

Chester City Council Meeting

September 26, 2016

Minutes

PRESENT: Mayor George Caldwell, Council Members Betty Bagley, Susan Kovas, Annie M. Reid, Betty Bagley, Angela Douglas; City Administrator Sandi Worthy; Human Resources Director Carla Roof; City Attorney Megan Gaston.

ABSENT: Council Members Linda Tinker, Carlos Williams, Ike McBrayer.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

PRAYER: Councilwoman Reid led in prayer.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORT:

Special Recognition – Dean Naniott, Fire Department was recognized by Council for 10 years of dedicated service.

Administrative Department – Mrs. Worthy informed Council that she visited North Greenville University to review their track field. Violence against Women – We received a grant to help with back cases in the city for a prosecutor, victim's assistant and paralegal. Mrs. Worthy requested that Council amend the agenda to approve the resolution for the Downtown Amphitheater Business Plan. No objection was made. Item added as #6 under New Business. Councilwoman Kovas made a motion to amend the agenda. Councilwoman Reid seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Worthy informed Council the filming company is ready to pay us and we need to discuss the fee schedule. The ordinance was written as 25.00 per hour. No action was taken.

Finance - No comments

Fire – No comments – October is Fire Prevention Month

Human Resources – Council we need to look at how we accept applications.

Police – Was there any training in the month of August? Training officer was out of town training for the last two weeks. Mrs. Tobias discussed the scam issues that has been going on in the City.

Councilman Killian arrived at 6:45 pm.

Public Works – Councilwoman Douglas wanted to know what we needed to do to get a light in front of the House of Magdalene. Mrs. Tobias stated that LeTanya Williams has contacted the Police department about this issue.

Recreation Department - Mr. White provided Council with an update on the Youth Soccer Team. This has been a joy to sponsor this program. The team was recognized and was able to come up and meet Council. We currently have 214 kids for football. The Christmas Parade information is posted on the website and the entry fee will be \$25.00. Participants will be responsible for their own float.

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

#### AD-HOC Committee of Council

Recreation – Mrs. Watts provided the minutes to Council from the last Recreation Commission Meeting.

Councilwoman Kovas made a motion to accept Ad-Hoc Committee reports. Councilman Killian seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

#### COMMISSION REPORTS – No reports

#### Unfinished Business:

Finance Director Position - Councilwoman Douglas wanted to know where we are on the application process. Let's move forward with reviewing applications and move forward with hiring the position. We will use the Ad-Hoc Committees procedures. Councilwoman Douglas stated the Finance Committee will meet to discuss.

Commission Appointments - Councilwoman Kovas made a motion to re-appoint Hillary Cunningham and Sharron Feaster to the Housing Authority, Diane Simpson, Kim Tricia Sanders, Wyonia Hinton to the Planning Commission and Mary Beth Carr to the Zoning Commission, LeTanya Hall and Peggie Hopkins to the Zoning Board of Appeals and Sally Meador to the Evergreen Cemetery Commission. Councilwoman Reid seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Proclamation – Domestic Violence Awareness – Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley read the Proclamation as presented. Councilwoman Kovas motion to approve as presented. Councilwoman Reid seconded the motion. Mrs. Worthy provided stats that were not included in the Proclamation.

2015-16 Audit – Hopefully we will have both audits completed by January 2017.

Columbia Street Lights – Councilwoman Tinker requested that we have lights installed from the City Limits to the by-pass. This property is located in the County.

Joe Collins Stadium New Sign – Ms. Anderson requested the sign be in larger letters. Discussion took place concerning the sign being larger. Mrs. Anderson will pay for the change. Councilwoman Douglas made a motion to approve sign being one color. Councilwoman Kovas seconded the motion. The motion carried with Caldwell opposing.

Hearing Officer Set-Off Debt – Mayor Caldwell made a motion to nominate Annie M. Reid to serve as the hearing officer. Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution – Councilwoman Reid read as presented. Councilwoman Douglas made a motion to approve in the amount of \$2500.00. Councilwoman Kovas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session – Personnel Matter - Compensation public Works Department – Councilwoman Reid made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. for discussion of a Personnel Matter – Compensation Public Works Department. Councilwoman Kovas seconded the motion. The motion carried with Mayor Caldwell and Councilwoman Douglas opposing.

Mayor Pro Tempore Bagley made a motion to reconvene from Executive Session at 8:30 pm. Councilwoman Reid seconded the motion. While in Executive Session, Council discussed a Personnel Matter – Compensation Public Works Department. No action was taken.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Roof