

Chester City Council Meeting  
March 27, 2017, 6:30 pm  
Minutes

**PRESENT:** Mayor Caldwell; Council Members Linda Tinker, Susan Kovas, Annie Reid, Betty Bagley, Angela Douglas, Ike McBrayer and William Killian; Human Resources Director Carla Roof and City Attorney Megan Gaston.

**Absent:** Councilman Williams and City Administrator Sandi Worthy

**Citizens Forum:** LaTanya Williams informed Council the upcoming banquet on April 9, 2017, \$20.00 per ticket or a table of 8 is 160.00. All proceeds go to the Battered but not Broken.

Raymond Carter - Sheyenne Kennedy, Odell Williams, Judy Killian. Get car from Terry Foster and charge him for impersonating an officer. There are so many people that are involved in this. Everything I have said to Council is the truth. If you wait it's going to get ugly. This will see it through.

### **Departmental Report**

Administrative Department

Finance – no comments

Fire Department – Councilwoman Douglas thanked Chief Caldwell on a job well done. I am very proud of you and your leadership.

HR – no comments

Police – no comments

Public Works – no comments

Recreation Department – Please include a financial report in the next meeting.

### **Commission Reports**

Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to remove DeeDee Guza from HPC. Councilwoman Kovas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **AD-Hoc Committee**

Kitchen Committee - Met with Watt Moore concerning the HVC System. It appears that we may need three units. Hope to get the flooring done in the next 6 weeks.

Request double doors going into kitchen and sheet metal behind the stove. Councilwoman Kovas made a motion to spend \$2000.00 for the doors and sheet metal behind stove. Councilman McBrayer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. A part of the Kitchen was to do a pavilion, there is a grant that is due Friday and we will submit for funding.

## **Unfinished Business**

Committee Appointments – Mayor Caldwell reviewed with Council the roles of Committees and what they do.

Hospitality Tax Grant for Autism – April 1, 2017, 7-9 pm on top of the hill.

## **New Business**

AmeriCorps VISTA Announcement – Councilwoman Douglas informed Council that she previously discussed with Administration and it was passed so she continued to work with them. This is kind of like Peace Corp. Hopefully we can get more departments involved. Mr. Ben Boyles will be the coordinator. The city has no obligation and program start date will be May 22, 2017. They will pay \$1000 per month stipend and anyone can apply.

Mayor & County Day of Recognition for National Service, April 4, 2017 – Councilwoman Reid read the Resolution as presented. Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to approve. Councilwoman Bagley seconded the motion. This will allow us to be registered on the National website. Councilwoman Douglas will handle getting it on the website. The motion carried unanimously.

Harvest Call Ministries Recognition for outstanding Community Service – Councilman Williams thanked this Ministry for the outstanding job performed in Chester. Harvest Call extended an invitation to Council to attend the White Oak Community tomorrow, 6:30 pm. Additional details will follow.

Rules of Council – Councilman Williams addressed Rules of Council – Councilman Williams indicated that he attended a County Council Meeting and he felt they looked very prepared and professionally dressed. In our next work session, we should come up with rules for our Council. I was impressed by the County Council as far as conducting business and how they addressed issues. If I am conducting business, I need to look the part.

**Executive Session** - Councilman McBrayer made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:20 pm for discussion of a Personnel Matter, Administrative Department and Contractual Matters - Chester Sewer District. Councilwoman Reid seconded the motion. The motion carried with Mayor Caldwell opposing.

Councilman McBrayer made a motion to reconvene from Executive Session at 8:10 pm. Councilwoman Tinker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. While in Executive Session, Council discussed a Personnel Matter, Administrative Department and Contractual Matters - Chester Sewer District. No action was taken.

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

Respectfully submitted

Carla Roof