



CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Where: Chester County Government Building
1476 J.A. Cochran Bypass – Council Chambers

When: Monday March 7, 2016 - at 6:00PM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Shane Stuart – Presiding
Vice-Chairman Council Member Joseph Branham
Council Member Archie Lucas, Interim Clerk to Council
Council Member Brad Jordan, Recreation Liaison
Council Member Mary Guy
Council Member John Wayne Holcombe
Council Member Alex Oliphant
County Attorney, Joan E. Winters

- I. Call to Order** ~ by Chairman Stuart at 6PM
- II. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation** ~ pledge was done in unison, invocation led by Council Member Lucas.
- III. Approval of Minutes** ~
 - 1. Chester County Council Meeting Minutes of February 15, 2016** ~ motioned by Council Member Lucas, 2nd by Council Member Holcombe to approve these minutes as received. **The Council voted 6-0, to approve.**
- IV. Citizen Comments, 1 citizen signed up to speak (3mins please)**
 - 1. Michael S. Vinson, 747 Linden Drive – Chester, SC 29706 (803)374-8468** ~ he stated that he already has been into the County Supervisor’s office about some of his concerns. He said some of the changes that are being done on Hwy9 are good. His main concern today is the way some of the neighborhoods in Chester County are kept. Or for some, not being kept up, with houses that are abandoned and trash in the area. He had an appraisal done of his home today and he would like for the areas to be cleaned up. He stated Belt Line Rd and Dawson Dr as 2 focal streets.

V. Public Hearing, 1 citizen signed up to speak

1. Needs Assessment Hearing – Grazier Rhea, Catawba Regional Government

~ she passed around sign in sheets, Chairman Stuart stated that no 1 signed the needs assessment sheet that was out on the table. This has to be done before the County applies for a Community Development Block Grant fund. This is good for a year. This just assesses the needs of the County. She explained everything in the packets. **Citizens Participation Plan**, advertise meetings such as this one. Then she gave a brief overview of the **Community Development Block Grant Program**. This is a HUD program, known as a Small Cities Program. Funds to benefit low/moderate income. The **Community Infer-structure Grant** (Meadow Brook and Darby Road) The maximum amount has gone up from \$500K to \$750K, there is a 10% match for those. **Community Enrichment**, \$500k can be applied for. The city applied for the Springsteen Project. The project has to be owned by the County. Libraries can be done to include job trainings for the community. Police and Fire Sub Stations can be done under this grant, as well as dilapidated houses can be demolished also. **Neighborhood Revitalization Program**, you have to have a neighborhood study done 1st. **Special Projects Program**, \$150K is the max that can be applied for; historic preservation, (public building). **Ready to Go Public Facilities**, \$500K max for each project. **Business Development Program**, used to be the “Economic Development Project”, there is \$2million state wide. Council Member Branham, thanked her for “looking after Chester County”. Mrs. Rhea read the previous needs list **1)** Upgrade water & sewer in lower to moderate income areas **2)** Addressing slums in run down areas, includes clearance of browns field area (Great Falls Mills #2 & #3, Eureka Mill & Gail Mill & demolition of dilapidated houses) **3)** Expansion of water & sewer services to lower to moderate income areas that were not being served. **4)** Construction and upgrade to infer-structure to promote economic development through the expansion of existing industries and location of new industries. **5)** Construction of prior substation in West Chester township in order to provide expanded fire protection services. **6)** Chester County Libraries facilities to provide education & trainings for low and moderate income citizens in order to enhance employment opportunities. **7)** Extension of water, sewer and other infer-structures

services to affordable housing sites in order promote housing opportunities for low to moderate income persons. 8) Upgrade sidewalks to include the area from Parkway Ave. to J.A. Cochran By Pass, York Street, Gayle Mill, Brendale Street. Council Member Oliphant wanted to add sidewalks on the JA Cochran by pass to Ella Street. 9) Extension Water and sewer along the I-77 corridor to include Hwy 97 interchange from Richburg 10) Sewer connection from Montrose & Hwy 99 and to always continue to further fair housing in Chester County. ****there is no longer a Montrose & item #5 has been completed****

2. **3rd Reading to enter into an agreement between Chester County Natural Gas Authority and Chester County for property located at 2605 Dawson Drive, Chester, SC for property located at the Technology Park on Ballymena Road. ~ Mike Enoch, 138 Saluda Street- Chester, SC (803) 385-7275, speaking on behalf of Chester County Natural Gas. Thanked the Council for their vision and their due diligence that was done on this project. He hopes to be out of their facility in the next 12 months.**
3. **3rd Reading for a proposed ordinance to authorize the negotiation and purchase of property at 103 McAliley Street. (no cost to the county) ~ no 1 signed up**
4. **3rd Reading to Amend the Purchasing Procurement Manual ~ no 1 signed up**

VI. Ordinances and Resolutions ~

1. **3rd Reading to enter into an agreement between Chester County Natural Gas Authority and Chester County for property located at 2605 Dawson Drive, Chester, SC for property located at the Technology Park on Ballymena Road. ~ Motioned by Council Member Holcombe, 2nd by Council Member Guy to approve this 3rd and final reading. **The council voted, 6-0, to approve.****
2. **3rd Reading for a proposed ordinance to authorize the negotiation and purchase of property at 103 McAliley Street. ~ Motioned by Council Member Branham, 2nd by Council member Holcombe to approve this 3rd and final reading. **The council voted, 6-0, to approve.****

3. **3rd Reading to Amend the Purchasing Procurement Manual.** ~ Motioned by Council Member Oliphant, 2nd by Council Member Jordan to approve this 3rd and final reading. **The council voted, 6-0 to approve.**
4. **2nd Reading of an Ordinance to authorize the Chester County Sheriff's Office to auction off several used county vehicles.** ~ Motioned by Council Member Stuart, 2nd by Council Member Oliphant to approve this 2nd reading. **The Council voted, 6-0 to approve.**
5. **Resolution to enter into an Intergovernmental Service Contract Agreement between the Chester County and the City of Chester.** ~ should read as Ordinance. Chairman Stuart motioned, 2nd by Council Member Guy to approve this 1st Reading. **The council voted, 6-0, to approve.**

VII. New Business

1. **Update on the purchase of a used ladder truck for use in the Richburg Fire Protection district – Chief John Agee,** Mike presented pictures to be looked at. Chief Agee went down to West Manatee, Fl along with a couple of fire fighters to look at a used truck. **The asking price is \$490k.** Council Member Holcombe was very vocal and making it known that he was NOT! In favor of this Ladder Fire Truck in any way! There was a lengthy discussion as to how this truck would be paid for. Motion made by Council Member Jordan, 2nd by Council Member Branham to purchase this truck with any new equipment needed in a total amount of \$590K. **The council voted, 3-3, and Chairman Stuart had to break the tie. He voted for, making the vote 4-3, to approve.**
2. **Propose to accept Collins Street into the Chester County Roads System ~ L.** B. Cannon stated that he researched and found that this street had never been put into the roads system. This street is in good shape, it needs a little work but is recommended to be put into the Chester County roads system. Motioned by Council Member Oliphant, 2nd by Council Member Lucas. **The council voted 6-0, to approve.**

VIII. Boards and Commissions ~

- 1. Nominate Linda Edwards to the Solid Waste Board – County Supervisor ~**
Motioned by Chairman Stuart, 2nd by Council Member Oliphant to approve this nomination of Mrs. Linda Edwards to the Solid Waste Board. **The council voted, 6-0, to approve.**

IX. Council Comments ~ Council Member Lucas would like to see some positive clean-up of our county roads.

X. Adjourn ~ Motioned by Council Member Oliphant, 2nd by Council Member Lucas to adjourn. **The council voted 6-0, to approve.**

K. Shane Stuart, County Supervisor &
Council Chairman

Council Member Archie Lucas,
Interim Clerk to Council