

Chester City Council Meeting
October 8, 2018
Minutes

PRESENT: Mayor George Caldwell; City Council Members Angela Douglas, Betty Bagley, Linda Tinker, Annie M. Reid, Susan Kovas and William King.

ABSENT: Councilman Killian and Councilman Williams.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Caldwell called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

PRAYER: Councilwoman Tinker led in prayer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor and Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS FORUM: Ed Darby and Eddie Murphy we apologize that we were unable to attend the last meeting and we thank you for recognizing us. We had the best support from the city and we appreciate the wonderful support from Mrs. Jackson and her staff.

Paul Caldwell – Thanked Mr. Murphy and Mr. Darby for a job well done with preparing for Hurricane Florence. It is officially National Fire Prevention Week and we have lots of events going on this week promoting fire prevention week. October 7 – 13th, Look, Listen and Learn! Sparky was introduced and provided Council with a fire prevention package.

Raymond Carter – A man that has always been on a mission. I see where you have viewing of new vehicles for the police department. You see all these vehicles parked. These vehicles are not being use for the citizens of Chester, they are being used for corruption. Why are they running up and down the road? They always say they need new vehicles, who are they serving. The hens are coming home to roost.

Approval of Minutes -Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to approve as presented. Councilwoman Bagley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VEWING OF NEW POLICE VEHICLES - Chief Williams provided the Council an opportunity to view one of the new Police Vehicles. Officer Rinke has led the department in DUI's and is very deserving of the privilege of driving the new vehicle.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

First Reading Ordinance 2018-05 112 McLure Street to I58

ORDINANCE NO 2018-05

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF
112 MCLURE STREET (aka 112 McClure Street) TO I58, INCORPORATED

WHEREAS the City of Chester is at the center of a growing county and diverse economic and agricultural region with a rich, proud heritage and a progressive vision for the future;

WHEREAS the City of Chester is the fee simple owner of 112 McLure Street, aka 112 McClure Street in Chester, South Carolina;

WHEREAS i58, Incorporated is a 501(c) (3) whose mission is to empower low and moderate-income individuals, families and communities through the construction of affordable new homes and the rehabilitation of existing homes;

WHEREAS i58, Incorporated's strategy embodies a holistic approach to neighborhood development, that includes

1. Building new affordable energy efficient homes on forfeited land to reclaim properties;
2. Rehabilitating homes for low income homeowners to improve living conditions and
3. Training homeowners to own and maintain their homes so that they can be an asset to their neighborhoods.

WHEREAS i58, Incorporated views the City of Chester as a place where it could build relationships and make a long-term investment so that hope could shine on every street;

WHEREAS on May 14, 2018, City Council for the Chester of Chester voted unanimously to take the necessary steps to initiate the donation of 112 McLure St to i58, Incorporated;

WHEREAS a title search on 112 McLure Street indicates that City of Chester has title to the property and had authority to convey the property;

WHEREAS the donation of 112 McLure Street is permissible and is in the best interests of the citizens and residents of Chester and i58, Incorporated has agreed to pay all closing costs associated with this donation;

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the City of Chester shall donate 112 McLure Street to i58, Incorporated to be used to fulfill the mission of providing affordable homes for residents of the City of Chester and surrounding communities.

Resolved by Chester City Council this ____ day of November 2018.

First reading:
Second reading
Third reading:

Attest:

Clerk

Mayor

Councilwoman Kovas made a motion to approve as presented with corrections. Councilwoman Bagley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Breast Cancer Awareness Proclamation – Mayor Caldwell read as presented. Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to approve as presented. Councilwoman Douglas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session – Councilwoman Bagley made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:45 pm for discussion of a Legal Matter – Tax Sale and Contractual Matter – Public Works Department. Councilwoman Tinker seconded the motion. The motion carried with Mayor Caldwell and Councilwoman Douglas opposing.

Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to reconvene from Executive Session at 7:00 pm. Councilwoman Bagley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. While in Executive Session, Council discussed a Legal Matter – Tax Sale and Contractual Matter – Public Works Department. No action was taken.

Councilman King made a motion to extend the contract for Palmetto Lawn Care for one month to cut the cemetery based on weather and the contract allows us to do a change order and funding will come from the salary line item. Councilwoman Bagley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

With no further business, Councilwoman Tinker made a motion to adjourn at 7:05 pm. Mayor Pro Tempore Reid seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Roof

