

**Chester City Council Meeting**

**Minutes**

**October 22, 2012, 6:30 pm**

PRESENT: Mayor Wanda Y. Stringfellow; Council Members Odell Williams, Betty Bagley, Susan Kovas, Annie M. Reid, George Caldwell, Linda Tinker, King D. Thompson; City Attorney April P. Counterman, Human Resources Director/CMC Carla R. Roof.

ABSENT: City Administrator Jeff Kerr and Councilman William Killian.

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

PRAYER: Councilman Caldwell led in prayer

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

CITIZENS FORUM: Eric Dickson spoke to Council concerning the festival that he is collaborating with the City Parks and Recreation this Saturday to provide activities for the youth in our community. Mr. Dickson was informed that he would be required to have four officers, which will be \$400.00. Mr. Dickson indicated he is currently not able to pay for four officers and would like the city to assist him. Mayor Stringfellow indicated she does not know how we can get around not having the four officers due to the liability that falls on the city. Major Gilmore indicated the amount of officers depends on the type of event and the crowd. Councilman Caldwell indicated that he would donate \$50.00 and will help him to collect the additional. Several other members of Council also indicated they would donate. The event will be Saturday, October 27, 2012, between 5-9 pm, located at the Joe Collins Stadium.

Gloria Kellerhals addressed Council that Michelin Tire has promised her \$20,000.00 and all the tires that she needs to refurbish the Wylie Park Trail. Mrs. Kellerhals would like an opportunity to move forward with this project. Place re-surfaced tires on the trail. If Council is interested in this project, she will proceed with details and allow Council to make the decision. Council will be responsible for cleaning the brush out. This will be poured tires not rubber chips.

With no objection, Council added under new business, Re-purposed Tires. No objection was made.

With no objection, Mayor Pro Tempore Reid requested to add a Personnel Matter – Police Department. No objection was made.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT – No report

DEPARTMENTAL REPORT

Finance – Report was provided prior to the meeting.

Fire - No comments

Human Resources – No comments

Police Department: - No comments

Public Works – No comments

Recreation – No comments

Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to approve the reports as presented. Councilman Thompson seconded the motion.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Safety – Mayor Pro Tempore Reid informed Council that Public Safety revised their meeting schedule and it has been provided to Council.

Recreation – No comments

Economic Development – No Comments

CDDA – Councilwoman Bagley thanked everyone for a job well done with the HILLarity Festival with over 20 thousand people attending. Thanks to everyone.

Nuisance Abatement Committee – No report provided but all changes have been given to the city attorney.

Beautification Committee – The Committee met today and will meet at 11-1-2012.

Properties Committee – Councilman Thompson informed Council that he would like to recommend a sign be purchased with Chief Williams name on it and placed at the Law Enforcement Center and identifying the City of Chester Police Department is also located on Dawson Drive. The Police Department should be identified as the Sheriff's office.

#### COMMISSION REPORT

#### NEW BUSINESS:

TruVista – Representatives from TruVista provided Council with an update concerning their business. Allison Jakubecy state that seven million dollars has been spent in updating our network. Chester is getting the upmost attention, the services in Chester is the highest. David Brunt informed Council, we are here to give our best and we take personal pride in what we do. Mayor thanked them for coming and providing an update for Council.

Re-purposed Tires – Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to allow Mrs. Kellerhals to pursue and investigate spending \$20,000.00 for using refurbished tires on the Carolina Thread Trail, Wylie Park trail. Councilwoman Bagley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Police Sign – Law Enforcement Center - Councilman Thompson made a motion to receive cost estimates and petition Council to place a sign with the Police Chief's name on it at the Chester County Law Enforcement Center identifying the City of Chester. Mayor Pro Tempore Reid seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mayor Stringfellow stated that Council would convene in Executive Session for discussion of a Personnel Matter in the Administrative Department and Police Department. Councilman Thompson made a motion to convene in Executive Session. Councilwoman Tinker seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilman Caldwell opposing. Council convened in Executive Session at 7:35 pm.

Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to reconvene from Executive Session at 10:00 pm. Councilman Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mayor Stringfellow stated while in Executive Session, Council discussed Personnel Matters in the Administrative and Police Departments. No action was taken.

With no further business, Council adjourned at 10:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Roof

Human Resources Director/CMC