

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
Regular Meeting
May 11, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: By Mayor Burch on Monday, May 11, 2015 at 7:05 p.m.

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 27, 2015: Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders moved, supported by Baker to approve the minutes of April 27, 2015 as presented. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.

ABSENT: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Leila Klaiss, 416 W. Lawrence, read a memo submitted by the Park Advisory Board opposing the tennis court project.

Amy Smith, 120 Pleasant, addressed the council in support of the tennis court project.

Michael Clark, 426 Pleasant, addressed the council in support of the tennis court project.

Chris Bahmer, 619 S. Bostwick, addressed the council in opposition of the tennis court project.

Kelly Boks, 4205 Birchridge Dr. Charlotte, addressed the council in support of the tennis court project.

Emily Williamson, 1874 Otto Rd., addressed the City Council in support of the tennis court project.

Zachary Story, 105 ½ S. Cochran, Ste. B, addressed the council on street repair being a priority over tennis courts.

Lisa Delcamp, 2940 Twelve Oaks Dr, Charlotte, addressed the council on the future placement of tennis courts near the softball fields in the Industrial Park. She addressed the complexity of the budget.

Ted Reinbold, 1528 Rabbit Ridge, addressed the council in support of the tennis court project.

Sue Preston, 1060 Eaton Green, addressed the council in support of the tennis court project.

Brett McAttee, 613 Mikesell, addressed the council in opposition of the tennis court project.

Ben Phlegar, 425 Horatio, addressed the council support of the tennis court project.

Tim Bahmer, 211 Munson, addressed the council stating that the \$75,000 should be spent on the roads.

CHARLOTTE HIGH SCHOOL LIAISON: None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Councilmember Conway moved, supported by Sanders to approve the agenda as presented. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) Set Public Hearing on FY 2015-2016 Budget for May 26, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.
- b) Approve Resolution 2015-07 for Hazards & Nuisance Special Assessment Roll and set Public Hearing for May 26, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.
- c) Approve Contract with Interstate Sealant & Concrete for concrete runway joint repair project at Fitch H. Beach Airport in the amount of \$117,506.85
- d) Approve Purple Heart City Proclamation 2015-0511
- e) Approve appointment of Rebecca L.Scott to the Camp Frances Board with term expiring 5/15/2018
- f) Approve reappointment of Sue Latchaw to the Camp Frances Board with term expiring 5/15/2018
- g) Approve appointment of Brenda K. Bly to the Camp Frances Board with term expiring 5/15/2017 (unexpired term of William Callahan)
- h) Approve reappointment of Rita Skidmore to the Camp Frances Board with term expiring 5/15/2018
- i) Approve reappointment of Chris Burt to the Park Advisory Board with term expiring 5/30/2018
- j) Approve reappointment of Doug Hull to the Park Advisory Board with term expiring 5/30/2018
- k) Approve Firewood Bids to Tim Briggs in the amount of \$125.00 and Ned Stoltzfus in the amount of \$872.34 for 13 stacks of wood
- l) Approve Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$539,181.84

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA BY ROLL CALL VOTE: Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders moved, supported by Conway to approve the consent agenda with the changes above. 7 Yes. 0 No.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

A. CONSIDER MOTION TO RESCIND COUNCIL ACTION OF APRIL 27, 2015 AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF UP TO \$75,000 ON THE BENNETT PARK TENNIS COURT PROJECT:

Councilmember Ridge stated that she had contacted the city on February 24th regarding the tennis court project and Patronicity grant possibility. She stated that it had been discussed since March.

Discussion was held on the recreation co-op plan and the park advisory board plans.

Councilmember Sanders expressed his concern as he has had an overwhelming outcry against this project.

Discussion was held on the amount to be expected from the city to meet the grant requirements.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders moved to rescind Council action of April 27, 2015 authorizing the expenditure of up to \$75,000 on the Bennett Park tennis court project. 2 Yes (Johnston, Sanders) 5 No. (Conway, Dyer, Ridge, Baker, Burch) Motion Denied.

B. DISCUSSION REGARDING STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM:

City Manager Guetschow explained the PASER rating scale and the funds that would be available to use for street repair.

Director Gilson explained the Transportation Improvement Program and how those monies become available to the City for street projects. This money is only available every four to six years.

Discussion was held on using the mill and fill process to possibly do more streets with the money available.

City Manager Guetschow stated that there will also be some money available when the current bonds are paid off.

City staff will bring a plan to council in the near future for street repair.

C. DISCUSSION REGARDING FY 2015/2016 BUDGET:

Councilmember Conway asked about the possibility of using open source software.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders asked the reason for the possible purchase of a loader.

Director Gilson stated that the current loader is costing a lot with maintenance.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT: None.

CITY MANAGER REPORT: City Manager Guetschow reported that the distribution schedule for the county road funds will be presented at the next council meeting.

The property at 329 S. Lincoln is in the process of being cleared from liens and there is a buyer for the property.

Labor negotiations for the police patrol units should be ratified soon and may come to the next meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Councilmember Ridge reported that the Recreation Co-op met with the DNR Friday regarding the grants for the softball fields.
- Councilmember Dyer reported that the CARA board will be meeting on Wednesday, May 13th to discuss their budget. The Sustainability Committee met on Thursday.
- Councilmember Baker thanked BEHD for sending the newsletters to council.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Wayne Kruger, 940 Chads Way, thanked the council for what they do, the city attorney for the settlement on the Owens Brockway case and other city staff.

Zachary Story, 105 ½ S. Cochran, Ste. B, addressed the council on fixing streets in the downtown area.

Lisa Delcamp, 2948 Twelve Oaks Drive, addressed the council on the need for street repair.

Emily Williamson, 1874 Otto Rd., thanked council for not rescinding the vote on the tennis court project.

Chris Bahmer, 619 S. Bostwick, addressed the council and commented on not being in the business of giving gifts. He was in opposition to the council's decision on not rescinding the tennis courts decision.

Wayne Ridge, 905 S. Bostwick, supported the council with their decision on not rescinding the tennis court project.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Councilmember Ridge stated that the Science was held at Camp Frances on Saturday. There will be two more coming up on June and July. It is for children from K-5. She thanked everyone for sharing of opinions. She stated that we need more people on the city boards.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders thanked everyone for coming out. He stated that the council should have differing opinions and should not always agree on every issue.
- Councilmember Baker stated that the tennis courts were in worse shape than what she had thought.
- Councilmember Conway thanked the Fire Department for what they do. He thanked citizens and department heads for attending the meeting.
- Mayor Burch encouraged everyone to get out and enjoy the community. She encouraged everyone to shop local.

Councilmember Conway moved, second by Dyer to adjourn at 9:05 P.M. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.

Mayor Burch

Ginger Terpstra, City Clerk