

**Chester City Council Meeting**  
**August 26, 2013, 6:30 pm**

**Minutes**

PRESENT: Mayor Wanda Y. Stringfellow; Council Members Odell Williams, Betty Bagley, Susan Kovas, King D Thompson, William Killian, Annie M. Reid, George Caldwell and Linda Tinker; City Administrator Sandi Worthy; Human Resources Manager Carla R. Roof and City Attorney April P. Counterman.

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

PRAYER: Councilman Thompson led in prayer.

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

CITIZENS FORUM: David Peay talked to Council concerning the City's Mission Statement.

PETITIONER: No one present to speak.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: Mrs. Worthy informed Council that the East Chester Project has been delayed, phase III will not take place. Discussion took place concerning looking for other grants and funding sources. Council needs to hold community meetings for public input.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Finance – no comments

Fire – no comments

HR – no comments

Police – Mrs. Kovas would like the police department to address the issue at Fred's Department Store. Chief Williams indicated that his officers are there each day patrolling the area.

Public Works – The recycling truck has not been in operation due to death and illness. Councilman Williams stated that we need to address the issue of pulling a trailer to pick up recyclables.

Recreation – no comments

Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to approve as presented. Councilman Killian seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Safety – no report

Recreation – no report

Economic Development

CDDA – 9-12-13, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday Blues, \$10.00 per person, 6 pm located at Anna’s Arbor.

Beautification Committee – Councilwoman Tinker thanked Mrs. Reid for a job well done on the planting of the downtown area. Mrs. Reid thanked Mrs. Dale Cook, his wife and granddaughter, Councilman Williams, Councilman Thompson, Mr. Douglas and all who helped.

Properties – no report

Finance – no report

COMMISSION REPORTS: – no reports provided.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Check Signing Policy – Councilman Caldwell addressed Council concerning the current check signing policy that is currently in place. After discussion, Councilman Caldwell made a motion to allow Sandi Worthy, Linda Tinker, Betty Bagley and Annie Reid to sign checks. Councilman Williams seconded the motion. Much discussion took place concerning the current check signing policy. All in favor of the motion were Tinker, Caldwell, Williams, Kovas and Bagley. All opposed were Stringfellow, Thompson, Reid and Killian. The motion carried.

Councilwoman Reid and Attorney Counterman left the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to go into Executive Session for discussion of a Personnel Matter in the Administrative Department. Councilwoman Tinker seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilman Caldwell opposing.

Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to reconvene from Executive Session. Councilwoman Bagley seconded the motion. Mayor Stringfellow stated while in Executive Session, Council discussed a Personnel Matter in the Administrative Department. No action was taken.

Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to allow Mrs. Worthy the authority hiring a current part time administrative staff to a full time employee and to look for funding for the other requesting department. Councilwoman Bagley seconded the motion. After much discussion, Mayor Stringfellow requested that more details be brought back to Council. All in favor of the motion were Bagley, Tinker, Kovas and Caldwell. All opposed were Thompson, Stringfellow, Williams and Killian. The motion failed.

With no further business, Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Roof