

**Regular City Meeting
of the
Clifton Board of Commissioners
December 16, 2019**

Present:

Randy Burns, Mayor
Layton Packwood, Vice Mayor
Eva Ruth Warren, Commissioner
Mark Staggs, Commissioner
Bill Willoughby, Commissioner
Doug Kibbey, City Manager
Austin Clark, Public Works Director
Eddie Simmons, Parks Director
Lindsay Roberts, Fire Chief
Michael Hinson, City Attorney
Kiersten Rainey, Finance Director
Barbara Culp, City Recorder

Visitors:

Lindzee Lindholm
Ruth Ann Howard
Donnie Warren
Jessica Packwood

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 Commissioner Staggs, and carried unanimously.

Old Business

Street Closures for Stroll through Christmas

The city manager stated that the requested streets were closed during the Stroll through Christmas. He said the event went off very well. Commissioner Warren thanked Austin Clark and our utility department employees for the work they did installing decorations for the Stroll through Christmas.

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Boards and Committees

The city manager said all vacant slots on the City's Boards and Committees have been filled except two. Ms. Lindzee Lindholm has shown interest in being on a City Board or Committee. Ms. Lindholm stated that she is originally from Illinois and has lived in the Clifton area for three years. She said that she has a law degree, is a counselor, and is currently working technical support for a company. She plans on eventually opening her own counselling business. Ms. Lindholm told the commissions that she really loves this little river town, and feels that her leadership skills would be beneficial to our City. The city manager said at the present time there are no other volunteers for the vacant positions. The mayor asked if anyone would like to make a motion to put Ms. Lindzee Lindholm on a City Board. There was no motion. Commissioner Willoughby said he would like a recommendation from someone here who knows her. The other commissioners expressed that they do not know Ms. Lindholm and would like some references also. Ms. Lindholm stated she does not feel that just because someone is not originally from Clifton that they should be excluded from serving on a City Board or Committee.

Department Reports

Public Works Director Austin Clark reported that they are still working on the filter beds at the water plant. There will be a gas inspection on 1-14-2020 by a new inspector from the Tennessee Public Utility Commission. Vice Mayor Packwood asked if the City goes inside a customer's home to check for a gas leak. Austin Clark said no, and if a leak is found the City would cut the gas off.

Parks Director Eddie Simmons stated that everything is good at the parks. He said they have painted the bathrooms, and the work on the batting cage is being finalized.

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City Manager Kibbey told the commissioners that Police Chief Jerroll Henderson brought to his attention a grant that is available for the police department. Grant funds can be used for equipment such as dash cams, and also for overtime pay for police officers. Commissioner Warren said she feels Chief Henderson is doing a good job. The city manager agreed that he is.

The city manager updated the commissioners on the land acquired for an airport hanger. He also gave information on a \$250,000.00 ground clearing grant.

The city manager reminded the commissioners about the City's Christmas party.

The city manager stated that we have a new project manager (Austin Clark) for the LaPa Loop and LaPa Lane road project. Austin stated that he is getting quotes from two people on material cost. He said he feels the quotes will be quite a bit lower than what the County quoted to do the project. The city manager said that he tried to work with the County on this but they kept jacking the price up.

Turf needs to be installed at the Park, and the lowest estimate has been \$6,000.00. Parks Director Simmons said he would like to have it installed by January. There was a discussion concerning the need for gutters at the Park. Director Simmons said he has talked with the city manager about this. The mayor said he feels we definitely need to look at getting gutters installed before we get the flooring installed.

Commissioner Staggs suggested we have Ms. Lindholm to bring in a resume, and not just shut her down from serving on a City Board. Commissioner Warren agreed, and told Ms. Lindholm that it was no reflection on her. The commissioners agreed she should bring in references for further consideration of being appointed a City Board member. She said she is open to bringing in more information on herself, but feels that differences in people makes things more unique.

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Vice Mayor Packwood stated that some striping needs to be done on the Forrest Avenue Street.

Commissioner Willoughby asked if it would be beneficial to have a log at the batting cage for anyone who uses it. Parks Director Simmons said no one would be allowed in there without a coach being present.

Commissioner Willoughby said he has received complaints about potholes on Airport Road. Public Works Director Clark said he would take care of this.

Mayor Burns said he has received two complaints about an abandoned trailer on Boyd Street. Commissioner Warren said she is waiting on the owner to sign off on the deed for the property where the trailer is located, so that it can be removed.

Fire Chief Roberts said that a new fireman moved here from Alamo, TN. He had training documents faxed to city hall, and was charged a fee for the faxes. The fire chief said he feels the fireman should not have been charged since the documents were in reference to him joining Clifton's fire department. Finance Director Kiersten Rainey stated that the gentleman was charged according to the City's policy for fees. The city manager said he would look into this.

City Attorney Hinson commended the City Commission for their progressive thinking, and commended the city manager for the millions of dollars in grants that he has acquired for the City. He said City Manager Kibbey has done a tremendous job. He thanked the Commission for allowing him to be a part of the City as the City's Attorney.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


MAYOR


CITY RECORDER