

JANUARY 16, 2020

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COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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4. Public Works has rebuilt 90 feet of failed roadway on Coolidge Avenue off of John Street.
5. Raven Rock has the Park Board, Pool, Public Works, Central Fire and Robinson Grand switched over to fiber optics; they will be removing network equipment in the police substation at Laurel Lanes.
6. Reminder- Proposed Charter Amendment Ordinances – The Public Hearing on the proposed Charter amendments will be conducted on Thursday, February 6th at 6:00 pm in Council Chambers (in conjunction with the regularly-scheduled Council meeting). At this time, any qualified voter or freeholder of the City may appear and file written objections to said amendments.
7. Budget preparation- Department Heads are to submit their respective budget proposals by January 21st with Council to receive the proposed budget at the February 20th meeting. After that time, the Mayor will schedule a work session to review and discuss the budget in detail. The Finance Committee will be meeting again on January 30th.
8. The Pittsburgh Pirates Caravan will be visiting Clarksburg's Indoor Practice Building located at the Nutter Fort park site on Wednesday, January 22nd where they will conduct mini baseball camps for children.
9. Back in early fall, I informed that Fairmont State University would be doing a needs assessment for Clarksburg. The instructor and students will be presenting that report to Council at its February 13th work session. This information can provide us an insight on various matters, as well as provide stats for grant purposes, etc.

Police & Fire

1. Police
 - a. One (1) officer voluntarily left the Academy; therefore, resigning =from the Department.
 - b. We have seven (7) applicants who successfully completed their polygraphs and will now be moving onto psychological evaluations.
 - c. The sergeant exam was administered on January 8th with PFC Laura McGlone receiving the highest composite score. Officer McGlone will be administered the Sergeant oath on Tuesday January 21st at 4:00 pm.
 - d. With regard to medical examinations/physicals for new hires and promotions, we are looking at medical agencies within the city limits (such as Med Express or Med Pointe) to provide those e=services rather than the current one we use located outside of the city.
 - e. I, along with Chief Kiddy and Deputy Chief Hartley, will be attending a meeting next week regarding Fairmont State University Police Training Academy to learn more about the Academy and how the same may be of benefit in the recruiting/hiring process.
1. Fire-
 - a. Reminder- Captain Murphy will be conducting the "Operation Not One More" program again on January 27th at 12:30 pm at Adamston Elementary School

Economic Development

1. A Ribbon Cutting was held today for TT Nails, 254 Emily Drive.
2. Ribbon Cutting- Thursday, January 30th at Noon- Policano's Food and Drink, 134 S. 3rd Street.

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include all necessary information as to record and verify locations as to assist with police investigations. He also explained how this will make Clarksburg and its Citizens safer.

He then informed of recommendations for Full-Time Condemned Structure, Oversight and Board Up program explaining that until more funds can be allocated towards the City's demolition program, they recommend that the City of Clarksburg commit to either devote 2 Full-Time Public Works employees to inspect and board up condemned structures on a daily basis or contract out this project to another entity or company explaining the same as such also recommending that code enforcement hold the property owner financially responsible for labor and all costs. They feel this will deter people from entering condemned structures and using said property for any crime or drug activity. This will help improve public confidence, increase community involvement and hold property owners accountable. He laid out a time-line of how this would work at this time addressing any area of concern.

He then informed the Task Force recommendation for implementing a VIPS program explaining how this would help considering that our police department is currently understaffed and mentioning that surrounding cities are also participating with this program and with dedicated and trained volunteers, they can ease the load on our law enforcement personnel explaining in detail their job duties also laying out a plan to develop a plan of implementation leading up to the first "VIPS Citizens Academy."

Next, he informed that the Task Force recommended that the City Employ a Street Outreach Officer explaining the same as such listing the pros and cons as such, ending with the recommendation for an Adopt a Neighborhood program. This campaign will forge a working partnership between the city and its citizens and help to strengthen organizations and the work they do in the communities to address various problems.

After explaining this in detail, several Councilmember's commended the Public Safety Task Force for all their hard work and dedication. They were very impressed with the presentation and look forward to working with them to see what can be implemented. At this time the Mayor requested this be put on the next Work Session Agenda for Council to address.

B. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT TO THE CLARKSBURG DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

MOTION by Councilmember Malfregeot, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Ferrari to approve appointment of George "Gib" Brown to the Clarksburg Development Authority. **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilman Ferrari: Thanked everyone in attendance including the Task Force again commending the presentation that was made agreeing that council should take a look at what was presented for consideration noting that the ball was in their court now.

Councilmember Goff: Nothing at this time.

Councilmember Keith: Agreed with Councilmember Ferrari's comments regarding the Task Force also hoping that they can make it to the next work session noting his curiosity on what else they have to recommend. He also announced his candidacy for Harrison County Magistrate informing that it was his lifelong dream and it would not interfere with his dedication to Council.

Councilmember Malfregeot: Questioning the legal notice for the Charter Change, voicing

presentation that was give by Mr. Worth, he could not say enough about it. It was a tremendous amount of work and he was very pleased.

Mayor Kennedy:

Echoed the comments already made about the presentation by the Public Safety Task Force thanking all the members along with Mr. Worth and everyone in attendance. Making Clarksburg Safe again was their goal. He then put in a really quick plug by informing of the Band together for Vets as was informed by the Managers report. It's a battle of the bands held at the Vets Club. He invited everyone to attend.

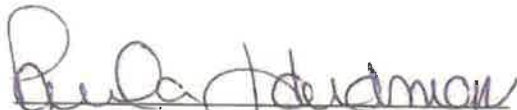
There being no further business to come before Council, **MOTION** made, **SECONDED** and **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY** to adjourn.



Ryan Kennedy, Mayor

2-6-2020

Approved



Paula Hardman, Interim City Clerk