

CITY OF CHESTER

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DATE OF MEETING: April 25, 2017

PRESENT: Mrs. Carla Roof, Chief Paul Caldwell, Interim Chief Travis Moore, Mrs. Annie Reid, Mrs. Linda Tinker, and Mr. William Killian

ABSENT: No one was absent from this meeting

Meeting was called to order by: Council Member Annie Reid at 5:32pm PM

1. Item Discussed: Chief Paul Caldwell from the fire Department had several items to discuss. He stated that Mr. Floyd Grant Sr. had passed away and on May 2, 2017 his chair for the fire district would be expired. He wanted to see if they had someone in mind to replace him. Two names were mentioned during the discussion. Eumon Chisholm and Carl Carlton both are retired Fire fighters and would be knowledgeable about the District. During the discussion Mr. Killian discussed asking the late Floyd Grant's wife to serve on the panel, but the Fire Chief wanted someone who was knowledgeable about how things operate.

Action Taken: It was discussed that a replacement would be found on behalf of the City Fire.

Members Who Voted For: No vote was taken

Members Who Voted Against: No vote was taken

2. Item Discussed: Budget: Preliminary figures presented to committee board. It was discussed that 99% went to contract with the City, equipment, vehicles, maintenance, pay for insurance for Fire Dept. on Candless Road. He discussed trying to keep the fire district tax down because the retirement and insurance goes up this year.

Item Discussed: Don Wood resignation and how he didn't have to have sit him down about citizen complaints. Chief Caldwell stated that his presence will be greatly missed at the City of Chester and the Fire Dept. Bond got approved for equipment. A new brush truck was purchased. Audits for 2016 are complete. Mrs. Sandi Worthy did not want to pay the \$28,000.00. The audit showed \$80,000.00 and the Fire District owes the City \$55,000.00.

stopped by her office minutes before court to pick up information concerning cases. Mrs. Tobias also stated that she has emailed the information at the request of Megan to her in short time frames for DV cases. Mrs. Roof brought up an issue concerning Dr. Ken Marsh who needed information concerning his deeds from properties that he had purchased. Dr. Ken stated to Mrs. Roof that he has made several attempts to reach Megan and she will not return his call about his properties. Mrs. Roof stated that she had talked with the Mayor about it, and the Dr. Ken Marsh made reference about how it does not take this long with the county. Mr. Killian stated that he wants someone to help her because maybe she don't know what to do about the deeds.

Action Taken: Mrs. Roof will meet with the court personnel concerning the issues and contact Megan Gaston by email about the deeds again.

Members Who Voted For: No vote Taken

Members Who Voted Against: No Vote Taken

Meeting was adjourned at 6:32 PM

These minutes were prepared by:

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Action Taken: Chief Paul Caldwell gave firefighters a raise from a vacant position that was not filled. He discussed that he wanted to operate with seen on shift to cover the cost of the raise. He discussed how Matt Rogers wanted to come back to the City of Chester fire Dept. The vacant position was from a former employee who got arrested for Domestic violence.

Mrs. Carla Roof will post the vacant position for Don Wood and it will run for two weeks in the paper. Chief Caldwell hopes to have someone by June 1, 2017. He stated that an applicant from North Charleston was interested in the position who is highly qualified.

Mrs. Annie Reid stated that she would follow-up on the Audit issue concerning the Columbia Account. Mrs. Tinker stated that this was great information to have. Mrs. Roof stated that she would receive the correct amounts and forward that information to council board members.

Members Who Voted For: No vote was taken

Members Who Voted Against: No vote was taken

3. Item Discussed: It was asked if the Police Department had any concerns. Interim Chief Travis Moore stated no. Mrs. Annie Reid discussed applications for the Police Chief's position. She stated that the names were black out on the applications because she wanted the council members to focus on the qualifications of the next Chief of Police. Mrs. Reid also mentioned about bringing in experienced officers to help with interviews. She had spoken with the Asst. Chief of Police of Columbia P.D. She stated that applicants tell you some good stuff at the interview and do something different. She stated that they need to go deeper into the candidates background. Mrs. Roof expressed that her and the P. D. find out stuff that council do not find concerning some of the candidates.

Action Taken: The actions was to take the applications home and review the qualifications by the next meeting. Mr. William Killian stated that if they could pick just 5 instead of so many like the previous time.

Members Who Voted For: No vote taken

Members Who Voted Against: No vote taken

4. Item Discussed: Issues with the Municipal Court was discussed. The first issue was with the City Attorney, Megan Gaston. It was discussed that she has possibly been intoxicated at council meetings and during city court. One issue with court was recent. She was given several field sobriety test to see if she was drunk. Mr. Killian stated that if that had of been him, he would have been arrested. The next issue was with the city attorney not showing up for Municipal Court. It was stated by Chief Moore that City Attorney, Megan Gaston, did not show for court or she showed up unprepared for DV cases. The last issue was with the Asst. Clerks not properly notifying the officers of court. It was stated that officers cases have been continued before because a clerk did not notify the officer. This issue usually happens with arrest warrants and continued cases. Mrs. Tobias stated that City Attorney, Megan Gaston, has