

**Regular City Meeting
Of the
Clifton Board of Commissioners
April 24, 2017**

Present:

Randy Burns, Mayor
Carol Hickerson, Vice Mayor
Eva Ruth Warren, Commissioner
Layton Packwood, Commissioner
Jimmy Pickett, Commissioner
Doug Kibbey, City Manager
Byron Skelton, Chief of Police
Austin Clark, Public Works Dir.
Eddie Simmons, Parks Dir.
Randy Battles, Fire Chief
Michael Hinson, City Attorney
Barbara Culp, City Recorder

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

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 from Audience

Noise Extension Request from Clifton Marina

The manager of the Clifton Marina requested an extension of the Noise Ordinance for the Marina to 12am for the months of May, June, July, and August. A motion was made by Commissioner Warren to grant Clifton Marina an extension of the Noise Ordinance to 12am for May, June, July, and August. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Packwood, and carried unanimously.

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Argo Request for Driveway Repair

Mr. and Mrs. Argo came before the Commission to see what has been decided about the damage that was previously done to their driveway when a sewer leak was repaired by the City. The city manager said that our City Codes specify that no utility service should be covered by a driveway, etc. He said that the City is not responsible for any repairs that have to be made when the homeowner builds over the utility lines. He stated that in a case like this it is not the responsibility of the City to repair the driveway, and he recommends that the City deny the claim. Commissioner Warren said that she has been on the Commission for a long time, and she knows that some damage was done to the Argo's driveway and feels that the City should pay for the repair. Ms. Argo said they were told by a former city employee that their driveway would be repaired. Public Works Director Clark stated that it would cost approximately \$1,900.00 to repair the driveway. The commissioners asked City Attorney Mike Hinson for his opinion on this. Attorney Hinson said that if we go by the City's codes, any structure built on top of a utility line would be the responsibility of the homeowner if any damage is done. He said that the Commission could pay for the repair if they chose to do so, but it would be setting a precedent for any future damage on private property. A motion was made by Commissioner Warren to pay for repair of the Argo's driveway. The motion died for the lack of a second.

In Lieu of AdValorem Tax

A motion was made by Commissioner Warren to approve the Resolution for Water Fund, and Natural Gas Fund AdValorem Tax payments to the General Fund. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pickett. Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Warren-----Yes
Commissioner Pickett-----Yes
Commissioner Packwood-----Yes
Vice Mayor Hickerson-----Yes
Mayor Burns-----Yes

The motion carried unanimously.

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Chamber of Commerce Presentation

Ms. Shelia Morton presented information on the Clifton Chamber of Commerce. She told the commissioners that they have a new Board of Directors, and they are all working to get the Chamber back up and running again. The new chamber office will be on Main Street where the former Stained Glass Shop was located. The building is being provided at no cost by Peoples Bank/The Hassell Foundation. The individual membership fee will be \$20.00. The proposed grand opening date is 7-03-17. Ms. Morton said that they want to do a good job for the community. City Manager Kibbey stated that there is \$4,000.00 in the City's budget for a donation to the Chamber. County Commissioner Tom Mathis said that the County should also donate \$3,000.00 to the Clifton Chamber. The commissioners thanked Ms. Morton for the very informative presentation that she gave.

Department Reports

Police Chief Skelton reported that things are running smoothly in his department.

Parks Director Eddie Simmons stated that things are hectic now with all the ballgames that have been going on. Both of their mowers have now been repaired, but they are still short one worker. He stated that there is a process that has to be completed before a new worker is assigned, and the Warden has to approve this. He hopes to have another worker from the Boot Camp in the near future.

Public Works Director Austin Clark reported that another filter has been replaced at the water plant, and presently there are no issues. There will be an upcoming inspection of our water tanks. They have been experiencing more issues with sewer pumps tearing up. The line crew from the prison has not been coming out to work as they normally do, because the Boot Camp is understaffed. He said that because of this it would take time getting all the mowing done around town. Ross Creek Road has been repaired. Austin stated that it is good to have a supervisor in their department who knows what to do.

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Fire Chief Randy Battles said that everything is running smoothly at the fire department. He stated that they are about to run out of money in their budget, and his department looks forward to the new budget so that the work can be completed on the fire hall. Commissioner Warren asked how much it would take to complete the project. Chief Battles said the equipment for the kitchen would cost approximately \$25,000.00, and it would take approximately \$60,000.00 to complete all the renovation work. He expressed gratitude to Hassell and Hughes Lumber Company and all the others who have made donations to the fire department. County Commissioner Tom Mathis said that Clifton's fire hall is one of the best looking fire halls anywhere.

City Manager Kibbey stated that he sent the commissioners a copy of the proposed budget. It was decided that a budget workshop would be held on 5-08-17.

Mr. Gene Davidson stated that there is a need for a sidewalk from town to the Clifton Marina. He said many of the boaters walk to town, and they are in danger of getting run over. Vice Mayor Hickerson said that she knows this has been talked about in the past. It was stated that the City has applied for a grant twice in the past but did not get funding either time.

Commissioner Packwood acknowledged Austin Clark's birthday the following day, and he thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Commissioner Warren said that she appreciated everyone attending the meeting.


Commissioner Pickett stated that there have been a lot of people speeding on Forrest Avenue, but since the police officers have been patrolling more, the traffic has slowed down. He commended Investigator Steve Wilson for his handling of a situation for him that could have put his family in danger.

Vice Mayor Hickerson said that Frank Hughes School is doing a food drive for the Clifton Senior Citizens. The classes are having a competition, and the food will be delivered on 5-05-17. She stated that any food donations would be appreciated.

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Mayor Burns thanked everyone in attendance, and said it is good to have interest, and input from the community.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



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