

**Regular City Meeting
Of the
Clifton Board of Commissioners
August 15, 2016**

Present:

Randy Burns, Mayor
David Primm, Commissioner
Eva Ruth Warren, Commissioner
Layton Packwood, Commissioner
Byron Skelton, Interim City Manager
Coty Smith, Sewer Plant Supt.
Austin Clark, Utilities Supervisor
Randy Battles, Fire Chief
Barbara Culp, City Recorder

Absent:

Tommy Boyd, Vice Mayor

Visitors:

Carol Hickerson
Donny Warren
Stephen Pevahouse
Tom Mathis
Tommy Tinin
Emma McWilliams
Jimmy Anderson

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

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

New Business from Audience

Mr. Tommy Tinin addressed the Commission on behalf of Mr. Fred Gillham. He

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stated that Mr. Gillham has had Barge, Waggoner do the engineering for a 6" waterline; and 4" force main for his property located at Old Carrolsville. The waterline has been approved, and he is waiting on approval from the State for the sewer line. He said that Mr. Gillham will pay all expenses for getting the lines installed. Mr. Gillham has requested that the City take over the lines once the installation is complete. Commissioner Packwood made a motion that the City takes over water and sewer lines at Old Carrolsville one year after they have been installed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Warren, and carried unanimously. Commissioner Warren welcomed newly elected County Commissioner Mr. Stephen Pevahouse.

Fire Hall Renovation Update

Interim City Manager Skelton told the commissioners that the \$100,000.00 budget for the fire hall renovation has been reached. This includes doors which will still need to be installed. He stated that the City could apply for a USDA grant. The grant would be for 55% grant with a 45% march from the City. He said it would cost approximately \$69,000.00 to complete the fire hall project.

New Business

2016-17 City Budget-1st Reading

Interim City Manager Skelton stated that we would be using \$65,000.00 from the general fund reserve funds to balance the budget. He said that this money is already in the bank from the money that was borrowed for the fire hall project. The mayor asked if money was included in the budget for a new backhoe. Manager Skelton said it is included, and split between water, gas, and sewer funds. Commissioner Packwood asked about the possibility of repairing the old backhoe. Commissioner Primm asked about money for the Chamber of Commerce. Manager Skelton said that there is \$5,000.00 budgeted this year versus \$14,000.00 that was budgeted last year. Commissioner Packwood said that he would like to see the cast iron waterline that runs down Pillow Street replaced. He said if money could be saved from the purchase of a backhoe it could be used to install a new waterline. Manager Skelton said a waterline project could possibly be funded through a Community Development Block Grant.

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Mayor Burns asked if we could buy a new utility truck, and a new backhoe without having to borrow money. Interim City Manager Skelton said yes funds could be taken from the City's reserve funds. Mayor Burns said he has no problem leaving funds in the proposed budget for the purchase of a new truck for the utility department, and for a backhoe purchase. The mayor suggested the old backhoe be sold to recoup some of the funds spent on new equipment. Mayor Burns asked Mr. Tommy Tinin his opinion on repairing the City's old backhoe. Mr. Tinin said that a lot of money could be spent on repairing the old backhoe but we still would not know about the condition of the transmission. Commissioner Packwood asked about money for the new community center. Manager Skelton said that there is \$60,000.00 in the budget for the community center renovation. Commissioner Packwood said that he noticed some salary amounts are up and some are down. Manager Skelton explained that some employee positions have been moved around, with their salary being paid from different funds. He said that a 5% cost of living raise is included in the budget. A motion was made by Commissioner Primm to approve the Budget Ordinance #255 on the first reading. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Warren. Roll Call Vote:
Commissioner Primm-----Yes
Commissioner Warren-----Yes
Commissioner Packwood-----Yes
Mayor Burns-----Pass
The motion carried.

Resolution to apply for grant funds for Fire Hall

A motion was made by Commissioner Warren to approve a Resolution to apply for USDA grant funds in the amount of \$69,994.00. These funds could be used for the fire hall renovation, or for the renovation of the community center building. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Primm, and carried unanimously.

Internal Control Manual

The Interim City Manager asked the commissioners to look over the internal control manual that was included in their packets. He said if they have any suggestions they can call him.

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Resolution to Extend Noise Ordinance

A motion was made by Commissioner Primm to pass a Resolution to extend the Noise Ordinance to 1:00am, and approve street closures during the Horseshoe Riverbend Festival. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Packwood and carried unanimously.

Department Reports

Mayor Burns congratulated Austin Clark on his new position as Public Works Director. Austin stated that they have been repairing sewer leaks, and installed a new rotary meter at CCA. Also, the hole that was in front of Valery Battles residence has been repaired. He stated that they would be purchasing new city limit signs to replace the ones that have been vandalized. Also they have mowed the cemetery, and picked up brush. Austin gave a summary on the E-1 Sewer Pump. He gave the commissioners information on the comparison between the E-1 pump and the Myers pumps that we have been using. The comparison showed that the E-1 pump would be a better choice to purchase in the future. Sewer Plant Supt. Coty Smith reported that things are going good with the sewer department.

Fire Chief Randy Battles stated that his department responded the two major house fires. He said their response time was great, but both had major loses. Chief Battles commended the two City employees who helped them fight the first fire. He said that they could not have made it without them. He stated that bids would be opened the following Thursday for the jaws equipment, and heat seeking camera equipment.

Interim City Manager Skelton told the commissioners that a full time police officer has been hired. Officer John Horner was recently released from the Navy, and he will be going to the police academy in October.

Manager Skelton asked the commissioners to review the drawings for the new Welcome to Clifton signs. The commissioners agreed on the sign with the bold font. Commissioner Primm stated that Mr. James Kelley has said if the new signs have "In God We Trust" on them, they would be paid for.

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Manager Skelton reported that Mr. Eddie Simmons has been hired as our new Parks & Recreation Director. He is taking the place of long time Parks & Rec. Director Mr. Eddie Kelley who has retired.

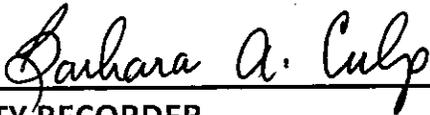
The City will be accepting applications for a third utility department worker.

County Commissioner Tom Mathis addressed the Commission. He stated that he has been trying to get the County Commission to change their meeting night so that the City Commissioners could attend their meeting. He said that he feels it would be very beneficial to both commissions to meet together. He further stated that some of the county commissioners have been asking questions concerning how the City of Clifton spends their River Resort Act Funds. He said this would be something that the City Commission could answer if they meet together.

Newly elected County Commissioner Stephen Pevahouse asked if the City has checked with State Surplus on a backhoe. The mayor said that the State uses their equipment long term like we do, so it may not be in very good condition. Mr. Pevahouse also asked if anyone has considered blocking the streets off with concrete barricades during the Horse Shoe Riverbend Festival. He said there have been tragedies in other cities with people driving through barricades and injuring bystanders. Manager Skelton said that people are in and out a lot during the festival. Some vendors stay the entire time, and some may only stay a few hours. This would make it difficult if the barricades were made of concrete.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


MAYOR


CITY RECORDER