

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

Present:

Randy Burns, Mayor
Layton Packwood, Vice Mayor
Eva Ruth Warren, Commissioner
Mark Staggs, Commissioner
Bill Willoughby, Commissioner
Doug Kibbey, City Manager
Michael Hinson, City Attorney
Eddie Simmons, Parks Director
Kiersten Rainey, Administrative Assistant
Lindsay Roberts, Fire Chief
Timmy Harris, Police Officer
Barbara Culp, City Recorder

Absent:

Austin Clark, Public Works Director

Visitors:

Mrs. Layton Packwood
Donnie Warren
Tommy Tinin

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Burns. 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.

Old Business

Fire Hall

Previously there was a discussion about a fire hall sprinkler system but no action has been taken. Also currently no appointment has been set with EMS to discuss them locating in Clifton.

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Utility Board Training

Commissioner Willoughby asked where there may be an opportunity to get more utility board training. The city manager said this information is online at MTAS's website. He said the deadline to have the training completed will be November 2, 2019. The State will be checking to make sure this is done by all commissioners.

New Business

Budget Amendment #1 Ordinance

The city manager went over details of the Budget Amendments #1. After a discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Warren to approve the Budget Amendment #1 Ordinance # 279 on the first reading. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Staggs, and carried unanimously.

Stage Contract

There was a discussion concerning the building planning for the stage. The mayor suggested that Styrofoam be used instead of fiberglass insulation. Vice Mayor Packwood agreed with the Mayor that Styrofoam should be used. After further discussion the city manager asked the commissioners for permission to move forward with the project. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Packwood to authorize the city manager to go forward with the completion of the Stage Project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Staggs, and carried unanimously.

Department Reports

Parks Director Simmons said they are behind in mowing, but the new mower is working great.

Police Officer Harris reported that all the police officers are back working.

Fire Chief Roberts stated that the fire hall renovation project is still moving forward.

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The city manager stated we will be getting wood chips placed at the park playground area to replace the chips that the flood waters washed away. This needs to be completed by 8-20-19 in order to get a reimbursement from FEMA. Also the bridge will be reinstalled at the river park. The city manager said it is time to replace the wood on the bridge. Vice Mayor Packwood suggested composite wood be used for this. The city manager suggested we purchase wood from Mr. Van Kleef's business. He said this would last many years. He will compare prices before making a decision.

The Tennessee Department of Correction's Engineers toured our water plant the previous week. They had stated that they were surprised that we could even make water because we have a horrible set up. The city manager said we have scored high for a State Revolving Loan. He suggested we let the process work itself out and wait to see what the State wants to do down the road.

Commissioner Staggs asked if the prison crews are mowing any around town. The city manager said yes they are mowing, but are behind.

Commissioner Willoughby said we still need signs indicating that city hall has public restrooms. He also stated that he is appalled about the condition of several vacant lots around town. He said the lot across from the Church of Christ, the Lacher property at the corner of Water and Pillow Street, and the Howard property at the corner of Water Street and Morris Avenue are all overgrown. He said that he had two people tell him that Clifton looks worse now than it ever has. The city attorney strongly suggested that we do not single people out for this. Commissioner Willoughby asked if the commissioners were afraid to talk to the property owners. A motion was made by Commissioner Willoughby to send letters to the three property owners about cleaning up their property. There was no second to the motion. He said if he is the only one on the Commission who is bothered by the condition of some of the property around town then he rests his case. The city attorney suggested that the clean-up be done the way it was before and contact anyone who has overgrown property, abandoned houses, cars, appliances, etc. He said we should not just pick out three property owners.

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The city manager said some citizens are concerned with the soda machine that Commissioner Willoughby had put on the property that the City leases from Wayne County Bank. The machine uses the City's electricity. Commissioner Willoughby said he would give the profits from the machine to the City.

Mayor Burns said there is a house and trailer across from the Clifton Baptist Church that needs to be cleaned up. Also he said there are ditches around town that need to be cleaned out. The mayor asked the city attorney what the next step should be to get overgrown lots cleaned up around town. Attorney Hinson said that the City could do the clean-up and bill the property owners.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



MAYOR



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