

MINUTES
YORK CITY COUNCIL
October 4, 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
Public Works Director Montgomery
Recreation Director Leake
Finance Director Mosely
Paul Boger
Ronnie Taylor

Interim Manager Helms
Police Chief Robinson
ED Director Jones
Mark Palmer
Jan Ramsey
Cynthia Bradford

1. Welcome and Call to Order: Mayor Lee
2. Prayer: Councilmember Brown
3. Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Pro Tem Johnson
4. Minutes. Regular Meeting, September 6, 2016; Special Meeting, September 20, 2016. Mayor Pro Tem Johnson's **MOTION** to adopt the Minutes as submitted carried.
5. Comments and Requests from the Public
 - ◆ Mark Palmer was present to ask support for his candidacy for State Senate, citing his priorities: children, education, freedom, and lower taxes.
 - ◆ Jan Ramsey thanked staff for cleaning up the Polk property on East Madison and asked for "No Littering" signs on Railroad Avenue.
 - ◆ Cynthia Bradford asked that the City replace the failing water line before C-fund paving is done on College Street. It was pointed out again that the water lines are under the sidewalk and will not be affected by any paving work.
 - ◆ Ronnie Taylor announced that the Veterans Council is planning to make an offer on the Norfolk Southern property next week. He also stressed the need for a sidewalk from the high school into town.
6. City Manager's Report
 - ◆ Finance. Council received copies of the financial, capacity fee, and hospitality tax reports. Interim Manager Helms reported receipt of \$7,178 in capacity fees in September and hospitality tax revenue ahead of projection.

- ◆ Utility/Road Projects
 - ◆ Newport water main. The project is anticipated to be completed on schedule. York County is still working on the booster pump station design.
 - ◆ Sheffield Road. York County has completed paving the road, a project that has been ongoing for several years.
 - ◆ Rural Infrastructure Authority Grant. The City should be notified in December whether or not the grant has been awarded to replace sewer lines on Hickory Lane, Autumn Place, Valley Road, and Creekside Drive.
 - ◆ Neighborhood Initiative Program. Demolition of 14, 20, 27, and 29 Rose, 403 California, and 124 Washington is complete. Catawba Regional is working on closing on additional properties and plans to bid 6-8 properties in November.
 - ◆ Hometown Economic Development Grant. The City submitted an application for grant funding for pedestrian/bicycle infrastructure. Resolution 16-04 commits the City to provide a local match in the amount of at least \$2500. Mayor Pro Tem Johnson's **MOTION** to approve the Resolution carried.
 - ◆ Additional Items
 - ◆ On September 21, York County held a meeting in council chambers on Pennies for Progress #4. The purpose of the meeting was to receive requests from the public regarding roads in the York area to be placed on the Pennies 4 referendum. Council was provided information that the City of York and York School District One presented to the Pennies for Progress Commission for its consideration.
7. Department Reports. Monthly Reports provided
- ◆ Police. Chief Robinson stated that he would be involved in a conference call with Emergency Management on Wednesday regarding Hurricane Matthew.
 - ◆ Economic Development. Director Jones reported attendance of the screening of episodes one and two of *Outcast*, season two, in which there are scenes of York.
8. Council Committee Reports
- ◆ Government Relations. Chairman Johnson reported on attendance at a ribbon cutting at Affordable Computers, Business After Hours at Sweet Tea, and the 9/11 commemorative event.
 - ◆ Public Works. No meeting in September.
 - ◆ Neighborhood Relations. Chairman Brown reported lack of progress filling the vacancy on the Housing Board. He also cited the need for litter control throughout the city.
 - ◆ Finance. No meeting in September.
 - ◆ Public Safety. No meeting in September.
 - ◆ Events. Council received Minutes from the September 20 meeting. Upcoming events are the Veterans Parade on November 12 and the 7th Annual Running of the Turkeys on Thanksgiving morning.

♦ Recreation. Council received Minutes from the September 22 meeting. Good participation in fall athletic programs was reported. The War of the Roses Softball Tournament between the cities of York and Lancaster is scheduled for 2:00 pm October 22.

♦ Planning & Economic Development. Council received Minutes from the September 20 meeting, updating ongoing projects.

9. Mayor's Report

♦ The time capsule has been removed from the courthouse. Cotton Belt Elementary School has donated items for the new capsule.

♦ According to the arborist, the Deodar cedar does not need to be removed but, rather, watered regularly and pruned. The Historical Society will provide new Christmas lights for the tree and has requested help from the City to install them.

10. Old Business. None

11. New Business. None

12. Any Item Any Member of Council Wishes to Present

♦ Councilmember Brown announced Meritor's 35th anniversary celebration on October 15.

♦ Councilmember Miller expressed appreciation to employees and board/commission members.

♦ Councilmember Fuesser added his thanks, and to Recreation Director Leake for providing activities for the community.

13. Mayor Pro Tem Johnson's **MOTION** to go into executive session for discussion of personnel matters pertaining to city manager search and municipal judge carried.

Returning to open session, Councilmember Shiflet's **MOTION** to finalize the interview list of city manager candidates carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Nelle J. Pittman
Municipal Clerk