

Chester City Council Meeting
November 23, 2015
Minutes

PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley, Council Members Linda Tinker, Susan Kovas, Annie M. Reid, Williams Killian, Angela Douglas; City Administrator Sandi Worthy; Human Resources Director Carla Roof; City Attorney Megan Gaston.

ABSENT: Mayor George Caldwell, Council Members Ike McBrayer and Carlos Williams

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley called to order.

PRAYER: Councilwoman Kovas led in prayer.

Mayor Caldwell is attending COG Board Meeting, Williams has a working obligation and McBrayer is sick.

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

CITIZENS FORUM: Raymond Carter - My people will soon have justice, justice will be served. I have no compassion for those people. I leave you will with this, I have been trained, justice is coming very soon.

Michael Halsey – Lodge 10-15 provided Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley with an award for her dedicated and commitment to her community and her serving efforts.

Nettie Archie – Mrs. Archie had questions for Mr. Williams, unfortunately he is not present to ask. The young woman that was named as police chief, I do not know her and I am not vindictive, she is not the person for the job. She stormed out of the room, which is not a leader, the men who came in to support her were out of line, as well. If I was the Chief, I would have placed a Personnel Action Form in their file. You need outsiders in these positions. Follow your rules and policies, you can't run a government, it is the citizens government. A lot has been coming out, professionalism needs to take place. You have selected someone that is not qualified for the job. You have someone that does not have the skills, something is going to happen. You should reopen the process.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Administrative – Special Recognition – Judge Hamilton – Councilwoman Reid provided a biography on Mrs. Hamilton and welcomed her to the City of Chester.

Service Awards – Kent Campbell Public Works, Cynthia Curtis Administrative, David Ford Public Works, Tim Gibson Fire, Frank Gladden Public Works, Angela Killian Administrative, Robert Martz Police, John Masood Police, Ricky R. Sanders Public Works, Markesseshia Tobias Police, Debbie Watkins Finance, Todd Wyatt Fire. Council recognized and thanked employees for their dedication to the City of Chester.

Finance Report – A monthly revenue and report was provided for Council.

Fire Department – Councilwoman Douglas – With winter coming what are you doing to alert residents with fire safety with home heating and fire safety tips? Mr. Caldwell stated that Fire Marshal Don Wood provides an article in the local paper for citizens that provide fire safety.

HR Report – no report

Police Department –

Public Works – Public Works report says September but it is October's report. The numbers have been verified.

Recreation – no reports.

Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to approve as presented. Councilwoman Kovas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSION REPORTS

No commission reports

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Second Reading Ordinance 2015-19 Dispose of Certain Surplus Property Belonging to the City of Chester. Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley read the ordinance as presented. Councilwoman Tinker motion to approve second reading as presented. Councilwoman Reid seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Christmas Parade – Mrs. Worthy wanted to know if Council wanted a float, the cost will be \$500.00. The Parade will be held on December 4, 2015. Council discussed riding in separate vehicles and Councilwoman Douglas indicated due to cold or rainy weather, she would prefer riding in a car. Councilwoman Douglas motion to provide the float for Council who was interested in riding, employees and children. Councilwoman Kovas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Police Department – Wal-Mart donated 30 turkeys and the officers donated the fixings. The department will deliver 30 meals today to families in need. In addition, the Police Department will sponsor a float for officer's spouses and children. The police department is collecting coats. City Hall will be a collection place for coats.

New Business – December 28, 2015, Council Meeting. Councilwoman Reid made a motion to cancel the December 28, 2015 meeting due to the holiday. Councilwoman Tinker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Safety Incentive – Councilwoman Douglas indicated that several employees, concerning the Safety Incentive, have approached her. Mrs. Roof provided Council with a proposal to provide \$400.00 for full time employees, \$200.00 for part time and 100.00 for volunteers and employees who have not met their 6 months' probation period, in the amount 31,300.00. Councilwoman Douglas made a motion to approve. Councilwoman Tinker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Website – Councilwoman Douglas stated that we have a new website and we do not have it updated. Much discussion took place concerning updating the website. After discussion, Mrs. Worthy stated that she would work on updating the site.

Work Sessions – Councilwoman Reid stated that dates need to be set for the upcoming year. At the discretion of the City Administrator, allow her to bring the items to Council. Table to the next meeting.

RPF – 2015 -007 Wylie Park Pool Waterproofing – Received 3 bids – Lesco Restoration – 29,240.00; Aquatic Resource Group – 48,897.30; Strickland waterproofing Company, Inc. – 44,900.00. Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to approve Lesco Restoration in the amount of \$29,240.00. Councilwoman Kovas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

RFP 2015 -009 – Repair of Public Works Truck Shed (roof, electrical, structural) – Kingsmore Construction Co, Inc., in the amount of \$83,895.00 and Blackbox Construction, LLC in the amount of \$122,800.00. Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to approve the bid to Kingsmore Construction Co., Inc., in the amount of \$83,895.00. Councilwoman Reid recused herself from the motion. All in favor, Kovas, Tinker, Bagley. Reid recused. Killian and Douglas opposed. The motion carried.

RFQ – 2015-008 Architectural Services for Renovation Historic City Hall - Meadors Inc. ,DP3 Architects, Yelverton Architects. Discussion took place concerning not having numbers provided. Mrs. Worthy will contact all three companies and have them present to Council. Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley made a motion to allow Mrs. Worthy to schedule all three companies to come before Council. Councilwoman Tinker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

RFQ – 2015-010 Design Services for Master Wayfinding and Signage Program -Dennis Corporation, DAWA, Inc., Roger Motska Design, LLC., Image Resource Group. Councilwoman Tinker motioned to award to Dennis Corp, to do the Master Wayfinding and Signage Program. Councilwoman Bagley seconded the motion. All in favor of the motion were Reid, Bagley, Kovas and Tinker. All opposed were Douglas and Killian. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Personnel Matter – Public Works Department – Councilwoman Reid made a motion to go into Executive Session for discussion of a Personnel Matter – Public Works Department. Councilwoman Tinker seconded the motion. The motion carried. Councilwoman Douglas excused herself from Executive Session.

Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to reconvene from Executive Session at 8:20 pm. Councilwoman Reid seconded the motion. While in Executive Session, Council discussed a Personnel Matter in the Public Works Department. No action was taken.

With no further business, Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to adjourn at 8:25 pm. Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Roof

