

Chester City Council Meeting  
Minutes  
September 28, 2015

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

Mayor Caldwell called the Public Hearing to Order at 6:30 pm. No one was present to speak. The Public Hearing was called to close.

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

PRAYER: Mayor Caldwell led in prayer.

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

CITIZENS FORUM: Raymond Carter on 7-16-14 when Mr. Kennedy feared for his life and the same for Mr. Odell Williams. And soon I will be delivering information to the FBI. Soon and very soon, something will be done, it was an ambush. Bless his wife's heart, she did not know.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Administrative Department – Special Recognition - Lt. Troy Canupp 8 years, Sgt. Wayne Levister 3 Years, James P. McNeil Firefighter 2 years. Mayor and Council thanked the employees for their years of service.

Finance – Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley wanted to know when Council would be receiving a final report for 2014-15 Council has to receive a final year-end report.

Fire – no comments

Human Resources – no comments

Police Department – Mayor Pro Tempore thanked the police department for walking the streets. Thank you and would like to ask that they also check the doors in the downtown area.

Public Works - no comment

Recreation – no report

Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to approve the departmental reports as presented. Councilman McBrayer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Evergreen Cemetery – no report

HPC – Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to approve the minutes of the 2-25-2015, Historic Preservation Commission as presented. Councilwoman Reid seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Housing Authority – no report

Recreation – no report

Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to approve the Commission reports as presented. Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Second Reading Ordinance 2015-17, 134 Wylie Street from R-8 to NCH - Councilman McBrayer made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2015-17 134 Wylie Street from R-8 to NCH. Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Second Reading Ordinance 2015-16 – Disallow Crematories SIC Code 726. Mayor Caldwell read the ordinance as presented. Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley made a motion to approve the second reading as read. Councilwoman Kovas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commission Appointments – deferred to next meeting

Discussion took place concerning the open position of Municipal Judge

#### NEW BUSINESS

Amick Equipment – Bill Hindman spoke to Council about the way garbage is being picked up today. This day and time is a one-man operation. Two videos demonstrating the one man garbage pickup was provided for Councils review. Rock Hill, Fort Mill, and Spartanburg are currently using this equipment. The cost is \$245,000. Discussion took place concerning the truck. Discussion took place concerning if we go with this machine, we will have two vacancies. The staff will not be eliminated; they will be used for other tasks in the department. After much discussion, 2400 houses can be done in 3 days. The City of Rock Hill has agreed to allow us to use one of their trucks to demonstrate for Council. I will be glad to set up a meeting with Rock Hill. Discussion took place concerning a truck operating on natural gas.

Chester Housing Authority – Chuck Walling thanked Council for everything that you do for the Housing Authority. Thanks to Ms. Douglas for her service to the Housing Authority. Mr. Walling informed Council that he has funds in his budget that he can use for community partnership, and he requested \$4000. from his board and they awarded him \$5000. Mr. Walling presented a check in the amount of \$5000. to Mr. Chris White, Recreation Director to help fund his program.

Final Audi Report – Mrs. Brendle was unable to attend meeting due to death in family.

Fire Department – Chief Caldwell – Chief requested from council to move some money to purchase some additional items for in the station. We had \$150,000., from the one-cent sales tax. Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley made a motion to move \$20,000.00, from the Columbia account to finish the project purchasing signage for the front of the building, furniture and computer. Councilman McBrayer

seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Councilwoman Douglas stated that Councilman Williams also raised \$3000. to help fund the Summer Feeding Program.

With no further business, Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Roof

Human Resources Director/CMC