

Chester City Council Meeting
September 10, 2018, 6:30 pm
Minutes

Present: Mayor George Caldwell; Council Members Betty Bagley, Linda Tinker, Annie M. Reid, Carlos Williams, William Killian, William King; City Attorney Edwards; City Administrator Jackson and HR Director Carla Roof.

Absent: Councilwoman Douglas and Councilwoman Susan Kovas.

Prayer: Councilman King led in prayer.

Josh Wessinger - Appealed to Council the administrator's decision to allow him to coach. He informed Council that he has a misdemeanor charge on his record. The policy is taking six coaches from our league, which will be an impact on this program. I would like to appeal the decision to Council. Chris White stood up for Mr. Wessinger and stated that he would like to see him coach but realizes that he must go through the process. Mrs. Jackson stated that this Council put in place the volunteer policy and it is important to be consistent with what you do. I think you need to treat everyone fairly and be consistent and follow the procedure, there is a standard, and a policy. Council needs to meet and review the policy.

Ken Lebbon – Executive Director of Cures – Mr. Lebbon spoke concerning the Hometown Hero's. Mr. Lebbon wanted to know if any agreement has been signed with using the power poles on Hudson Street and if not, he would like for Council to move forward. Councilman Williams stated it becomes a liability to the city. Discussion took place with no action taken.

Petitioner - Brenda McBrayer informed Council that she has three companies who provided funding for banners and would like to donate them to the City of Chester. Mrs. McBrayer provided Council with an overview of the upcoming Christmas in Chester. After much discussion, Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to pay \$6000.00 to the electrician for the wrapping of the trees, with money coming from budgeted line item, Christmas Lights. Councilwoman Tinker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Administrator's Report – Mrs. Jackson provided Council with an update on Hurricane Florence. The City will meet with FEMA tomorrow. We will provide updates and information on the website, Facebook and Channel 3. The 2017 audit findings were reviewed, and the report will be submitted to the State. Mrs. Brendle will be here at the next meeting to present the audit.

Unfinished Business - 2018-05 Setoff Debt Collection was read by Councilwoman Tinker. Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to approve as read. Councilwoman Bagley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Mallory Biering – Palmetto Pride – Mrs. Biering provided Council with an overview of the program. Palmetto Pride is a nonprofit organization. If you become a Keep America Beautiful affiliate it will help the city with receiving grants. After much discussion, Council thanked her for her presentation.

First Reading Ordinance 2018-05 Business License Ordinance – Mayor Pro Tempore Reid read as presented. Mrs. Jackson reminded Council this revision was recommended by the Municipal Association. Mrs. Jackson reviewed the changes with Council. Mayor Pro Tempore Reid made a motion to approve as presented. Councilman Killian seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session – Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to go into Executive Session for discussion of a Contractual Matter concerning property – Attorney Edwards and a Contractual Matter – Inmate Fees – Attorney Edwards. Councilman Killian seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to reconvene from Executive Session. Councilwoman Tinker seconded the motion. While in Executive Session, Council discussed a Contractual Matter concerning property – Attorney Edwards and a Contractual Matter – Inmate Fees – Attorney Edwards. No action was taken.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Roof