

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 14, 2013

Salute to the Flag

Call to Order –City Manager, Kirby A. Hudson

President Collins called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Council members present were President David Collins, Vice President Joseph Hamrick, Mssrs., Jarrell Brazzle, Edward Simpson, Mrs. Ingrid W. Jones, and Mrs. C. Villa Hunt. Staff members present included City Manager Kirby Hudson, City Solicitor John Carnes, , Public Works Director Donald Wilkinson, Director of Planning and Codes Enforcement Damalier Molina, Acting Fire Chief James Lentz, and Recording Secretary Ruthann Mowday.

President Collins announced Mr. LoPrinzi was not in attendance at this time.

President Collins announced an Executive Session was held earlier this evening, January 14, 2013 to discuss personnel and legal matters.

Approval of Minutes:

Mrs. Jones made a motion to approve the December 10, 2013, December 13, 2013 and January 7, 2013 meeting minutes; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Accounts Payable

Vice President Hamrick made a motion to approve accounts payable; Mr. Brazzle seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Additions, Deletions or Modifications to the Agenda

Mrs. Jones made a motion to add action item 7.5) 2011 CDBG City of Coatesville Street Repaving and Storm Sewer Replacement – Amendment #1

Presentations (5 Minutes)

1. Swearing in – Major John Laufer, III as Chief of Police

The Honorable Judge Grover Koon swore in John Laufer, III as the Chief if Police. Chief Laufer’s wife and daughters held the bible as he was sworn in.

Chief Laufer asked everyone to keep in our thoughts and prayers Stephen Johnson and his family as he begins his battle with his illness. Chief Laufer thanked everyone who has supported him through this process. He thanked everyone for coming out this evening to show their support. He addressed the residents about his intentions of building a strong partnership with the community. Chief Laufer quoted Sir Robert Peel “the police are the public, and the public are the police, it’s a true partnership.” The theory of community policing will be successful when the Police Department and the citizen’s work together in a partnership in Coatesville.

Citizens’ Hearings – *Regular Action Items Only* (5 Minutes)

Paul Evans – Landlord

Mr. Evan questioned the current rate increase for the rental licenses. The rate has been increased by 150%. Mr. Molina and Mr. Carnes explained the increase. Mr. Evans voiced his concerns regarding the resurfacing of Hope Avenue after work was completed. The road looks like patchwork instead of a

smooth surface. Mr. Molina explained the process for resurfacing after work has been completed on the roads.

Darrell Williams - Resident

Mr. Williams passed on speaking.

David DeSimone – Landlord

Mr. DeSimone questioned the rate increase for the rental license. He explained that most landlords were not aware of the increase. Mr. Carnes explained the Ordinance with the increase was advertised as required. Mr. DeSimone asked Council to consider a installment plan. The landlords want to work with Council.

Vice President Hamrick made a motion to close citizens' hearings on regular action items only; Mrs. Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Citizens' Hearings – *Non-Agenda Items Only (5 Minutes)*

There were no comments at this time on citizens' hearings on non-agenda items.

Vice President Hamrick made a motion to close citizens' hearings on non-agenda items only; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Regular Action Items

1. Receive and consider Second Reading and Adoption an Ordinance amending Chapter III of Chapter 115 of the City of Coatesville's code entitled "Fire Protection and Prevention" to adopt the International Fire Code (2009 Edition) with certain amendments thereto.

Vice President Hamrick made a motion to approve Second Reading and Adoption an Ordinance amending Chapter III of Chapter 115 of the City of Coatesville's code entitled "Fire Protection and Prevention" to adopt the International Fire Code (2009 Edition) with certain amendments thereto; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

2. Receive and consider Second Reading and Adoption an Ordinance amending Article III of Chapter 115 of the City of Coatesville's code entitled "Fire Protection and Prevention: to adopt Article IV permitting the recovery of certain expenses incurred and identifying false alarms and the establishment of fines and false alarms by Resolution of City Council.

Vice President Hamrick made a motion to approve Second Reading and Adoption an Ordinance amending Article III of Chapter 115 of the City of Coatesville's code entitled "Fire Protection and Prevention: to adopt Article IV permitting the recovery of certain expenses incurred and identifying false alarms and the establishment of fines and false alarms by Resolution of City Council; Mr. Brazzle seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

3. Receive and consider Second Reading and Adoption an Ordinance amending Chapter 108 fees of the Code of the City of Coatesville, Chester County, Pennsylvania by establishing or modifying certain building, zoning, rental and related fees as well as Fire Department charges

Mrs. Hunt asked if the fees could be reconsidered. Mr. Brazzle explained the fee has already been calculated in the budget. The budget would need to be reopened and the City would need to withdraw more from the trust fund. Vice President Hamrick stated he is no longer willing to make changes. We need to take a stand. It will be hard to stay on budget, if we keep making changes.

Vice President Hamrick made a motion to approve Second Reading and Adoption an Ordinance amending Chapter 108 fees of the Code of the City of Coatesville, Chester County, Pennsylvania by establishing or modifying certain building, zoning, rental and related fees as well as Fire Department charges; Mr. Brazzle seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

4. Receive and consider sale of 1976 Ladder Truck

Vice President Hamrick made a motion to approve the sale of the 1976 Ladder Truck for the amount of \$3700.00; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

5. Receive and consider 2011 CDBG City of Coatesville Street Repaving and Storm Sewer Replacement – Amendment #1

Mr. Simpson made a motion to approve the 2011 CDBG City of Coatesville Street Repaving and Storm Sewer Replacement – Amendment #1 increasing the amount to \$350,000; Vice President Hamrick seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Special Events

1. A Banner permit has been submitted from Life Transforming Ministries for a banner regarding Free IRS Certified Income Tax Preparation. It is requested to be place from January 28, 2013 to February 25, 2013 at Gateway Park.

Vice President Hamrick made a motion to approve the banner permit from Life Transforming Ministries for a banner regarding Free IRS Certified Income Tax Preparation. It is requested to be place from January 28, 2013 to February 25, 2013 at Gateway Park; Mr. Brazzle seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Discussion Items (5 Minutes)

President Collins stated he understood where the property owners were coming from. The Council and staff are responsible for each department to remain within budget. There is no intention to touch money from the trust fund.

President Collins stated the City will change labor attorneys for lower fees by the end of February.

President Collins explained Council will adopt goals and objectives for the administration.

President Collins asked for the departments to provide Council with monthly department reports.

President Collins explained a Budget Review Committee will be in place by the end of February. Mr. Hudson and administration will be held accountable for their departments.

President Collins explained there is a meeting of the Economic Development Council next week to discuss the Coatesville Main Street Remediation.

Solicitors Report

Mr. Carnes asked if there were any questions on his report. There were no questions at this time.

City Manager's Report

Mr. Hudson announced that Parks and Recreation Commission will be occupying a small office at the Coatesville Memorial Community Center. He thanked Ms. Hess for all her work.

Council Comments

Mr. Simpson thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Mrs. Jones thanked everyone for attending the meetings and offered a special thanks to Mr. Laufer for coming back. She quoted “Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.”

Mr. Brazzle thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Mrs. Hunt thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She stated “Look for big things to happen in 2013.” The word for Coatesville is greater. We will work hard to revitalize the City. She would like to see the same pride throughout the year that was shown during the football season.

Vice President Hamrick thanked everyone for attending the meeting. There are a lot of great people in the community. The challenge is to have more people become active in the community. The RDA is in dialogue regarding Vacant Property. He suggested having a ice skating rink at one of the parks.

President Collins thanked everyone for attending. The City has a lot of great resource, business sources, and Council and staff resources. The rate increase is not a vendetta against anyone. The City needs to stabilize their revenue. There are a wealth of ideas within the community.

Adjournment

Vice President Hamrick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm; Mrs. Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Kirby Hudson
City Manager