

Chester City Council Meeting
July 9, 2012
Minutes

PRESENT: Mayor Wanda Y. Stringfellow; Mayor Pro Tempore Reid; Council Members Betty Bagley, King D. Thompson, George Caldwell, Linda Tinker and Odell Williams.

Mayor Pro Tempore Reid called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Prayer: Councilwoman Bagley led in prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Pro Tempore Reid and Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Stringfellow arrived.

ABSENT: Council Members Killian and Kovas.

Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 11, June 18, and June 25, 2012, as presented. Councilman Thompson seconds the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Administrative Report: Mr. Kerr provided Council with an update on the Fireworks Show on July 3rd. This was a very successful event, nineteen minutes of fireworks. Thanks to Jack Sink and his staff for a job well done. The City of Chester will host the quarterly leadership forum on July 30th at the Summit. Mr. Kerr will be attending the City/County managers association Wednesday – Friday of this week. Council requested that all sponsors of the Red, White and Boom be recognized via certificate, etc.

Mayor Stringfellow commended Mr. Kerr and department heads for a job well done with the Red, White and Boom Event. Councilman Williams had questions concerning the basketball goals and kids having to go under the fence to play basketball at Joe Collins Stadium.

Unfinished Business:

Commission Appointments: Councilman Thompson nominated Mr. Tony Emerson to serve on Evergreen Cemetery Commission. With no other nominations, Mr. Emerson will fill the expired term of Robert Wilson on the Evergreen Cemetery. Councilwoman Bagley seconds the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Councilwoman Tinker nominated Tammy Smith to serve on the Evergreen Cemetery, replacing Rev. Fred Powell's unexpired term. Councilman Thompson seconds the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to re-appoint Mary Beth Carr to serve a four year term on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Councilwoman Tinker seconds the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Sink informed Council that he met with Mr. Joe Foster concerning partnering with the City of Chester for a community event. The event will be August 31, September 1, and September 2, 2012. Mr. Sink requested that Council approve as soon as possible, we are only months away. Much discussion took place concerning this proposed event. Councilman Caldwell informed Council the Recreation

Committee will be meeting weekly to work out the details of this requested event and will update Council at the next scheduled meeting. Mr. Sink informed Council the recreation department will be hosting the aquatics meet on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. This is the first time Chester has hosted this event. There will be a lot of visitors in our town and would like to invite Council to come out for the event.

Mayor Stringfellow thanked Paul Caldwell and Police department for a job well done helping with the Red, White and Boom event on July 3, 2012.

Chief Paul Caldwell thanked Council for approving the 3% pay raise for his employees.

With no further business, Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to adjourn at 7:00 pm. Councilwoman Bagley seconds the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla R. Roof, HR Director/CMC