

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
Regular Meeting
February 23, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: By Mayor Burch on Monday, February 23, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councilmembers Baker, Dyer, Ridge, Conway, Johnston, Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders, Mayor Burch, City Clerk Terpstra and City Manager Guetschow.

The invocation was offered by Mayor Burch followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 23, 2015: Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders stated that he had been contacted by a citizen who was concerned about a comment that he had made that was not included in the minutes. Discussion was held among councilmembers as to what they wanted reflected in the minutes for public comment. It was the consensus of councilmembers that the name, address and a brief statement be included for public comment on the topic being discussed. **Councilmember Baker moved, supported by Sanders to approve the minutes of February 9, 2015 as presented. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.**

ABSENT: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
Brian Stults, 102 S. Sheldon, stated his concerns with the recording of the minutes.

Zach Story, 105 ½ S. Cochran, Ste. B, addressed the council on various issues including his concerns on street repair.

Curt Scott, 649 N. Sheldon, thanked the Department of Public Works employee for responding quickly to his water line break.

CHARLOTTE HIGH SCHOOL LIAISON: None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders moved, supported by Conway to approve the agenda with the removal of Item 10b to Items of Business 11d and to add Item 11e, appointment of Cecilia Saldana to the Board of Review. **Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.**

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) Approve sale of Fire Department 1969 Jeep to highest bidder, Tom Bahmer in the amount of \$2860.00
- b) Approve Rowe Professional Services Contract for the Design and Construction engineering for milling and resurfacing Beech St. in the total amount of \$12,700.00
- c) Approve Proclamation Optimist Youth Appreciation Week – February 23, 2015
- d) Approve Claims and Accounts in the Amount of \$260,812.06

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA BY ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilmember Baker moved, supported by Johnston to approve the consent agenda as presented. **Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.**

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

A. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO PUBLIC ART FOR COMMUNITIES 2015 GRANT PROGRAM:

Community Development Director Myrkle explained the Public Art for Communities Grant Program.

Councilmember Ridge moved, supported by Conway to authorize applying for the Public Art for Communities 2015 Grant program. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.

B. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING CREATION OF PUBLIC ART POLICY:

Councilmembers discussed authorizing creation of a public art policy. The consensus was to go ahead with the creation of the public art policy.

C. DISCUSSION ON USE OF FUNDS RECEIVED FROM OWENS-BROCKWAY CASE:

Councilmembers discussed ideas to use the funds received from the Owens-Brockway case. Several ideas were discussed including; repaving State Street, paying off bond debt, paving two blocks of Washington & Lovett Streets, building a Farmer's Market and parking lot at the Corral location, fixing Beach Market, two new tornado sirens, reimbursing funds from Armory purchase, downtown signage, parking lot reconstruction, planting trees in the park and setting up a perpetual trust.

D. CONSIDER APPROVAL ROWE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING FOR MILLING AND RESURFACING BEECH ST. IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$12,700.00:

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders stated that he asked to have this moved to items of business for further discussion. He is concerned that there may be different streets that the council desires to do before this one.

Discussion was held on how it was determined to do Beech Street and how the Paser Ratings work.

It was the consensus of councilmembers to have Director Gilson prepare and cost out several street projects and bring back to council at a later date for their review.

E. CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF CECILIA SALDANA TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW WITH TERM EXPIRING 12/31/2016:

Councilmember Dyer moved, supported by Sanders to appoint Cecilia Saldana to the Board of Review with a term expiring 12/31/2016. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT: None

CITY MANAGER REPORT: City Manager Guetschow reported that he had prepared history of expenditures or reconstruction and resurfacing projects over the last decade.

The calculation of the distribution of liquidated damages to the various taxing jurisdiction has been completed and is included in the packet.

He reported that it has been learned that the amount that the County will be distributing to the City from its road millage will be significantly less than projected originally.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Councilmember Dyer reported that he is looking for two more members for the Sustainability Committee.
- Councilmember Ridge reported that she attended the Recreation Co-op meeting held on February 18th with the LDFA for use of land in the Industrial Park. The next Recreation Co-op meeting will be held on March 4, 2015.
- Councilmember Conway reported that the Recreation Co-op continues to move forward. The next meeting is February 25th at 7:00 PM at Eaton Township Hall.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Brian Stults, 102 S. Sheldon, addressed the council regarding previous remarks.

Zach Story, 105 ½ S. Cochran, Ste. B., addressed the council on the direction he would like to see the City go in the future.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Councilmember Dyer thanked all department heads for all of their work.
- Councilmember Ridge stated that she attended the Elected Official Training and encourages others to attend. She stated that she appreciates the work that the City Manager and the staff do
- Councilmember Conway stated that he does not believe in attacking city staff.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders thanked everyone for coming
- Councilmember Baker stated that after some comments online she would like to state that Charlotte Insurance does not carry property insurance for the City of Charlotte.

- Mayor Burch stated that she appreciates the help that the City Clerk has given her and the work that she does. She encouraged everyone to stop by the Player’s Lounge as it is under new ownership.

Councilmember Dyer moved, second by Conway to adjourn at 8:30 P.M. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.

Mayor Burch

Ginger Terpstra, City Clerk