

**Regular City Meeting
Of the
Clifton Board of Commissioners
April 18, 2016**

Present:

Randy Burns, Mayor
Tommy Boyd, Vice Mayor
David Primm, Commissioner
Eva Ruth Warren, Commissioner
Layton Packwood, Commissioner
Byron Skelton, Interim City Manager
Coty Smith, Sewer Plant Supt.
Kenneth Templeton, Water Plant Supt.
Michael Hinson, City Attorney
Barbara Culp, City Recorder

Visitors:

Ms. Renae Purty, Wayne County Chamber of Commerce
Ms. Emma McWilliams, The Wayne Co. News
Ms. Michael Hinson

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.

New Business

Ms. Renae Purty addressed the Commission. She told how we need more upper scale housing in Wayne County. She said the State Tourism Commissioner was in Wayne County the previous week, and fell in love with Clifton. She told the commissioners that if they are interested in pursuing any type of tourism she would be glad to arrange a meeting with State officials.

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Community Day

Interim City Manager Skelton stated that Clifton's Community Day will be held on Saturday 5-07-16. There will be a Duck Race, BBQ Vendor, and additional vendors.

Proposed Community Recreation Center

The inmate crew from CCA has started cleaning brush from around the proposed community center building. Manager Skelton said that he is trying to get the same crew to work on the building that did the city hall renovation.

2015 Paving Project

Interim City Manager Skelton told the commissioners that we are nearing the end of the 2015 paving project. The crew should be in town the following day to do the striping on the streets. He said that he hopes the project will be completed by the upcoming weekend.

Construction Bids for Fire Hall

We only received one bid for the fire hall renovation (to get it in the dry). The bid was from G & G Construction Company in the amount \$58,900.00, and is for labor only. The City would be responsible for purchasing all materials. Vice Mayor Boyd said that he feels it would be best to tear the fire hall down, and put up a metal building with a rock front. He said that he cannot see putting \$100,000.00 in the current building. Manager Skelton said that he has requested a quote for a metal building, but has not received any information back. He said he previously received a quote of \$48,000.00 for an 80'x100' building. Commissioner Warren suggested that we leave the fire hall as it is and build an additional building on the side of the fire hall. Vice Mayor Boyd agreed that this would be the cheaper route. Mayor Burns said that cheaper is not always better. He said if we are going to renovate the fire hall we should do it right. He stated that we need to move forward or stay where we are. Commissioner Primm said that whatever is done he feels we need to stay within the budget. Attorney Hinson told the Commission that volunteer workers may not be covered under the City's liability insurance policy to work on the fire hall. He said

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he would definitely want to know from the City's insurance company that volunteer firemen would be covered to do construction work, before allowing them to do so. Fire Chief Battles is to check on this. Vice Mayor Boyd said that he feels the total cost of renovating the fire hall would exceed \$200,000.00. A motion was made by Mayor Burns to go ahead with the renovation construction of the fire hall, and if and when the amount in the budget is spent, then construction will stop. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Primm. Roll call vote:

Commissioner Primm-----Yes
Commissioner Packwood-----No
Commissioner Warren-----Yes
Vice Mayor Boyd-----No
Mayor Burns-----Yes
The motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Warren to accept the bid from G & G Construction Company for work on the fire hall. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Primm, and carried unanimously.

Proposed Change to City Meeting Night

A motion was made by Commissioner Packwood to change the city meeting night to the third Tuesday in each month. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Boyd, and carried unanimously. It was agreed that when a city meeting falls on a holiday, or the Frank Hughes School Graduation it would take place the following Tuesday.

Drought Management Plan

Water Plant Supt. Kenneth Templeton told the commissioners that a drought management plan needs to be developed. Such a plan would allow the City to monitor water usage during a drought. Kenneth asked the commissioners for permission to develop a drought management plan for the City of Clifton. A motion was made by Commissioner Packwood to allow a drought management plan to be developed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Primm, and

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carried unanimously. A five member board will need to be set up as part of the plan, and an ordinance will need to be passed by July.

A motion was made by Commissioner Packwood to develop authority and status for the Drought Management Plan. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Warren, and carried unanimously. Kenneth Templeton told the commissioners that they could make any changes to the plan or to the ordinance before it is finalized.

Sign Ordinance

Manager Skelton stated that the City would be regulating election signs. He said that per our ordinance they can be placed on an owner's property, or any private property where permission is given by the owner. Signs placed on the public right of way will be removed.

Department Reports

Sewer Plant Operator Coty Smith said that there are no issues at the sewer plant. He said there are items that he would like to have included in the new budget.

Fire Chief Randy Battles told the commissioners that he would like to purchase a Jaws of Life unit for the fire department. He said that when there are accidents where a person is trapped in their vehicle, they have to call for help from Waynesboro. A motion was made by Commissioner Packwood to purchase a Jaws of Life unit. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Warren, and carried unanimously. Fire Chief Battles is to check to see if the fire department grant would cover the cost of this equipment.

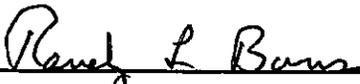
Interim City Manager Skelton reported that the utility department workers are catching up on their work pretty quickly.

Commissioner Warren said she would like to extend sympathy to Commission Primm for his loss. Commissioner Primm said that has loss his wife, brother, and cousin all within 16 days.

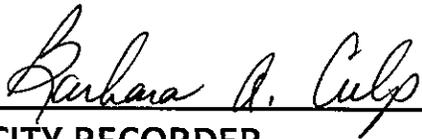
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Mayor Burns said he appreciates all the work the city employees do. He also congratulated City Recorder Barbara Culp for her 40th year with the City.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



MAYOR



CITY RECORDER