

The Claremont City Council held a meeting on Wednesday, February 18, 2008, in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Cutts at 6:03 p.m.

Members of the Council present were:

At-Large Councilor Thomas (Toby) Batchelder, III
Ward I Councilor David Roark
Ward III Councilor Richard Dietz
Assistant Mayor Andrew Austin
Mayor Deborah Cutts
At-Large Councilor Kyle Messier
Ward II Councilor Paul LaCasse
At-Large Councilor Robert Picard

Also present was:

Mary Walter, Finance Director

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2008-10 City Hall Fire Alarm – Public Hearing

Mary Walter, Finance Director, said she got prices from Amerelectric. The cost will be \$21,000; \$19,000 is being requested by this resolution and the remainder will come from the Maintenance budget.

Mr. LaCasse asked how we got to this point. Ms. Walter used the example that the two boilers are very old and we don't know when they will stop working. She said this is an old fire alarm system and Amerelectric said the panel is obsolete. They didn't know how long they could continue to get panel parts. Ms. Walter said not all of the alarms work. If the report had been done earlier, we would have shut down earlier.

Mr. Austin asked about the timeframe. Ms. Walter said they hope to be done by February 29. Arrangements have been made for humorists Travis Wallace and Rebecca Rule (scheduled to perform February 23) to move to Stevens High School.

Mr. Roark asked if other city buildings are up-to-date. Ms. Walter believes we are in compliance. An outside firm tests the alarms. The JSL (Junior Sports League) building has issues; they are down to two useable rooms.

Mayor Cutts asked about fire drills and how the alarms are tested. Ms. Walter said fire drills are not conducted to her knowledge and the fire alarm company tests the alarms yearly.

Mr. LaCasse asked about the Fire Department testing the panel monthly. Mayor Cutts said they can ask Fire Chief Chase. Mr. Picard said OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) mandates when they should be checked.

Mayor Cutts opened the public hearing. No one spoke. She closed it.

Mayor Cutts read the resolution into the record.

A motion was made by Mayor Cutts and seconded by Mr. Batchelder to adopt Resolution 2008-10 City Hall Fire Alarm.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried 8-0.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:14 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. LaCasse and seconded by Ms. Messier to adjourn.

Motion carried 8-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dorée M. Russell
Clerk to the Council