

MINUTES
YORK CITY COUNCIL
April 5, 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
Mark & Suzanne Hill
Cheryl Boyd
Dorothy Cobb
Rep. John R. King
Jan Ramsey
Richard Parmley
Bernie Trigeiro

Interim Manager Helms
Police Captain Trail
Planning Director Breakfield
Recreation Director Leake
Finance Director Mosely
Russell Propst
Deborra Wood
Gary & Paulajo Gross
Fran Person
Ed & Carolyn Wood
Nancy Nelson
Robert Winkler

1. Welcome and Call to Order: Mayor Lee
2. Prayer: Councilmember Brown
3. Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Pro Tem Johnson
4. Minutes: Regular Meeting, March 1, 2016. Councilmember Miller's **MOTION** to adopt the Minutes as submitted carried.
5. Comments and Requests from the Public
 - ◆ State Representative John King thanked councilmembers for their support during his time in the state legislature and asked for their endorsement as he runs for the Fifth Congressional District.
 - ◆ Fran Person announced his candidacy for the Fifth Congressional District.
 - ◆ Jan Ramsey asked the status of issues presented at previous council meetings. All items mentioned are addressed in the city manager's report.
 - ◆ Gary Gross and Russell Propst spoke in favor of the proposed rezoning of property on Liberty Street, citing concerns about traffic, parking, and ensuring that standards are met. Ordinance 16-572 will be presented for first reading later in the meeting.

- ◆ County Councilmember Robert Winkler asked council's support as he runs for reelection. He gave an update on the courthouse restoration, stating that it should be finished this year. The outside will be ready by Summerfest. He asked council to consider giving any excess money to the county to be donated to veterans. The matter was referred to the Finance Committee.

6. City Manager's Report

- ◆ Finance. Council received copies of the financial, capacity fee, and hospitality tax reports. Interim Manager Helms reported receipt of \$9,700 in capacity fees in March. Hospitality Tax fees are down for the second consecutive month, but receipts to date remain over projection.

- ◆ Utility/Road Projects

- ◆ Water study. Willdan Financial Service plans to have some information by late April for the City to begin reviewing.

- ◆ C-funds. The 2014-2015 state road resurfacing project will begin on April 15 and includes Nottingham Drive, Aspen Lane, Robin Lane, Forest Drive, Moss Street, and Inman Crossroad.

- ◆ Neighborhood Initiative Program. Catawba Regional has received state approval on five properties, which have been sent to the attorneys for closing. The next step will be demolition of the structures.

Catawba has started working on 2 Rose Street, 8 Pinckney Street, 213 Blackburn Street, 305 California Street, and 210 Galilean Road. City staff has submitted five more houses to Catawba for approval.

- ◆ Bid Award - Lawn Care Service. Of two bids received, one did not meet bid specifications. Staff recommendation is to award the bid to Carolina Lawn Landscaping & Nursery in the amount of \$3460/month. This firm had the contract last year, and the price is the same. Mayor Pro Tem Johnson's **MOTION** to award the bid to Carolina carried.

- ◆ Additional Items

- ◆ The Community Garden is scheduled to open 2 - 4 pm Saturday, April 23.

- ◆ Interim Manager Helms is to obtain a plan and cost estimate from an electrical engineer to light the trees on Congress.

- ◆ "No Littering" signs will be installed on Railroad Avenue when paving is complete.

- ◆ The handrail for the west side of Congress has been commissioned and will be installed where the original one was located.

- ◆ "Yield" signs for the pedestrian crosswalks downtown are due next week.

7. Department Reports. Monthly Reports provided

- ◆ Police. Chief Robinson announced the Job Fair, scheduled for Thursday, April 21, at the Recreation Center. He reported on attendance at a joint meeting of area chiefs and the sheriff's department, focusing on community safety.

- ◆ Public Works. Council discussed the memo recently sent to residents stating that due to a change in vendor policy, the City will no longer collect glass containers for recycling. The matter was referred to the Public Works Committee.

8. Council Committee Reports

- ◆ Government Relations. Chairman Johnson reported on attendance at ribbon cuttings at the Imaging Center on East Liberty and On the Rise Bakery, 9 North Congress.

- ◆ Public Works. Council received Minutes from the March 16 meeting and updates on ongoing projects.

- ◆ Neighborhood Relations. Councilmember Brown asked that council consider a citywide cleanup day.

- ◆ Finance. Council received Minutes from the March 16 meeting. One item discussed dealt with a capacity fee rate increase. An ordinance to that effect will be presented for first reading later in the meeting.

- ◆ Public Safety. No meeting in March.

- ◆ Events. Council received Minutes from the March 17 meeting. No new applications have been received.

- ◆ Recreation. Council received Minutes from the March 24 meeting. Items of note include 1) dissolution of the Little Cougars Football program, which will now partner with the City's recreation football program; and 2) vandalism of the bike trail fence.

- ◆ Planning & Economic Development. Council received Minutes from the March 15 meeting. Items discussed included operation of mobile food establishments. An ordinance is on tonight's agenda for first reading.

9. Mayor's Report. Mayor Lee thanked Russell Propst for his work on the walking study, called attention to the elementary school students' art work on display in the lobby, and presented a Proclamation to Chief Robinson in observance of National Telecommunication Week.

10. Old Business. Second Reading/Public Hearing of Ordinance 16-570, *Gateway Corridor Regulations* was deferred, pending further review by the Planning Commission and Historical Commission.

11. New Business: First Reading

- ◆ Ordinance 16-571, *Revising Capacity Fee Schedule*. Interim Manager Helms explained that the new fees will apply only to new construction. Mayor Pro Tem Johnson's **MOTION** to give first reading to the ordinance carried.

◆ Ordinance 16-572, *Rezoning Property from G1 to R5*. Cheryl Boyd gave an overview of her plans for the property (townhouses) and answered questions pertaining to size, price, number of units, green space, traffic, etc. Mayor Pro Tem Johnson's **MOTION** to give first reading to the ordinance carried.

◆ Ordinance 16-573, *Amending the Zoning Ordinance re Food Trucks*. By this ordinance, a mobile unit can be used for food preparation on the premises of its associated brick and mortar restaurant. Councilmember Shiflet's **MOTION** to give first reading to the ordinance carried.

12. Any Item Any Member of Council Wishes to Present

◆ Councilmember Brown asked council to give consideration to viable candidates to fill vacancies on the Historical Commission and Housing Authority Board.

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