

**Regular City Meeting
Of the
Clifton Board of Commissioners
May 16, 2016**

Present

Randy Burns, Mayor
Tommy Boyd, Vice Mayor
David Primm, Commissioner
Eva Ruth Warren, Commissioner
Layton Packwood, Commissioner
Byron Skelton, Interim City Manager
Eddie Kelley, Parks Director
Barbara Culp, City Recorder

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 Packwood, and carried unanimously.

Interim City Manager Skelton stated that the first item on the agenda was an ordinance to change the meeting of the Clifton Board of Commissioners from the third Monday night to the third Tuesday night of each month. He read the heading of the ordinance. Mayor Burns said that this ordinance has been passed on the first reading, and he asked for a roll call vote for the second reading:

Vice Mayor Boyd-----Yes
Commissioner Primm-----No
Commissioner Warren-----No
Commissioner Packwood-----Yes
Mayor Burns-----No

The motion failed to carry.

Fire Department Grant

The Fire Department's new pumper truck should be delivered around July, but it could be as late as September, 2016. There is no current information on the status of the attack truck. Commissioner Primm asked why there has been a hold up on the work at the fire hall. The interim city manager said an inmate crew would be at the fire hall the following morning to remove the doors, and lights.

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New Business

Ad Valorem Tax

A motion was made by Commissioner Warren to pass a Resolution approving the payment of Ad Valorem Tax from the Water/Sewer Fund to the General Fund (\$18,000.00). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Primm, and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Warren to pass a Resolution approving the payment of Ad Valorem Tax from the Natural Gas Fund to the General Fund (\$8,300.00). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Packwood, and carried unanimously.

Interim Manager Skelton told the commissioners that we do not have a certified tax rate yet due to the re-appraisals.

Ordinance Amending Fiscal Year 2016 Budget

A motion was made by Commissioner Warren to pass Ordinance #254 on the first reading amending the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Primm, and carried unanimously.

Ordinance Continuing Fiscal Year 2016 Annual Operating Budget

A motion was made by Commissioner Packwood to pass Ordinance #253 on the first reading continuing Fiscal Year 2016 Annual Operating Budget. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Primm, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Burns asked about the status of getting lighting for the walking trail beside Frank Hughes School. The Interim City Manager said TVEC has been contacted but he has not been given any information on this.

Commissioner Warren asked about the street lights we have in storage. Manager Skelton said that he would like to have the lights installed along the riverbank at

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the River Park. He said he would also like to see a walking trail there. Commissioner Warren asked about the Multi-Modal Grant that we applied for.

Manager Skelton said that we have been turned down twice for that grant. Commissioner Warren asked when we could apply again. Manager Skelton said that he is not sure that TDOT will be funding that grant in the future.

Commissioner Packwood said that the sign ordinance may need to be amended for campaign signs. Manager Skelton said that special event signs can be placed for 14 days, and real estate signs are exempt.

Commissioner Packwood said that he would like to have a budget meeting with the commissioners. The commissioners agreed to meet on June 6, at 6:00 pm.

Mayor Burns asked Interim City Manager Skelton about the status of the renovation of the proposed Community Center. Manager Skelton said that as soon as the fire hall renovation has been completed, work will start on the recreation building. Mayor Burns said he would like to see a committee put together to get ideas for the community/recreation center. He said he would like to see people of all ages on the committee. Parks Director Eddie Kelly told the commissioners that we have a Parks/Recreation Board. The mayor said that this will be a community oriented project, and he would like to have more people on the committee besides the members of the Parks Board. Commissioner Warren said that she would like to see some students from Frank Hughes School on the committee also.

Commissioner Packwood inquired about the status of the City's website. Manager Skelton said that he called today to see why it is not in service. He said that it has not been activated.

Commissioner Warren asked what can be done to get the Chamber of Commerce back in business. Manager Skelton said more community involvement is needed. He told the commissioners that Ms. Sedonna Foust has said she would be happy

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to work with the Chamber. Also, Mr. Tommy Martin wants to start a Chamber website and link it to the City of Clifton's Website.

Mayor Burns asked about the status of getting things set up so that bills can be paid online. Manager Skelton said he hopes to include money in next year's budget for this. He said we did not have funds available in the current budget.

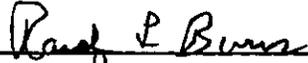
Department Reports

Parks Director Eddie Kelley stated that ball season is going on. He said that there has been vandalism at the park, and some playground equipment has been torn up. Director Kelley told the commissioners that he would be retiring the first of August. He said that he has no problems with the City but he has missed numerous functions that his grandchildren participated in. He asked that someone be hired as soon as possible to take his place so that he can do some training before he leaves. He said that there is over 30 acres to take care of at the park, and he hopes that someone will be hired who cares about the parks. He said that approximately three-quarters of a million dollars has been invested in the park, and he hopes it would be taken care of in the future.

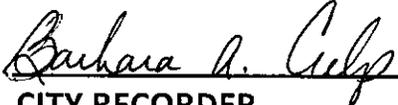
It was reported that a grinder pump needs to be replaced at the sewer plant at the cost of approximately \$12,000.00. Also there has been a sewer leak at the new bank building because someone bored into the sewer line. We have had several issues with sewer systems failing, and the utility department has been really busy with this and other issues.

Interim City Manager Skelton reported that he has hired a full time police officer.

Vice Mayor Boyd asked about the status of the employee handbook revisions. Manager Skelton said that the handbook has been sent to MTAS and we are waiting on their legal approval. He told the commissioners that there are a lot of suggestions that need to be looked at again.



MAYOR



CITY RECORDER