

Chester City Council Meeting
June 24, 2013
Minutes

PRESENT: Mayor Wanda Y. Stringfellow; Council Members Odell William, Betty Bagley King Thompson, William Killian, Annie Reid, George Caldwell and Linda Tinker; Human Resources Director Carla Roof and City Attorney April P. Counterman.

ABSENT: Councilwoman Susan Kovas.

PUBLIC HEARING CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Stringfellow called the Public Hearing, 2013-14 Fiscal Year Operating Budget to order at 6:30 pm. No one was present to speak for or against the Public Hearing. With no one present to speak for or against, the hearing was closed.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Stringfellow called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

PRAYER: Mayor Pro Tempore Reid led in prayer.

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

CITIZENS FORUM: Mike Eland – CDDA -Provided an update on Grant Park. Mr. Eland informed Council that electrical work has been completed in the back lot. Mr. Eland thanked Council for their participation and support with the CDDA. CDDA is considering holding the HILLarity festival in the back lot of downtown. Mayor Stringfellow had concerns with the proposed plan to move HILLarity to the back lot, due to safety and liability issues. After much discussion, Mr. Eland will get with Chief Police and Raymond Douglas to discuss concerns and will bring back to Council updated details concerning HILLarity in the back lot. Mr. Eland proposed leasing the back lot from the City of Chester for 25 years, update, and upgrade the back lot.

David Peay – Mr. Peay addressed Council concerning Community Leadership Training. Requested that Council complete the Growth and Development Needs Survey and return to him.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT – The Springsteen project will need samples to move forward.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Finance Committee Report: It was a recommendation from the Committee that the Farmers Market Kitchen be placed on hold. The motion was omitted from the finance minutes not to go ahead with the kitchen at this time. Mayor Stringfellow indicated that Council will meet with Mrs. Kellerhalls and get this back on the table, this is something that we need to move on. We need to keep in mind that the two are separate projects, farmers market and kitchen. Mayor indicated that she would schedule a meeting with Mrs. Kellerhalls and will informed Council of the meeting date.

Fire Department- no comments

HR – no comments

Police – no comments

Public Works- no comments

Recreation – Joe Foster is sponsoring an event in July and would like to use the stadium. Mr. Foster will be responsible for everything else. Recreation Committee recommended to allow the rental fee to waive and allows Mr. Foster to use the stadium for the car and bike show, music, etc. Councilman Williams made a motion to allow Mr. Foster to use the stadium with no charge. Councilwoman Tinker seconded the motion. Mr. Foster agreed that he would give a donation to the city if a profit were made. This is a onetime thing occurrence in reference to waiving the fee. The motion carried unanimously.

July 3 Event – Mr. Sink informed Council the event has been confirmed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Safety – Committee will meet prior to the next meeting.

Recreation- no comments

Economic Development – Committee will meet Wednesday at 5:30.

CDDA – presented under Citizens Forum by Mr. Eland.

Beautification –no comments

Properties Committee - Repairing of seating at Joe Collins Stadium– Committee recommends that the repairs on the seating be repaired prior to the July 3 event. Councilman Williams made a motion to purchase materials to repair damaged boards in the amount of \$761.00, coming from capital improvement. Councilman Killian seconded the motion. After much discussion, Councilman Williams will oversee this project. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to approve Committee Reports as presented. Mayor Pro Tempore Reid seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Second Reading Ordinance 2011-03 Fiscal Year 2013-14 Budget Ordinance. Mayor Stringfellow read the ordinance as presented. Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to approve as read. Councilman Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CDDA Mr. Eland will provide the proposal to lease the back lot to properties committee.

Mayor Stringfellow made a motion to offer a conditional offer of hire to Mr. Phillip Thompson King in the amount of \$75,000, as the new City Administrator. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Carla Roof

