

**Regular City Meeting  
of the  
Clifton Board of Commissioners  
May 28, 2019**

**Present:**

Randy Burns, Mayor  
Eva Ruth Warren, Commissioner  
Mark Staggs, Commissioner  
Bill Willoughby, Commissioner  
Doug Kibbey, City Manager  
Byron Skelton, Chief of Police  
Eddie Simmons, Parks Director  
Lindsay Roberts, Fire Chief  
Kiersten Rainey, Admin. Assistant  
Barbara Culp, City Recorder

**Absent:**

Layton Packwood, Commissioner

**Visitors:**

Ms. Emma McWilliams, Wayne County News  
Mr. Tom Mathis, County Commissioner  
Mr. Donnie Warren

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Burns. The mayor gave the invocation, 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.

**New Business from the Audience**

There was no new business from the audience.

**Old Business**

The city manager stated that work has begun on the batting cage. He said the plan was to run power from the concession stand to the batting cage but found that this would not work. He said having another power source may be beneficial

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as they may have to bring in another transformer in the future for another ballfield.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading on the Water & Sewer Ordinance**

A motion was made by Commissioner Warren to pass the Water & Sewer Ordinance # 277 on the second reading (Returns rates back to what they originally were before they were raised in April). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Staggs, and carried unanimously.

**2nd Reading on 2019-2020 Budget Ordinance**

A motion was made by Commissioner Warren to pass the 2019-2020 Budget Ordinance # 276 on the second reading. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Staggs, and carried unanimously.

**New Business**

**Ordinance regulating the use of engine compression braking devices within the city limits of Clifton, TN**

A motion was made by Commissioner Willoughby to pass Ordinance # 278 (regulating the use of engine compression braking devices/jake brakes within the city limits of Clifton) on the first reading. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Staggs, and carried unanimously.

**Clifton Marina Noise Resolution**

A motion was made by Commissioner Warren to pass a Resolution to extend the Clifton Marina's exemption to the City's Noise Ordinance from May through September of 2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Staggs, and carried unanimously.

**Clifton Marina Sub-Lease Agreement**

The city manager stated that the new owner of the Clifton Marina, Ms. Stacy Huntingford could not be present at the meeting, but she has read and agrees to the terms of the lease. The lease fee for the first 15 years will be \$500.00 per month, and the second 15 years the fee will be up to \$1,000.00 per month. Ms. Huntingford will have to notify the City of any improvements made in lieu of rent.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Warren to approve the Clifton Marina Sub Lease Agreement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Staggs, and carried unanimously. The lease will be notarized.

**Department Reports**

Parks Director Eddie Simmons reported that things at the parks are good. He said the Dixie Youth's regular season will end this week. He told the commissioners that they are in need of a new mower. One of their mowers blew up, and they only have one operating now. The mayor asked if there was money in the budget for a new mower. The city manager said no, but a budget amendment could be done.

Police Chief Skelton stated that one of his officers has been off work with a serious health issue. He said his officers have only been getting one day off per week, and one will be going to in-service training the following week.

Fire Chief Roberts reported that he has received three bids for a fire hall suppression system. He said the lowest bid was from B & B Fire Equipment. He said he only received one bid in the amount of \$3,450.00 from Key Fire Protection Company for a sprinkler system. He stated that plans will have to be sent to the fire marshal for approval before any construction starts.

The city manager stated that he has done some research on getting a river gage. He said the cost of a fancy gage would be approximately \$7,500.00 per year. He recommended a stationary gage be installed for a one time cost. He told the commissioners he does not have exact figures of what a stationary gage would cost. Commissioner Warren asked how long would it last. The city manager said if it was kept painted, it could last indefinitely.

Commissioner Willoughby asked if the City has the manpower to keep the Jennifer Ray lot mowed, which is located on Main Street. The city manager explained that the City does not do work on private property. Commissioner Willoughby said the grown up lot is an eyesore on Main Street. He suggested the City try to lease the property from Ms. Ray. A discussion followed. A motion was

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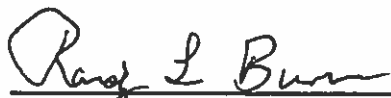
made by Commissioner Willoughby to pursue a lease agreement with Ms. Jennifer for the property she owns on Main Street. The motion failed for the lack of a second.

Commissioner Staggs said that the sign located by the Old Wheat's Store Building is leaning. The city manager said that all the signs that have been erected around town will be fixed.

Commissioner Willoughby said he still feels there is a need for a public bathroom on Main Street. After a discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Willoughby for the City to install a public bathroom beside the fire hall, or behind the library. There was no second to the motion. Commissioner Willoughby said he does not understand why the commissioners are opposed to having a public bathroom in town. He said there are lots of people in town on the weekend that come into his store looking for a public bathroom. The commissioners stated that there are public bathrooms located at each of the City's parks, and at City Hall.

Mayor Burns said a cleanup letter needs to be sent to the owner of the Clifton Motel to get the couches, etc. off the street. The mayor thanked everyone for the good job they are doing.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

  
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MAYOR

  
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CITY RECORDER