

Chester City Council Meeting

April 23, 2012

Minutes

PRESENT: Mayor Stringfellow; Council Members Betty Bagley, Odell Williams, Susan Kovas, King Thompson, William Killian, Annie M. Reid, George Caldwell, Linda Tinker; City of Administrator Jeff Kerr; Human Resources Director/CMC Carla Roof; City Attorney April Counterman.

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

PRAYER: Councilwoman Tinker led in prayer.

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

CITIZENS FORUM: Liz Anderson, lives in Rock Hill but works in Chester, comes before Council as a private citizen. Mrs. Anderson presented a proposal to City Council requesting that the Hudson/Saluda Park be a Heritage Park & Garden. Council thanked Mrs. Anderson for her presentation.

Mr. Edward Gray – Wanted to know if it is legal for the City to force him to pay for a trash can. He did not like the fact that the city was charging him for a monthly garbage fee.

Several young men petitioned Council and addressed their request to have a skate board park in the City of Chester. We love to skate and would like a park. Council informed the guys they will work closely with the Recreation Commission concerning their request. Mr. Kerr informed Council he has looked into the Tony Hawk Foundation Grant. If we go through the Tony Hawk grant there are things we would have to have in place before we could apply. After much discussion, Council requested that Mr. Kerr research and brings back to Council.

Mr. Gray stood up and requested that Council provide him with a response to his previous request. Councilwoman Tinker addressed to Mr. Gray why the City requires him to have a trash can. Mayor Stringfellow informed Mr. Gray as a governing body, we have the right to make these decisions.

PROCLAMATION: Mayor Stringfellow presented a proclamation to Curtice Williams for receiving an Eagle Scout.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: Mr. Kerr informed Council he is working on some budget issues, the tower issue has been resolved at the law enforcement center. The city will be able to use the tower.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Finance – No comments

Fire- No comments

Human Resource – No comments

Police – No comments

Public Works – No comments

Recreation – No comments

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

Mrs. Bagley commended Mrs. Roof for the flyer designed from the HR Department.

Councilman Williams had questions concerning the pool cover at the stadium.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Economic Development – Councilman Thomson informed Council that he meet with Mrs. Kellerhals concerning the McKeown Building. The roof has been removed.

CDDA – Mrs. Bagley thanked all who came to the CDDA OPEN HOUSE. The Hog on the Hill event will be held May 4 – 5, 2012. There will be a lot of entertainment and activities for children. Mr. Kerr requested that CDDA consider charging \$10.00 for all you can eat.

Mayor Stringfellow informed Council that she and Margaret Foote has been working on a program called Summer's Eve, which will be held on May 29 – June 3, 2012. Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to approve. Councilman Williams second the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

No reports

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Commission Appointments – Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to appoint Ross Gladden to serve on the Evergreen Cemetery. Councilwoman Tinker seconds the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mayor Stringfellow requested to defer the other Commission vacancies until the next scheduled meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to go into Executive Session – Administrative Matter. Councilman Williams seconds the motion. The motion carried with Councilman Caldwell opposing.

Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to reconvene from Executive Session at 7:40 pm. Councilman Williams seconds the motion. The motion carried unanimously. While in Executive Session, Council discussed an item of business in the Administrative Department. No action was taken.

With no further business, Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 pm. Mayor Pro Tempore Reid seconds the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Roof, Human Resources Director/CMC