

MINUTES  
YORK CITY COUNCIL  
May 3, 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 Captain Trail  
Public Works Director Montgomery  
Recreation Director Leake  
Finance Director Mosely  
Mark Hill  
JJ Mattingly  
Randy Peterson  
Robert M. Sweet  
Butch Glenn  
Cheryl Boyd  
Deborra Wood  
Jan Ramsey  
Richard Parmley  
Nancy Nelson  
Michael Sanders  
Jim Bradford

Interim Manager Helms  
Fire Chief Manera  
Planning Director Breakfield  
ED Director Jones  
LaVerne Spoon  
Harvey Mayfield  
Ronnie Taylor  
Jay Stackley  
William K. Clark  
Martha McNeal  
Russell Propst  
Gary & Paulajo Gross  
Cozetta Smarr  
Brenda Froneberger  
Pam Gilmore  
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, April 5, 2016. Councilmember Miller's **MOTION** to adopt the Minutes as submitted carried.
5. Comments and Requests from the Public

◆ JJ Mattingly, representing the York County Veteran Advisory Council, was present to request the City's assistance in establishing permanent accommodations for the Veterans' Memorial. Several other veterans thanked council for its assistance. Butch Glenn stated that the veterans would like to give the Purple Heart Monument to the City of York. Jim Bradford asked that the City explore the possibility of acquiring property from Norfolk Southern because the state legislature would be "more comfortable" giving money for the memorial location if the City owned the property. The matter will be discussed at the May 18 Finance Committee meeting.

- ◆ Debbie Burton reported that there are still leaks at the Rose Apartments. Council received, as a part of the Manager's Report, a letter stating plans for replacement of the roof.

- ◆ Randy Peterson complained about water quality and the City's audit. Calling it a "shell audit", which leaves each department to audit itself, he said that problems not corrected indicate a managerial issue or fraud. Interim Manager Helms stated that when he became aware of Mr. Peterson's concerns, he made several attempts to set a meeting with him, with no response. Staff will continue to try to address his issues.

- ◆ Jan Ramsey expressed thanks for the handrail and pedestrian crossing signs on Congress and the paving of Railroad Avenue. She stated that councilmembers need to ride the city streets and look at buildings/trash/etc. Especially offensive is the derelict Polk property on Madison Street [this property was included in the Neighborhood Initiative Program]. She added that City employees are working hard, but enforcement is too big a job for one person. She added that she will keep coming to council meetings until there are apparent signs of progress. Passing the gavel to Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, Mayor Lee made the **MOTION** to put the cleanup of the Polk property out for bid. The motion carried, with Councilmember Miller voting in opposition.

#### 6. City Manager's Report

- ◆ Finance. Council received copies of the financial, capacity fee, and hospitality tax reports. Interim Manager Helms reported receipt of \$15,360 in capacity fees in April. Hospitality Tax fees are \$2900+ over projection for the month. Property tax receipts are almost complete and should be over projection.

- ◆ Utility/Road Projects

- ◆ Water study. Willdan Financial Service is working on the study.
- ◆ C-funds. The contractor is in town and has committed to completing the designated streets before leaving.

- ◆ Neighborhood Initiative Program. Catawba Regional has closed on two houses on Rose Street and one on California Street and plans to close on the Madison Street and Washington Street properties this week. Catawba has ordered inspections on 27 and 29 Rose Street and 213 Blackburn. The City has submitted 323 East Liberty, 33 Travora Circle, and 53 Travora Circle and currently has a total of 19 properties at various stages in the program.

- ◆ Bid Award - Scott Air Packs. Two quotes were received: \$5654.95 and \$5407.78. Mayor Pro Tem Johnson's **MOTION** to award the low bid to Municipal Emergency Services carried.

- ◆ Additional Items

- ◆ The Community Garden's Grand Opening was Saturday, April 23.
- ◆ Resolution 16-01. CDBG funding for Phase II of the Cannon Mill project, providing for a \$74,341 match from the City. Councilmember Shiflet's **MOTION** to adopt the Resolution carried.

- ◆ Interim Manager Helms reported good attendance at the recreation department's Movie Night.

7. Department Reports. Monthly Reports provided

- ◆ Planning. Planning Director Breakfield reported that the Board of Zoning Appeals will hear an expansion request from Lava Textile. Additionally, preliminary drawings have been submitted for Austen Lakes, Phase II.

- ◆ Police. Chief Robinson reported good attendance at the Job Fair.

- ◆ Economic Development. Director Jones expressed appreciation for the pedestrian signs and trash receptacles.

8. Council Committee Reports

- ◆ Government Relations. Chairman Johnson reported on attendance at Business After Hours at the Episcopal Church on April 19, as well as the Job Fair on April 21.

- ◆ Public Works. Council received Minutes from the April 20 meeting and updates on ongoing projects.

- ◆ Neighborhood Relations. Chairman Brown's **MOTION** to reappoint Beth Bailey and Quinn Witte to the Historical Commission carried.

- ◆ Finance. Council received Minutes from the April 20 meeting. The committee discussed the request to assist financially with the relocation of the Veterans Memorial. Council heard this matter earlier in tonight's meeting.

- ◆ Public Safety. Council received Minutes from the April 20 meeting. One new item of interest is the police department's plan for summer camps. Working in conjunction with the school district, police officers will use these camps to help introduce children and youth to the different fields of public safety.

- ◆ Events. Council received Minutes from the April 21 meeting. No items discussed require council action at this time.

- ◆ Recreation. Council received Minutes from the April 25 meeting. Items of note include 1) receipt of \$4714 PARD funding, which will be used for bleachers; and 2) ways to address the \$42,000 deficit in the upcoming budget year, due to York County's cutting the City's recreation funding.

- ◆ Planning & Economic Development. Council received Minutes from the April 19 Board meeting. It was noted that Jim Bradford will be the Western Alliance representative to the York County Economic Development Board.

9. Mayor's Report. Mayor Lee reported that 1) completion of courthouse renovations is anticipated for early December; and 2) the "Outcast" premiere is scheduled for June 3. He introduced Resolution 16-02, supporting a change in the terms of office for York County councilmembers from two-year to four-year terms. Stating that terms are set by the Home Rule Act, Mayor Lee voted in opposition to Councilmember Shiflet's **MOTION** to approve the Resolution, which carried 6-1.

10. Old Business. Second Reading/Public Hearing:

◆ Ordinance 16-571, *Revising Capacity Fee Schedule*. There was no public comment Councilmember Miller's **MOTION** to adopt the ordinance on second reading carried.

◆ Ordinance 16-572, *Rezoning Property from G1 to R5*. Mark Hill spoke to the issue of zoning, urging council to be careful about opening the property to high-density housing and consider traffic/public safety problems.

Cheryl Boyd stated that the property is better suited to townhouses than some properties that have already been developed.

Nancy Nelson spoke in favor of development to enhance the historical area.

Russell Propst expressed concern for traffic problems that would result in the Liberty/Church/Hunter intersection.

Councilmember Shiflet's **MOTION** to adopt the ordinance on second reading carried unanimously.

◆ Ordinance 16-573, *Amending the Zoning Ordinance re Food Trucks*. There was no public comment Mayor Pro Tem Johnson's **MOTION** to adopt the ordinance on second reading carried.

11. New Business. None

12. Any Item Any Member of Council Wishes to Present. None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Nelle J. Pittman  
Municipal Clerk