

**Regular City Meeting
Of the
Clifton Board of Commissioners
March 27, 2017**

Present:

Randy Burns, Mayor
Carol Hickerson, Vice Mayor
Eva Ruth Warren, Commissioner
Layton Packwood, Commissioner
Jimmy Pickett, Newly Appt. Commissioner
Doug Kibbey, City Manager
Byron Skelton, Chief of Police
Austin Clark, Public Work Supervisor
Michael Hinson, City Attorney
Barbara Culp, City Recorder

Absent

Tommy Boyd, Commissioner

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 Vice Mayor Hickerson, and carried unanimously.

Records Access Ordinance

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Hickerson to pass the Records Access Ordinance #259 on the second reading. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Warren, and carried unanimously.

Old Business

City Manager Kibbey told the commissioners that we are waiting on our insurance company (TML) to finalize the coverage for the Clifton Library.

The city manager met with Chuck Moser, and Jimmy Staggs with the County Road Commission to look at the streets that the Commission previously approved to have paved. They will wait on warmer weather to get started on the project.

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New Business

Resignation of City Commissioner Tommy Boyd

A motion was made by Commissioner Warren to pass the Resolution to accept the resignation of City Commissioner Tommy Boyd. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Hickerson, and carried unanimously. The Resolution will now be sent to the County Election Commission, and the City will have 90 days to fill Commissioner Boyd's seat.

Newly Appointed City Commissioner

A motion was made by Commissioner Packwood to appoint James (Jimmy) Pickett to fill the vacant city commission position. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Hickerson, and carried unanimously. The Oath of Office was then administered to Jimmy Pickett by City Recorder Barbara Culp.

Damage to Argo property

Ms. Shelia Argo stated that the City Utility Department repaired a sewer valve leak some time ago on her property and did some damage to her driveway. She asked that the City repair her driveway back to same condition that it was previous to the work being done. The City Manager stated that he has looked at the driveway and also had Gator (Dwight Thompson) to look at it to get an estimate of the cost of repair. He also wanted to see if there was any indication that the problem is the City's fault. Gator said that he has not gotten an estimate together but looking at the driveway he said it is obvious that something heavy was unloaded there. Commissioner Warren said that she knows the City did some work at the Argo's and feels that the City should have the driveway repaired. Gator said it would probably cost between \$5,000.00 and \$6,000.00. The city manager asked Public Works Director Austin Clark if the valve that originally caused the problem could be moved. Austin said that it could be moved, but there would be more damage to the driveway if this was done. Mayor Burns suggested that the driveway be repaired, and leave the valve as it is rather than tearing up the whole driveway to move it. Commissioner Warren suggested that we get cost estimates for the repair. Commissioner Pickett said he would be glad to get estimates together. The city manager said he would also

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check on the options, and cost. After more research he will present the information at the next city meeting.

Overgrown /Dirty Lots/Slum Clearance

The city manager presented a list of properties around town that he feels needs to be cleaned up. After a discussion, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Hickerson to go forward with contacting property owners where their property needs to be cleaned up. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pickett, and carried unanimously.

Department Reports

Utility Departments

The police department ordered Tasers today. Public Works Director Austin Clark reported that the sewer department has had an effluent line down due to electrical issues. Also his department has experienced some minor equipment problems, but these have been taken care of. Austin stated that Mr. Steve Jones has been hired to work for our utility department. He also told the commissioners that that the filter beds at the water plant have been down. He said that the process of changing out the filters should have taken 48 hours but it took five days to complete the project. He stated this was no fault of the city workers because our water plant employees are not familiar with the mechanics of the plant. In the future when other filter beds need to be upgraded Mr. Jones will help with this. Everything else is running smoothly in the utility department. Mayor Burns said that he spoke to a property owner where the City has done work, and the owner complimented the utility department workers for being professional, and courteous. Public Works Director Clark stated that at a previous meeting he was instructed to get prices on an insight camera that could be used to find blockages, and breaks inside utility lines. He said the prices he received were between \$6,000.00, and \$11,000.00. He does not feel it would be feasible to purchase a camera at this time because they do not have to use this type of equipment very often. There was a discussion concerning the need for a jet wash machine. Austin will research the cost of this, and present it at the next city meeting.

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Fire Department

City Manager Kibbey said that the fire department has gone over in some areas of their budget, and the fire hall renovation is still not complete. Police Chief Skelton has agreed to hold off purchasing new police vehicles, so that the money in the police department budget can be used for the fire department.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Kibbey reported that we are now up to \$35,000.00 in operating cost that has been eliminated with no change in the operations of the City. The city manager also told the commissioners that if they have things they need done, please let him know. He asked that they do not go to his employees directly with requests.

Commissioners

Vice Mayor Hickerson asked about the repair of Airport Road. The city manager said that Chuck Moser, and Jimmy Staggs looked at the road and they can only grade it at this time. Most all of the holes that were in Airport Road have been patched. The Vice Mayor also asked about the possibility of lowering the speed limit on West Pillow Street. Police Chief Skelton said that the State sets the speed limit on that street.

Commissioner Packwood asked about the possibility of getting a traffic light installed at the intersection of Highway 641, and Forrest Avenue. He also expressed the need for citizens not to build driveways on top of city services. The city manager said that he feels most construction has already been done.

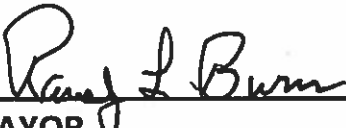
Commissioner Warren reported that the Chamber of Commerce will have a meeting on Thursday at the Stain Glass Shop. They are trying to get the chamber re-established. Commissioner Warren asked if there is anything new at the airport. The city manager said they currently have eight renters of the hangers

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at this time. He said once they have 10 permanent renters it would open the Airport Authority up to be eligible for \$150,000.00 in grant money. There is a breakfast every second Saturday of each month at the airport during the Fly-In.

Commissioner Pickett thanked the Commission for choosing him to fill the position left vacant when Commissioner Boyd resigned.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



MAYOR



CITY RECORDER