

NORTH COLLEGE HILL CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Inaugural Meeting January 1 , 2016

CALL TO ORDER - North College Hill City Council convened at noon on New Years Day, January 1, 2016 in Council Chambers of the City Center.

Master of Ceremonies, Pastor Zack Whittle, THUG Ministries (Truth, Hope, Unity, Grace) announced the presentation of the flag by Cub Scout Pack 660 who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Invocation followed by Pastor Zack.

Mr. Tim Burke appointed President of Council Sean Feeney. He was congratulated.

Mr. Tim Burke swore in Honorable Mayor Maureen Mason. She was congratulated.

Pastor Zack acknowledged 2 other guests: Rev. Roy and Rev. King

Mr. Matt Miller-Novak swore in New Council Members: Mr. Dewald, Ms. Zorb, Ms. Stiles

Remarks from Mayor Mason - 100 years since city incorporated as a village. She is first woman to be elected of NCH. A relative on her mother's side, first woman to practice law before the Supreme Court and many other accomplishments. Very important to her. The city and historical have planned many event to celebrate next year. She continued with working together as departments in the city. How important our city employees are. We need to work with our businesses. We want to move forward. Improve our neighborhoods and our infrastructure. NCH needs to work toward bright future. This is her goal of Mayor.

Pastor Zack invited visitors to stay or leave if they needed. He turned the meeting over to Mr. Feeney.

ROLL CALL - The following members answered roll call: Ms. Zorb, Mr. Dewald, Ms. Wietlisbach, Mr. Hartzel, Ms. Nichols, Ms. O'Shea, and Ms. Stiles. Also in attendance were Mayor Mason, Mr. Feeney, Ms. Long, and Ms. Stagman.

Motion from Ms. Stiles to appoint temporary clerk to permanent, Ms. Stagman. Ms. Zorb seconded. 7-0 Motion passed.

Motion from Ms. Stiles to appoint president pro tem Ms. Wietlisbach . Seconded by Ms.Oshea. 7-0 Motion passed.

CALL OF MEMBERS

Ms. Zorb thanked God and the voters. Thanked her family and friends.

Mr. Dewald truly honored to be here and thanked everyone.

Ms. Wietlisbach thanked the Boy Scouts, Mr. Burke and Mr. Miller-Novak

Mr. Hartzel thanked everyone for coming and congratulated everyone.

Ms. Nichols wished everyone happy new year and welcomed new council people.

Ms. Oshea mirrored everyone and welcomed council people and president of council, Ms. Mayor, Mayor and Clerk.

Ms. Stiles honored to be back to her 3rd term. Thanks, Pastor Whittle, Cub Scouts, Clerk, Ms. Mason and Mr. Feeney.

Legislation

First reading: Ordinance 1-2016 making appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures for the City of North College Hill for the period Jan 1, 2016 thru December 31, 2016

Ms. Nichols needed copy

Ms. Stiles requested brief recess to review.

Discussion:

Ms. Wietlisbach asked if questions?

Mr. Hartzel motion to eliminate salaries to administration 101-701-521100. He said we can come back later to put back in.

Ms. Wietlisbach motion to zero out the same line not remove. Mr. Hartzel agreed. Ms. Stiles 2nd.

Ms. Mason - zero makes it impossible to hire someone. She said by charter, we have to have a city administrator. She is prepared today to announce. Needs money.

Ms. Oshea council hasn't set salary. Charter states w/advice from council, we can hire. Mayor hasn't talked to Council about the 3 candidates. Mayor shouldn't hire w/o discussion. She can't find in charter that we have to have a city admin. She feels we need one but don't see in charter. We need to take our time. Took months to hire Police Chief. Council sets the salaries. We don't need to rush decision. Law Director told us that we can put zero and take our time.

Ms. Wietlisbach we met as council re: city admin. Mr. Fitzgerald was at meeting. Mayor had said her hands would be tied. She trying to encourage that we work together. Also, noted advice of council. We need to take time and pick the correct person. Communication is so important. This is the first that we have heard of hire. Glad Mayor is on it. Suggested committee of whole to discuss salary.

Ms. Mason we holding administration hostage. At same meeting law director and mayor suggested amounts. We can't proceed with interviewing. She ready to move on it. Her choice. Not like police chief. This is day to day running administration. Council is only giving her zero dollars.

Ms. Wietlisbach Mayor's choice per charter. Per advise of council. Per charter. We want communication.

Ms. Mason it is holding her hostage until council gets her way.

Ms. Nichols is this hire an interim or the actual city manager?

Ms. Mason this is the actual city manager.

Mr. Hartzel wants to see contract package with terms and conditions. With expiration date.

Ms. Mason need money

Mr. Hartzel how much vacation and all benefits.

Ms. Mason with benefits as any city employee.

Mr. H asked for dollar amounts.

Ms. Mason she not the finance person. Knows what salary she shooting for. Council can put zero in anything but its not responsible. Not doing your duty.

Mr. Hartzel why should we make decision without knowing what Mayor will give.

Ms. Mason Mr. Deters was suggesting. Asked for \$100,000. Budget not engraved in stone that can't be adjusted.

Ms. Stiles section of charter 6.03 city mgr. can be appointed and codified ordinances, city mgr. can be acting.

Ms. Mason still no money even acting.

Ms. Stiles asked for job description and salaries. On Monday given to them from charter. Salaries from other cities. \$100,000 offering for that much money to be given - not job description. Only from charter.

Ms. Wietlisbach glad someone chosen. Council is frustrated about no communication. Suggesting we have committee of whole Monday to discuss round table discussion. Ms. W doesn't want to hinder.

Mr. Feeney will take under communication.

Motion on the floor Ms. W and 2nd by Ms. Stiles making city mgr. zero. 6-1 motion carries

Ms. Wietlisbach amend earnings tax dept. 101-750-52110 was zero now \$43,000 and 2nd by Mr. Hartzel
7-0 motion passed.

Ms. W 101 750 521120 need to discuss in next finance to \$23,000 depending on how many part-time employees. 2nd by Ms. Oshea.
7-0 Motion passed

Ms. Nichols motion to amend under mayors clerk 101 703-521101 \$43,000 to \$37,000 2nd by Mr. Hartzel.

Ms. Wietlisbach that this was discussed in finance. This is actually an increase. Discrepancy in numbers.

7-0 motion passed.

Ms. Stiles amend to line audit 101 704 521100 salaries FT prof to \$4167. Mr. Hartzel 2nd.

Ms. Mason has the resignation in place. Need money.

Ms. Oshea Charter states council to set salary.

Ms. Wietlisbach include this issue w/committee of whole.

Ms. Mason we have had meetings. This has been discussed. Council has ample opportunity.

Ms. Wietlisbach we still need to meet. Still a divide. Suggesting more talk.

Ms. Mayor council will have to make decision. It will have to adequate number. Shirking your responsibility.

Ms. Stiles asked Mayor to start talking to council. We are going to work as a team. Mayor said it.

Ms. Mason. I have invited you to come to interviews. She came to finance meetings and it was discussed. She was at all meetings. She has been communicating. She has been present. Still no number.

Ms. Wietlisbach was suggested putting zero in as amount. We have discussed. Not getting anywhere.

Ms. Mason I was there to communicate. On the record. Zero doesn't work. There were suggestions made. Still back to zero.

Ms. Stiles call for question to change to \$4167

6-1 Motion carries

Ms. Wietlisbach this needs to be passed today.

Mr. Feeney agrees

Ms. Wietlisbach motion to suspend 2nd and 3rd readings on 1-2016. Mr. Hartzel 2nd.

7-0 motion passes

Mr. Dewald motioned to adopt Ordinance 1-2016 as amended Mr. Hartzel 2nd
6-1 motion passes

New Business:

Ms. Stiles did some research draft of job description for city manager. She distributed.

Ms. Wietlisbach work session council meeting, committee of the whole.

Mr. Feeney. 630pm committee of whole 1-4-16

No remarks from audience. Invited to Monday meeting.

Ms. Wietlisbach motion to adjourn . 2nd by Ms. Stiles.

7-0 meeting adjourned.