

Chester City Council Meeting

January 14, 2019

Minutes

Present: Mayor George Caldwell, Council Members Betty Bagley, Angela Douglas, William Killian, Annie M. Reid, Susan Kovas, Linda Tinker, Carlos Williams; City Administrator Stephanie Jackson, City Attorney Edwards and Human Resources Director Carla Roof.

Absent: Councilman King.

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

Prayer: Councilman Williams led in prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor and Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance

Citizens Forum: Mayor Caldwell spoke as a citizen under the Citizens Forum concerning Inmate Fees. Mr. Caldwell stated that we already pay city and county taxes and that is double taxation. Mayor Pro Tempore Reid informed Mr. Caldwell that Council will be discussing this matter.

Petitioner – Mrs. Doris Greene, Census Bureau, SC Partnership Specialist – Mr. Greene provided Council with an overview of the census indicating the census is to count everyone in the United States. Census day is April 1st. The count is important because the money comes back to this state based on the census count. The census count in 2010, our state received \$1499.00 for each person that is counted. Thank you to the people who were not counted in the city and county, that is money that is not given to the city, we want to make a conservative effort and to educate the citizens of this city and there should be no fear for filling out the form. Information that is put on the form cannot be released for 72 years. Mrs. Greene indicated that she would like to come back and provide a detailed presentation to Council.

Administrative Report

Memorial – Mrs. Peggy Johnson – Mrs. Jackson provided a Memorial PowerPoint in memory of Mrs. Peggy Johnson, Summer Feeding Service Program Director. Members of Mrs. Johnson's family, coworkers and friends were present. Mrs. Anita Springs, Assistant Summer Feeding Service Program Director shared a poem in memory of Mrs. Johnson.

CCYFL Recognition – Recreation Director Chris White informed Council of the 'Motto the team used. "Leave no doubt". Mr. White thanked the community for donations, the parents for all they have done, they were GREAT!, By far, this was the best coaching staff I have ever had! Mr. White thanked the Council for believing in him. Mr. White thanked Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Roof for working with them. Mr. Will Smith was the 12u coach and was unable to attend the meeting due to a scheduling conflict. Mr. White thanked two moms Mary and Kenna, who held it all together. The 10u won the state championship.

Councilman Killian asked that Council donate money where these guys can have an opportunity to eat at Rhino's on Saturday at 3 pm. Several Members of Council committed to donate.

Service Departments Calendar of Events – Mrs. Jackson informed Council the calendar of events was placed in the Council package for each member.

Unfinished Business – no business

New Business

City of Chester Scholarship – Councilman Williams talked to Council about his plan to have this approved for the upcoming graduating year. Councilman William explained the recommended program and the benefits. This is an opportunity to get involved in the schools.

Inmate Fees at Detention Center – Mayor Caldwell – no discussion took place.

Mayor Pro Tempore Reid motion to amend the agenda at remove item #2, Inmate Fees. And to defer item #3, until after Executive Session. Councilwoman Kovas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

First Reading Ordinance 2019-01 Purchase Real Estate for Police Department – Item deferred until after Executive Session.

Executive Session – Legal Matter Bagley Killian

Caldwell and Douglas.

7:19 pm

8:26 pm motion to reconvene from executive session. Bsgley killian.

Reid motion to purchase property. Reid recended her motion.,

Councilwoman Kovas read as presented 2019-1. Kovas motion to approve., Baley seconded the motion. The moiton carried

Reid motion to give city admin to compile on inmate fess. Killian.

Kovas made a motion to accept the terms to resolve the tax sale issue. Tinker second

The motion carried.

Dougla to adjourn at 8:32s

Tinker

