

**Regular City Meeting
of the
Clifton Board of Commissioners
November 25, 2019**

Present:

Randy Burns, Mayor
Layton Packwood, Vice Mayor
Eva Ruth Warren, Commissioner
Mark Staggs, Commissioner
Bill Willoughby, Commissioner
Doug Kibbey, City Manager
Jerroll Henderson, Chief of Police
Austin Clark, Public Works Director
Lindsey Roberts, Fire Chief
Kiersten Rainey, Finance Director
Michael Hinson, City Attorney
Barbara Culp, City Recorder

Visitor:

Mr. Tom Mathis, County Commissioner

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.

New Business from Audience

There was no new business from the audience.

Old Business

Budget Amendment #2

A motion was made by Commissioner Warren to pass Ordinance # 281 (Budget Amendment #2) on the second reading. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Staggs, and carried unanimously.

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Retiree Health Insurance

There was a discussion concerning retiree health insurance coverage. City Manager Kibbey read excerpts from the State-continuing insurance at retirement. He reminded the commissioners that they had previously voted to Opt in to provide retiree health insurance coverage until 6-30-20. Former police chief Byron Skelton had asked the City to sign a contract agreeing to pay his health insurance until he is 65 years old. The City Manager said there is nothing in the City's handbook, or ordinances concerning retiree insurance. He told the commissioners that they could vote to approve the contract, or they could entirely Opt out of providing health insurance coverage for retirees after 6-30-20. The State requires a decision once a year concerning this. Once you Opt out you cannot get back in. City Attorney Hinson suggested that something be put in the City's policy concerning retiree health insurance. After further discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Packwood not to sign the contract with Byron Skelton agreeing to provide health insurance until he is 65. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Willoughby, and carried unanimously. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Packwood to provide health insurance coverage for Byron Skelton with the City paying 100% of the cost until 6-30-2020. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Willoughby, and carried unanimously.

Mr. James Newcomb Utility Bill

The city manager stated that Mr. James Newcomb had an excessive utility bill a couple of months previously. He had asked the commissioners to adjust the bill because he could not find a cause for the bill be higher. His bill has been average ever since. Mr. Newcomb has been paying on the bill. A motion was made by Mayor Burns to waive \$45.26 that is still owed on Mr. Newcomb's bill. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Willoughby, and carried unanimously.

New Business

Resolution to Authorize Street Closures for the Stroll Through Christmas

A motion was made by Commissioner Willoughby to pass the resolution authorizing street closures for the Stroll through Christmas event. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Staggs, and carried unanimously.

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Boards and Committees

Airport Authority Board

A motion was made by Commissioner Warren to appoint Mr. Bob Jacobson, and Mr. David Melson to serve on the Clifton Airport Authority Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Staggs, and carried unanimously.

Industrial Board

A motion was made by Commissioner Staggs to change the Industrial Board Terms to five year terms. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Willoughby, and carried unanimously.

Clifton Planning Commission

Mr. Tommy Martin, and Mr. Robert Culp have said that they agree to continue to serve on the Planning Commission. Tabled-No action was taken.

Commissioner Mark Staggs said that his wife would like to serve on a City Board. He said it would not matter which board.

The city manager said that Ms. Lindzee Lindholm has shown interest in serving on a City board. He said that he has not been able to get in touch with her to discuss this. He will try to contact her again before the next city meeting to see if she is still interested.

Historic Zoning Commission

Tabled-No action was taken.

Parks & Recreation Board

Mr. Bill Boyd was recommended to serve on the Parks & Rec. Board. Also, Mr. Tom Mathis agreed to serve. A motion was made by Commissioner Staggs to appoint Mr. Bill Boyd, and Mr. Tom Mathis to the Clifton Parks & Recreation Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Willoughby, and carried unanimously.

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Department Reports

Public Works Director Austin Clark reported that the Main Street sewer lift station has been upgraded. Also the backwash basin at the water plant has been cleaned out (cost \$5,800.00). A backwash basin pump burned out and had to be replaced. The City has been under contract with Unifirst Company for uniform rentals, and recently bought out the contract. The City is now issuing clothing allowances to the utility department workers. This will mean a substantial savings for the City in the future.

Police Chief Henderson stated that he has ordered new radars for the police department. One of the radars has already been installed. Chief Henderson said that former Chief Byron Skelton's last day was today. His mother has been very sick, and he still likes a little on his in-service. He asked that the City consider this. Mr. James Newcomb has been reinstated as a police officer. Chief Henderson said that he asked the City Manager to reinstate Mr. Newcomb back because he found out some of the rumors that were previously said about him were false. Commissioner Willoughby asked Chief Henderson why the City of Clifton's police cars do not have logos on them. Chief Henderson said it would cost about \$4,000.00 per vehicle to get this done. The mayor asked if all radars have been replaced. The Chief said they all have not due to the expense. Chief Henderson said that Investigator Wilson has not gotten a judgement signed by a circuit judge awarding the City confiscated items. Investigator Wilson's mother has been sick, but he has worked very hard inventorying the items. Some things went back to 1994.

Fire Chief Roberts said they have two new fire fighters, and working on a third. The fire department will be serving stew during the Stroll through Christmas.


The city manager reported things are progressing with the batting cage. The duct work was installed this week.

Commissioner Staggs said he would like to see the City have a quarterly cookout for firemen, utility workers, and police officers.

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Mayor Burns said that there are trees at the corner of Vine Street and Hurst Street that need to be cut. Also weed eating needs to be done on Scenic Circle near the sewer plant.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


MAYOR


CITY RECORDER