

MINUTES
YORK CITY COUNCIL
March 1, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Eddie Lee

Mayor Pro Tem Charles Johnson

Councilmember John Shiflet

Councilmember Ed Brown

Councilmember Bill Miller

Councilmember Mike Fuesser

Councilmember Denise Lowry

OTHERS PRESENT:

City Attorney Brice

Police Chief Robinson

Public Works Director Montgomery

Fire Chief Manera

ED Director Jones

Diana Carver

Dorothy Cobb

Jan Ramsey

Interim Manager Helms

Police Captain Trail

Planning Director Breakfield

Recreation Director Leake

Finance Director Mosely

Will Mitchell

James Jeffcoat

Paul Boger

1. Welcome and Call to Order: Mayor Lee
2. Prayer: Councilmember Brown
3. Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Pro Tem Johnson
4. Minutes: Regular Meeting, February 2, 2016. Councilmember Miller's **MOTION** to adopt the Minutes as submitted carried.
5. Public Hearing: Needs Assessment, CDBG Funds. In order to apply for Community Development Block Grant funds, the City must complete an annual Needs Assessment. Kimberly Herndon, Catawba Regional Council of Governments, gave an overview of the program and funding process and presented the 2015 Priority Community Needs List for review/update. The only change made to the list was to delete #5: *Enhance public safety by adding a second fire substation to handle the increased population growth.* Councilmember Shiflet's **MOTION** to approve the list as amended carried.
6. Comments and Requests from the Public
 - ◆ Diana Carver was present to request that the City waive all fees pertaining to a water supply for the community garden proposed for the old swimming pool site behind the health department on North Congress. The committee will be responsible for monthly water payments [Note: the person whose name is on the connection paperwork will ultimately be responsible for payment]. Councilmember Shiflet's **MOTION** to approve the request carried.

- ◆ Jan Ramsey was present to reiterate her ongoing concerns: The lot/debris on Madison Street is in the Neighborhood Initiative Program, for which final approval is expected tomorrow. A handrail will be installed at the original site on the west side of Congress. Interim Manager Helms will look into installing “No Littering” signs on Railroad Avenue.

- ◆ Will Mitchell, representing the Greater York Chamber of Commerce, requested that the Chamber grounds be the venue for future Downtown Live events. Mayor Pro Tem Johnson’s **MOTION** to this effect carried.

7. City Manager’s Report

- ◆ Finance. Council received copies of the financial, capacity fee, and hospitality tax reports. Interim Manager Helms reported receipt of \$13,580 in capacity fees in February. Austen Lakes has pulled 14 permits.

- ◆ Utility/Road Projects

- ◆ Water study. In accordance with council’s wishes, Interim Manager Helms contacted Willdan Financial Service to conduct a water/sewer rate study. The study will take 3-4 months, at a cost of \$20,000, funded from the Capacity Fee account. Mayor Pro Tem Johnson’s **MOTION** to proceed with the study carried.

- ◆ Western York County Economic Development Alliance Guidelines. Council received a copy of the guidelines, which have been approved by the Greater York Chamber of Commerce, Clover Chamber, and City of Clover. Councilmember Shiflet’ **MOTION** to approve the guidelines carried.

- ◆ Neighborhood Initiative Program. Interim Manager Helms said that by the next council meeting, there should be some movement on the five houses that have been approved. Some may have to be removed from the list, but others will be added.

- ◆ Additional Items

- ◆ In response to the inquiry regarding lighted trees on Congress, Interim Manager Helms contacted Amy Howard, Howard Engineers, who reported that the electrical infrastructure downtown is insufficient to allow for lights in the islands. To do this, it will be necessary to re-wire, at an estimated cost of \$50,000+. **Consensus of Council** was to consider the matter during budget deliberations.

- ◆ “Yield” signs in crosswalks downtown. Interim Manager Helms reported that SCDOT will allow the signs to be installed. Mayor Pro Tem Johnson’s **MOTION** to proceed with installation carried.

8. Department Reports. Monthly Reports provided

- ◆ Mayor Lee thanked the police and fire departments for reading to the school children and recognized Police Captain Trail as a “Community Hero”.

- ◆ Recreation Director Leake reported that she had met with other county recreation directors with a view toward devising a funding formula to replace the one favored by the county, eliminating the consideration of number of participants. The next step is to get managers involved.

9. Council Committee Reports

◆ Government Relations. Chairman Johnson's reported on attendance at the Elected Officials Institute and Legislative Action Day, as well as a ribbon cutting at Southern Dande, 61 North Congress.

◆ Public Works. Council received Minutes from the February 17 meeting and updates on ongoing projects.

◆ Neighborhood Relations. Councilmember Brown announced the resignation of Pam Scronce from the Historical Commission.

◆ Finance. There was no meeting in February. Chairman Miller's **MOTION** to draft an ordinance increasing capacity fees carried.

◆ Public Safety. No meeting in February.

◆ Events. Council received Minutes from the February 18 meeting. The only event in the near future is the Hippy-Hoppity 5K Run on March 19.

◆ Recreation. Council received Minutes from the February 18 meeting. In addition to the funding meeting discussed earlier, the committee received information on the York County Bicycling Survey conducted in 2015. It was reported that the existing trails are well used.

◆ Planning & Economic Development. Council received Minutes from the February 16 meeting. Most of the items discussed by the committee are addressed in tonight's meeting.

10. Mayor's Report. Mayor Lee reported that the ribbon cutting for the Imaging Center is scheduled for 4:30 pm Thursday, March 10.

11. Old Business: Second Reading/Public Hearing

◆ Ordinance 16-566, *Adopting the 2015 City of York Code of Ordinances*. There was no public comment. Councilmember Miller's **MOTION** to adopt the ordinance on second reading carried.

◆ Ordinance 16-568, *Rezoning Property from R-15 to MU (Tract 2)*. James Jeffcoat spoke in favor of the rezoning. Councilmember Shiflet's **MOTION** to adopt the ordinance on second reading.

12. New Business: First Reading, Ordinance 16-570, *Gateway Corridor Regulations*. Planning Director Breakfield explained that the Historical Commission and Planning Commission have worked on the regulations, required by the Comprehensive Plan. The Historical Commission becomes the Architectural Review Board for corridor development. Councilmember Shiflet's **MOTION** to give first reading to the ordinance carried.

13. Any Item Any Member of Council Wishes to Present

◆ Councilmember Brown asked about an update from Chris Sinz and was told that no additional information has been received.

◆ Councilmember Lowry stated that an event will be held at 4:00 pm Saturday, April 2, honoring Osbey Roddey.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nelle J. Pittman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nelle J. Pittman
Municipal Clerk