

Chester City Council Meeting

January 23, 2012
Minutes

PRESENT: Mayor Wanda Y. Stringfellow; Council Members Betty Bagley, William Killian, Odell Williams, Susan Kovas, King Thomson, Annie M. Reid, George Caldwell and Linda Tinker; City Administrator Jeff Kerr and Human Resources Director Carla Roof.

ABSENT: City Attorney April Counterman.

Call to Order: Mayor Pro Tempore Reid called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

PRAYER: Councilman Williams led in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: Mr. Kerr informed Council that we received five bids for the compensation study and will now review and bring back to Council in February. Wal-Mart project is continuing to move forward. Mr. Kerr informed Council that he visited the jail yesterday and moving forward with what is needed for IT. Mr. Kerr provided Council with a copy of the bill presented on blight and unsafe buildings, please read the provided information. Councilman Williams had questions concerning the Take Home Vehicle Policy. Mayor Pro Tempore Reid indicated that she would have the Public Safety Committee review and bring back to Council.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Finance – No comments

Fire – No Comments

Human Resources – No comments

Police Department – Recognition – Mr. Al Rainey declined the invitation to be recognized.

Public Works – Councilman Thompson and Killian thanked Mr. Douglas, department employees and citizens who participated in the cleanup, a job well done.

Recreation – Mayor Stringfellow requested the Recreation Committee meet at the earliest convenience.

Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to approve as presented. Councilwoman Tinker seconds the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

No reports provided.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Second Reading Ordinance 2012-001 - Buildings and Building Regulations. Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to approve as read. Councilwoman Bagley seconds the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Narcotics Department Audit – Mayor Pro Tempore Reid informed Council one bid was received. Mr. Kerr informed Council that he contacted the City of Chester Auditors and they would do the audit for \$1500. Mr. Kerr indicated the 2003 -2009 funds have been released. Mr. Kerr indicated that he talked with the Solicitor and the good news is that we will not need an audit. After much discussion, \$3,000.00 to \$4,000.00 was the fee for an audit to be done on the narcotics audit. Chief Williams indicated that he does not know what Solicitor Mr. Kerr talked to and that he talked with the Solicitor and it was recommended that an audit be done. After much discussion, Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to allow our auditors, Camp, Moring and Cannon, LLC., conduct an audit of the Narcotics Department. Councilwoman Bagley seconds the motion. All in favor were; Tinker, Bagley, Williams, and Killian. All opposed were Reid, Thompson, Stringfellow and Caldwell. The motion carried. Councilman Thompson indicated that he would like an independent audit done. Mayor Pro Tempore Reid indicated that she opposed the motion due to the fact she was not aware of what Camp, Moring & Cannon, LLC. would provide in the audit.

NEW BUSINESS: Resolution - Safety Regulations

Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to accept the Resolution as presented. Councilman Williams seconds the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

With no further business, Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Thompson seconds the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla R. Roof
Human Resources Director/CMC