

## **Chester City Council Meeting**

**March 11, 2013, 6:30 pm**

### **Minutes**

PRESENT: Mayor Wanda Y. Stringfellow; Council Members Odell Williams, Betty Bagley, Susan Kovas, King Thompson, William Killian, George Caldwell, Annie M. Reid and Linda T. Tinker; City Attorney April P. Counterman and Human Resources Director Carla Roof.

Call to Order: Mayor Stringfellow called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

Prayer: Councilwoman Tinker led in prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor and Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2013 as presented. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Administrative Report: Mayor Stringfellow informed Council that she talked to the Pyrotecnico concerning the Fireworks on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and will bring back more information at the next meeting.

The Springsteen Project has been put on hold due to the budget cuts from the state level.

Unfinished Business: Commission Appointments: Councilman Williams made a motion to appointment W. T. Holmes to fill the unexpired term of Delores Federick. Councilwoman Tinker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mayor Stringfellow made a motion to re-appoint David Jackson, Taylor Roof, LaJessica Stringfellow and Theodore Feaster to serve on the Recreation Commission. Councilman Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Councilman Williams made a motion to re-appoint Judge Deloris Thomas as a Municipal Judge. Councilwoman Tinker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mayor Stringfellow requested that Council bring back recommendation for the other vacancies at the next scheduled meeting.

Legislative Action Day Update: Mayor Pro Tempore Reid and Councilman Caldwell updated Council on the Legislative Action Day. Discussion took place concerning road paving, dilapidate buildings, local government fund. Requested that Council talk to legislation about supporting the local government fund, utility lines, homeowner tax rates, legislative briefing was provided, abandon buildings bill, FOIA was discussed, video gaming law, statewide texting while driving, agencies update jobs eliminated that was not productive and created jobs that needed positions, inform young people when speed rates change, it was changed for a reason, educate all drivers especially the youth. Roads and bridges are safe within the limits that are posted. Chief of Sled spoke on video gaming, money missing on municipalities and audits should be done, encouraged schools to have resource officers. Mayors spoke on what they have done to enhance their city. Mayor thanked the members of council for representing the City of Chester at Legislative Action Day.

NEW BUSINESS: Introduction of New Officers Police Department – Chief Williams introduced Officer Justin Moss and Officer Jason Smith. Chief Williams informed Council that four officers left Sunday for the academy. Chief Williams commended the investigators on the job well done as well as the citizens for their support, Rock Hill and York for their help given to the City of Chester Police Department. Councilman Thompson thanked the police department for a job well done. Councilwoman Tinker thanked for the extra protection in her neighborhood. Mayor commended the Chief for a job well done.

With no further business, Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Bagley seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Roof, Human Resources Director