

Chester City Council Meeting
June 25, 2012, 6:30 pm
Minutes

PRESENT: Mayor Wanda Y. Stringfellow; Council Members Bagley, Williams, Kovas, Reid, Caldwell and Tinker; City Administrator Jeff Kerr and HR Director Carla R. Roof; City Attorney April Counterman.

ABSENT: Council Members Thompson and Killian.

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

PRAYER: Councilwoman Kovas led in prayer.

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

CITIZENS FORUM: Joseph Foster addressed Council concerning his interest in having a festival on Labor Day Weekend at the Joe Collins Stadium, August 31, 2012, September 1 & 2, 2012. Tickets will be sold for this event; it will not be a free event. Councilman Williams addressed his concerns and stated this request should go before the Recreation Committee. Mr. Foster would like to partner with the Committee to make this event possible. After discussion, Mayor Stringfellow requested that Mr. Foster meet with the Parks and Recreation Director and the Chairman of the Recreation Committee to review his request.

PETITIONER: Yvonne Hughes – Zoning 134 Wylie Street. Mrs. Hughes resides on Jeter Heights and is working to open a business on 134 Wylie Street. Mayor Stringfellow requested that Mrs. Hughes get with Mr. Kerr and he can provide her with the details and answers to her questions concerning fees, etc.

With no objection, Mayor Stringfellow requested to add two items of business to executive session, Personnel Public Works and Police. No objection was made.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: Mr. Kerr informed Council the city has been awarded a cops grants which requires a veteran to be hired. Wal-Mart property is moving along.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Finance – No comments.

Fire – No comments.

Human Resources - No comments.

Police Department - No comments.

Public Works – Councilwoman Reid had questions concerning several properties in her ward. Mr. Kerr informed her that one property is on the listing to be demolished and we may have to bid the other

property out. Mayor Stringfellow had questions concerning a property at 136 or 138 Jeter Street. Mr. Kerr indicated he will provide the Mayor with an update on this property.

Recreation – No comments.

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

Mr. Kerr provided Council and citizens with an update concerning the July 3rd event. We have vendors, 5 inflatables, band, music and wrestling event scheduled. Fireworks will begin at 9:00 pm. This will be a free event. We also have events scheduled on Saturday and Sunday leading up to this event.

Chief Williams introduced Amanda Huey to Mayor and Council. Mrs. Huey will be the Community Sergeant for the City of Chester Police Department.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Safety – No report.

Recreation – No report.

Economic Development – No report.

CDDA – Included in package.

COMMISSION REPORTS: None provided.

No Commission reports presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Commission Appointments – Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to re-appoint Elizabeth Hawkins, Kim Tricia Sanders, Wyonia Hinton to the Chester Planning Commission. Councilwoman Tinker seconds the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Council requested that Mrs. Roof contact Mary Beth Carr to see if she is interested in being re-appointed. Council will discuss at next scheduled meeting. The Zoning Board of Appeals expired terms and the HPC position held by Mr. Ben Guy and the Evergreen Cemetery Commission was deferred until the next scheduled meeting. Mayor Stringfellow requested that Council bring back recommendations at the next scheduled meeting.

Mayor Stringfellow made a motion to appoint Taylor Roof and LaJessica Stringfellow to fill the unexpired terms of Harry Gibson and Clint Davis. Councilwoman Kovas seconds the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The other expired terms on the Recreation Commission will be deferred until the next scheduled meeting.

Second Reading Ordinance 2012-03 Fiscal Year Operating Budget - Mayor Stringfellow read Ordinance 2012-03 as presented. Councilwoman Reid made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance

2012-13 as presented. Councilwoman Tinker seconds the motion. The motion carried with Councilman Caldwell opposing.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:15 p.m., for the discussion of personnel matters in the Police Department and Public Works Department. Councilwoman Bagley seconds the motion. The motion carried with Caldwell opposing.

Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to reconvene from Executive Session at 7:35 pm. Councilwoman Tinker seconds the motion. While in Executive Session, Council discussed personnel matters in the Police Department and Public Works department. No action was taken.

Councilwoman Tinker recognized Boy Scout Troop 61 for attending the Chester City Council Meeting.

Mayor Stringfellow reminded Council Members of the scheduled trip to Greenwood on Tuesday. We will be leaving City Hall at 8:00 am.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Roof, Human Resources Director