

**Regular City Meeting
of the
Clifton Board of Commissioners
March 25, 2019**

Present:

Randy Burns, Mayor
Layton Packwood, Vice Mayor
Mark Staggs, Commissioner
Eva Ruth Warren, Commissioner
Bill Willoughby, Commissioner
Doug Kibbey, City Manager
Austin Clark, Public Works Director
Eddie Simmons, Parks Director
Michael Hinson, City Attorney
Kiersten Rainey, Administrative Assistant
Samantha Haines, City Clerk
Timmy Dale Harris, Police Officer
Barbara Culp, City Recorder

Visitors: Stacey Huntingford
Randy Battles

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Burns.

The roll was called by City Recorder Barbara Culp, and all members of the Commission were present.

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.

New Business from the Audience

There was no new business from the audience.

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Old Business

Application for Retail Liquor Store

The application for a retail liquor store was approved at the previous meeting.

Payday Loans and Pawn Shops

This was tabled at the previous meeting until Attorney Hinson could be present. The city attorney told the commissioners that the City cannot regulate hours, fees, etc. of a Payday Loan or Pawn Shop. The City could suspend their license if any City ordinance's are broken.

Budget Amendment #4

A motion was made by Commissioner Warren to approve Budget Amendment #4- Ordinance # 272 on the second reading. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Staggs, and carried unanimously.

Gas Ordinance

A motion was made by Commissioner Warren to approve the Gas Ordinance # 273 on the second reading. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Staggs, and carried unanimously.

Solid Waste Ordinance

A motion was made by Commissioner Warren to approve the Solid Waste Ordinance # 274 on the second reading. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Staggs, and carried unanimously.

Water/Sewer Ordinance

A motion was made by Commissioner Warren to approve the Water/Sewer Ordinance # 275 on the second reading (this ordinance includes funds to build a new water plant). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Staggs. Commissioner Willoughby said he would like to have more information on how much the rate increase will cost customers. He would like to see the math formula. The city manager stated that the new rate would not be over \$6.92

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vs \$4.18. Commissioner Staggs said he trusts the city manager's figures. Mayor Burns said that there have been several times in the last six months that the City has almost been without water. Public Works Director Austin Clark said we have to pay fines to the State because of some issues at the plant. City Attorney Hinson said that our water plant is outdated, and the State has a fine schedule for each time there is a violation. Commissioner Staggs said we have been duct taping the water plant for years. The city manager said if we start the process now it would still take approximately three years to get a new plant built.

Roll Call Vote:

- Commissioner Staggs-----Yes
- Commissioner Warren-----Yes
- Commissioner Willoughby-----No
- Vice Mayor Packwood----- No
- Mayor Burns-----Yes

The motion carried.

New Business

Clifton Marina Lease

The city manager told the Commission that Mr. Gene Davidson owes the City \$34,500.00 in back rent for the Clifton Marina. He said he has researched and found that the City waived the lease fee for 10 years in 2003. This expired in June, 2013, and no fees have been paid from that time to the present. Ms. Stacey Huntingford is getting ready to purchase the marina. She said she just wants to make future improvements so that it can be a place that people can be proud of. The city attorney said the City cannot put a lien on the property, but could file for Breach of Contract and get a judgement that way. Vice Mayor Packwood suggested a letter be sent to Mr. Davidson informing him of the back rent he owes. Ms. Huntingford asked the City to grant her the same exception as Mr. Davidson was given. She said she would provide the City with monthly receipts of anything she does to improve the property. She said the RV Park at the marina

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needs some serious work, and the work will cost quite a bit. She said she wants the City to benefit from what she has to offer. It was agreed that the City send a letter to Mr. Davidson about the back rent, and give him until 4-22-19 to respond.

Department Reports

Parks Director Eddie Simmons said the concrete pad for the batting cage at the ballpark is finished. There are games almost every night now. The bathrooms at the river park have been cleaned up and will be open to the public sometimes in April.

The city manager stated we have requested two new workers for the park, and one for city hall. He thanked Mr. Tom Mathis for helping make this possible.

Police Officer Timmy Harris reported that things in the police department are running smooth. The city manager said the new police vehicle will be delivered in 14-16 weeks.

Austin Clark said inmates have been picking up brush and the dumpsters that were provided after the flood have been utilized. There was a discussion concerning getting the dock that was moved up the river when the flooding occurred. Stacey Huntingford said she has a worker that could help with this.

The city manager reminded the commissioners about the Utility Board Training on 4-11-19 from 4:00pm-8:00pm. There will be a budget meeting on 4-08-19 from 5:00pm -6:30pm. The bids for the batting cage should be turned by 3:00pm on 4-19-19, and will be approved at the 4-22-19 city meeting.

Commissioner Staggs asked when would the sidewalk be finished. The city manager said it should not be very much longer. The mayor asked how the sidewalk would tie into the marina. The city manager said it would tie into the black top there.

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Commissioner Willoughby said he still feels there is a need to have a public bathroom located on Main Street. The city manager said he would check on the cost. Commissioner Willoughby asked if there is any objection to him locating a drink machine outside his store. There were no objections. Commissioner Willoughby also asked about getting the bricks on the sidewalk pressure washed. Austin Clark said he would get to this. Commissioner Willoughby said that the Pigg Building (formerly old city hall) needs repair work done on the front. The city manager will send a letter to Mr. Jimmy Pigg.

Vice Mayor Packwood said one of his neighbors filled a swimming pool and was told one price for the water, but was charged a different price. Public Works Director Clark said to tell the neighbor to come and talk with him about this.

Mayor Burns said he has been approached about the need for repair work to be done on Airport Road. Also repair needs to be done to the road near Lytle Smith's residence where a waterline was installed.

Mayor Burns said he appreciated everyone showing up for the meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


MAYOR


CITY RECORDER