

Chester City Council Meeting

Minutes

June 10, 2013

Present: Mayor Wanda Y. Stringfellow; Council Members Odell Williams, Betty Bagley, Susan Kovas, King Thompson, Annie M. Reid, George Caldwell; City Attorney April P. Counterman; Payroll Specialist Sylvia Young.

Absent: Council Members William Killian and Linda Tinker; Human Resources Director Carla Roof.

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

PRAYER: Councilwoman Kovas led in prayer.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mayor Stringfellow announced to Council that the Chair would like to entertain a motion to accept minutes 3-25-2013, 4-8-2013, 4-22-2013, 5-9-2013, 5-13-2013, 5-20-2013, 5-21-2013, 5-22-2013 and 6-3-2013. Councilman Williams made a motion to accept minutes with necessary corrections. Councilwoman Bagley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZENS FORUM: Angela Cook informed Council that she supported the Farmers Market. She told Council that she was looking forward to her profits and she was very supportive of the market. Council thanked Angela Cook for her remarks in reference to Farmers Market.

PETITIONERS: Joe Foster - Police Protection and use of Stadium – Mr. Foster asked Council to take under consideration allowing him to sponsor a “Summer Feast” at the stadium and provide him with police protection for event. Mayor Stringfellow informed Mr. Foster that she appreciate him coming back before Council and his diligence for wanting to sponsor a “Summer Feast” event. After a brief discussion, Mayor Stringfellow informed Mr. Foster that a Recreation Committee meeting has to be scheduled to discuss his request and they will get back in touch with him by the end of the week.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

Boy Scout Troop 61 – Wade McGarity, Scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 61 Chartered by ARP Church informed Council that some troop members were working on their communication merit badge and one of the prerequisites was that they had to attend a Council meeting. Mr. McGarity presented Troop 61 by name to Council. Mayor Stringfellow and Council applauded to welcome Troop 61 to meeting and invited them to return at any time.

Finance Director – Mayor Stringfellow officially welcomed Crystal Smith, Finance Director to the City of Chester.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Second Reading Ordinance 2013-01 – International Fire Codes Chapter 8 – After a brief discussion, Councilwoman Reid made a motion to accept Second Reading Ordinance 2013-01. Councilman Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Second Ordinance 2013-02 – International Fire Codes Chapter 29 – Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to accept Second Ordinance 2013-02. Councilman Caldwell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Farmers Market Budge – Gloria Kellerhals presented to Council the Chester Farmers and Artisan Market, Kitchen and Garden Budget outlining total annual expenses in the amount of \$234,430. Mrs. Kellerhals explained to Council items on budget in detail. Mrs. Kellerhals introduced to Council Jasmine McCoy as the part-time manager for the Farmers Market. After much discussion, Councilman Thompson recommended that Finance Committee and Finance Director schedule a meeting with Gloria Kellerhals to discuss budget in detail and report back to Council. Also, Councilman Thompson recommended that Farmers Market budget be accepted as information. After a brief discussion, Councilman Thompson made a motion that Farmers Market hires a part-time manager Jasmine McCoy with salary of \$9,000 coming from the Administrative account to be employed from June 2013 until June 2014. Councilwoman Reid seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

After a brief discussion, Council scheduled a Finance Committee meeting for Thursday, June 13, 2013 at 11 a.m. in the conference room of City Hall. Mayor Stringfellow and Council thanked Mrs. Kellerhals for Farmers Market information.

First Reading Ordinance 2013-03 – Fiscal Year 2013-14 – Councilman Thompson made a motion to accept First Reading Ordinance 2013-03 – Fiscal Year 2013-14 Budget. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

With no further discussion, Councilwoman Reid made a motion that the meeting adjourn. Councilwoman Bagley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Young, Payroll Specialist