

**Regular City Meeting
of the
Clifton Board of Commissioners
April 22, 2019**

Present:

Randy Burns, Mayor
Eva Ruth Warren, Commissioner
Mark Staggs, Commissioner
Bill Willoughby, Commissioner
Doug Kibbey, City Manager
Byron Skelton, Chief of Police
Austin Clark, Public Works Director
Eddie Simmons, Parks Director
Lindsay Roberts, Fire Chief
Kiersten Rainey, Administrative Assist.
Samantha Haines, City Clerk
Jerroll Henderson, Police Officer
Barbara Culp, City Recorder

Absent:

Layton Packwood, Vice Mayor

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Burns. The invocation was given by Austin Clark followed by the Pledge to Allegiance.

A motion was made by Commissioner Warren to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Staggs, and carried unanimously.

New Business from Audience

There was no new business from the audience.

Old Business

Clifton Marina Lease

City Manager Kibbey told the commissioners that a new lease has been drafted for the Clifton Marina. Owner Ms. Stacy Huntingford, and our city attorney have been given a copy of the lease for their review. He said he would like to have the

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lease signed by the first of May. Ms. Huntingford will be given credit for work she has done at the marina in lieu of rent.

Batting Cage Bids

The city manager stated that the lowest bid for the park batting cage was submitted from Prince Brothers. A motion was made by Commissioner Warren to accept the bid for the batting cage from Prince Brothers, and also use the money that was paid by Mr. Gene Davidson for back rent (Clifton Marina) to finish the project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Staggs.

Roll Call Vote:

- Commissioner Warren-----Yes
- Commissioner Staggs-----Yes
- Commissioner Willoughby-----Yes
- Mayor Burns-----Yes

The motion carried unanimously. The commissioners agreed to allow 90 from the date of signatures on the contract for completion of the batting cage.

FY20 City Budget

The city manager told the Commission that nothing has been changed in the budget since the study session. There is an estimated \$36,000.00 included for the marina lease. He said they could do amendments throughout the year as needed. A motion was made by Commissioner Staggs to pass the FY20 Budget Ordinance # 276 on the first reading. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Willoughby, and carried unanimously.

Department Reports

Police Chief Skelton reported that they are still waiting on the new 2019 police truck to be delivered. They have also ordered new weapons for the police officers.

Public Works Director Austin Clark stated that he hopes everything for the blower system for the prison sewer will be completed and up and running by the end of the week. He said the other departments are staying busy. They have moved the dock to the sewer plant (which had floated up the river during the flood). The

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floats were remounted today but there needs to be a better way of securing the dock. Director Clark reported that there was an issue with the water plant the previous weekend, but it was resolved.

Fire Chief Roberts said that the work on the fire hall is almost finished. There was a discussion concerning the need for a boat for the fire department. The commissioners agreed to pay \$1,000.00 for a fire department rescue boat. Lifespan donated a 12 foot conference table and 12 chairs to the fire department thanks to Ms. Denise Lineberry. Chief Roberts stated that a basic fire class will start on 5-06-19.

Parks Director Eddie Simmons reported that things are a little hectic at the park now. He said Dixie Youth games are going full blast. Mayor Burns asked if the bathrooms at the river park are open. Eddie said yes they are open.

Mayor Burns asked Public Works Director Clark if we will be getting any prison crews to do work around town. Austin said he has contacted CCA and anticipate getting 3-4 guys with zero turn mowers to get some mowing done.

The city manager said that Troy at the Bear Inn has asked if the City can do anything about Jake Brakes being used as trucks come into town. The city manager said an ordinance against using Jake brakes can be drawn up if the Commission would like. He said a ticket would cost \$50.00 for this violation. Commissioner Willoughby suggested that signs be put up warning against the use of Jake brakes. The city manager said he would put this on the agenda for next month's city meeting.

Fire Chief Roberts said he is working to try and get an inspection of the fire hall by the State Fire Marshall. He said to legally house medics at the fire hall we need a hood and duct fire suppression system installed in the kitchen. Also need a sprinkler system. Chief Roberts did not have any figures on the cost of these items.


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Commissioner Willoughby asked if any progress has been made on checking on getting a bathroom installed on Main Street. There was a discussion about possibly locating a bathroom at the outside area of the fire hall, or behind the library. Commissioner Willoughby requested that the inmates spray the sidewalks to kill the grass. Commissioner Willoughby asked about the status of the proposed water plant. City Manager Kibbey said he is working with the State on this. The State wants to help the City fix our problem. The city manager reminded the Commission that we almost loss the function of our water plant twice during January, and February. Mayor Burns stated that at the last city meeting the Commission voted to raise water rates, but did not specifically vote to build a new water plant. The city manager said the State Has agreed to help the City upfront. He said right now we just need to let the process play out. All the commissioners agreed something needs to be done about the condition of our water plant. The city manager said any decision the State comes up with would be brought before the City Commission for a vote.

The mayor asked the city manager if he has been able to check about a river gage. The city manager said not yet.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


MAYOR


CITY RECORDER