

**Regular City Meeting  
of the  
Clifton Board of Commissioners  
September 24, 2018**

**Present**

Randy Burns, Mayor  
Carol Hickerson, Vice Mayor  
Eva Ruth Warren, Commissioner  
Layton Packwood, Commissioner  
Mark Staggs, Commissioner  
Doug Kibbey, City Manager  
Eddie Simmons, Parks, Director  
Mike Hinson, City Attorney  
Barbara Culp, City Recorder

**Absent**

**Visitors**

Emma McWilliams, Tom Mathis, Rob Ragan, Randy Battles, Donnie Warren

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

**Old Business**

**Ordinance #1 Amendment to FY19 Budget**

A motion was made by Commissioner Warren to pass an Ordinance on second reading amending (#1) the FY19 Budget. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Staggs, and carried unanimously.

The city manager reported that things went well at the Horseshoe Riverbend Festival with no fights, and no arrests.

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The city manager stated that he will be advertising (on 10-17 and 10-31) the intent of the City of Clifton if the referendum passes authorizing retail package liquor stores in Clifton.

**New Business from Audience**

Mr. Tom Mathis told the Commission that there will be an appreciation dinner given for staff members who have supervised inmate crews. He told the city manager that he would like for him and the mayor to be present and speak on behalf of the City of Clifton. The Commissioner of Corrections will be invited, and also Representatives Joey Hensley and David Byrd.

**New Business**

**Lighting Proposal/Ordinance #2 to amend FY19 Budget**

City Manager Kibbey presented Ordinance #2 amending the FY 19 budget to include a LED lighting project. The project would change all lights in the city's buildings to energy efficient lighting. The work would be performed by the Perfection Group at a cost of \$82,000.00. The city manager said this project would pay for its self in six years and then we would see a savings of \$12,000.00 per year. After a discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Warren to pass the Ordinance #2 amending the FY19 Budget to include funds for the lighting project (to change all lighting in the City to LED). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Staggs. Roll call vote:

Commissioner Warren-----Yes  
Commissioner Staggs-----Yes  
Vice mayor Hickerson-----Yes  
Commissioner Packwood-----Yes  
Mayor Burns-----Yes

The motion carried unanimously.

**Tap Grant Resolution**

A motion was made by Commissioner Warren to pass the Resolution authorizing the City to apply for a TAP Grant. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Staggs, and carried unanimously. If the City is awarded this grant it would fund a

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a sidewalk from the City's riverfront park to Main Street.

**Land Acquisition Proposal**

There was a discussion concerning the possibility of purchasing land that is located near the ballpark (to expand the ballfields). A motion was made by Commissioner Staggs to offer \$2,500.00 for the land. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Packwood.

Roll Call Vote:

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

The motion carried unanimously.

There was a discussion concerning looking into acquiring a lot located behind the City's Shop Building. This property belongs to Mr. James Frank Bundrant. Mr. Bundrant owns three lots there, and he has indicated that he would like to sell all three lots together. His asking price would be the assessed value of \$17,000.00 for 2.5 acres. The city manager is to contact Mr. Bundrant to see what bare bone amount he might accept.

**Department Reports**

Parks Director Eddie Simmons reported that things at the parks are in good condition. They are still doing some off season field maintenance, and painting, before it gets too cold.

The city manager stated that Public Works Director Austin Clark was not in attendance of the meeting because they are installing a new sewer pumping station pump. The city manager also stated that the Wayne County Chamber Dinner will be held at the Waynesboro Church of Christ on October 11, 2018 at 6:00 pm. He said next year the dinner will be held in Clifton at Frank Hughes School.

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Commissioner Staggs and Commissioner Warren asked if anything could be done about the historical sidewalks. Commissioner Warren specifically said that something needs to be done to the sidewalk in front of the Mike Davis property. The city manager confirmed that that TAP Grant funds could not be used to repair the historical sidewalks.

Commissioner Packwood asked about the completion date for the new stage near the riverfront park. The city manager said the projected completion date is February, 2019.

Vice Mayor Hickerson said that she has received a complaint from a resident at 213 Scenic Drive. This property connects to the property where the City's sewer system is located. There is a fence on the property and the City's side of the fence has overgrown weeds. It has become so heavy that it has fallen over due to the weight of the overgrowth. The city manager said he will send a worker out to look at the fence.

Mayor Burns asked why there is a water drainage pipe installed where the new bay is being constructed at the fire department. The city manager said there are plans to construct a bathroom there. The purpose of this would be for the public to use when the fire hall is being used for community center functions. Mayor Burns said the original plans were for the public to use the bathrooms that have already been constructed inside the fire hall because the whole building was designed to be used as a community center. He said it seems a waste of money to add another bathroom. Former Fire Chief Randy Battles said original plans were to only have a fire pit, and grill in the new bay area.

The commissioners and former fire chief commented that in their opinion the concrete work for the new bay at the fire hall is substandard.

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Commissioner Warren asked about getting the area behind the Senior Citizens cleaned up.

Randy Battles asked about getting microphones set up for future city meetings. He said it is difficult to hear comments from some of the commissioners.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

  
MAYOR

  
CITY RECORDER