table this item of business. Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

With no further business, Councilwoman Douglas made a motion to adjourn at 7:17 pm. Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Roof