

JANUARY 23, 2020

The Council of the City of Clarksburg met in Special Session on Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 3:30 P.M. at the Clarksburg Municipal Building – Council Chambers, 222 West Main Street, Clarksburg, West Virginia, with Mayor Kennedy presiding.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Frank Ferrari
Marshall Goff
Lillie Junkins
Gary Keith
Jimmy Marino, Vice Mayor,
Ryan Kennedy, Mayor

ALSO PRESENT:

Annette Wright, Interim City Manager
Paula Hardman, Interim City Clerk

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jim Malfregeot

1. ROLL CALL

2. TELEPHONE INTERVIEWS/CITY MANAGER APPLICANTS

MOTION by Vice-Mayor Marino, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Ferrari to adjourn into Executive Session pursuant to Chapter 6, Article 9A, Section 4 of the West Virginia Code to discuss personnel matters and that the following persons be present: Mayor, Members of City Council and Interim City Manager.

Concluding Executive Session, **MOTION** by Councilmember Keith, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Ferrari to reconvene into regular session. **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

There being no further business to come before Council, **MOTION** by Councilmember Ferrari, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Goff to adjourn. **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**



Ryan Kennedy, Mayor

2-6-2020

Approved

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JANUARY 23, 2020

The Clarksburg City Council met in CONFERENCE (Work) SESSION on Thursday, January 23, 2019 at 5:00 P.M. at the Clarksburg Municipal Building – Council Chambers, 222 West Main Street, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Frank Ferrari
 Marshall Goff
 Lillie Junkins
 Gary Keith
 Jim Malfregeot
 Jimmy Marino, Vice Mayor
 Ryan Kennedy, Mayor

ALSO PRESENT:

Annette Wright, Interim City Manager
 James Cann, City Attorney
 Paula Hardman, Interim City Clerk
 Police Chief Mark Kiddy
 Dominique Spatafore, Marketing/Community Relations Specialist
 Kim Karakiozis, Finance Director
 Adam Barberio, Zoning Officer
 Tom Brown, City Engineer
 Jim Llaneza, Code Enforcement

Following roll call, Council proceeded with the following agenda:

(Deviating from agenda)

Discussion regarding zoning ordinances:

At this time, Councilmember Keith discussed with Council the need for a zoning overhaul also providing a handout for their review. He also discussed a study that had been done sometime in the late 90's with Interim Manager Wright referring to the Comprehensive Plan, a study that is updated every ten years informing that it was time for a new one this year.

A detailed discussion took place at this time regarding the need for touching up the zoning ordinances addressing any area of concern. Councilmember Ferrari inquired as to any changes that really need made at this time with Mr. Barberio informing some of the original ordinances probably need updated explaining the same as such. Concluding discussion, Interim City Manager Wright informed since it was time for a new study she requested with Council approving, of having the city engineer and city attorney look into this. Various issues were discussed at this time.

(Deviating from agenda)

Discussion regarding Economic Development Study (CEC):

Members of the Harrison County Economic Development Corporation addressed council at this time informing of Clarksburg being in the opportunity zone explaining the same as such. They explained their plan in detail and how they would look for funding as to where was needed and the city would be the drivers of said plan. This was the time to kick off, get ahead with as much funding as possible for planning an economic development strategic plan, a zoning plan. Vacant buildings were discussed along with tax plans. All a part of what we know as opportunities. This would create the ability to attract major employer and employment opportunities. They explained looking ahead with a 20 year vision for the city. They then reviewed a to-do list explaining in detail the project plans that would bring many investment opportunities. They outlined their thoughts in full detail informing the city would drive the plan with the county's support; they informed the exact breakdown of phases including funding noting the progress to be seen. Councilmember Junkins inquired at this time if there would be any risks to the city with them informing of no risks.

At this time Vice Mayor Marino inquired as to the amount of funds they were asking for to progress with said plan with the representatives informing of approximately \$50k up front that would go towards the implementation of the plan, the writing and development of said plan with Vice Mayor Marino next inquiring as to the amount of funds already allotted to the Corporation of \$25k and how exactly, if they could explain in detail how it has benefited the city with the representatives informing of nothing noted. At this time Vice Mayor Marino voiced concerns with asking for additional funds when there was already a nothing to show for it

Spatafore informing if a professional video is what they want, she is probably not their girl because all she has to use is her personal cell phone.

Council discussed keeping the cities website updated with Ms. Spatafore explaining we are charged for only limited space but have the opportunity to purchase more if we want. Council then discussed with Ms. Spatafore contacting the business owners and also an interactive website. All this will be looked into.

(Deviating from agenda)

Discussion of Public Safety Task Force Recommendations:

At this time, the recommendations that were presented by the Public Safety Task Force at the last council meeting were discussed in more detail.

At this time both Councilmember Goff and Chief Kiddy voiced concerns with the VIPS program that had been presented explaining the same as such. The Liability issues were a major concern. However, neighborhood watch groups were of more interest.

Other Task Force recommendations of interest and could be considered for the future were discussed in great detail. Cameras and tip lines and having people secure their properties were some highlights of discussion.

At this time Chief Kiddy informed of House Bill 4442 that could possibly go into effect increasing the amount of funds the city would have to pay for the first seven days in jail of someone that was arrested. This amount would be hard on the city and he encouraged everyone to voice their concerns to their Delegates.

Street lights were also discussed and it was decided to reach out to First Energy to see about lights.

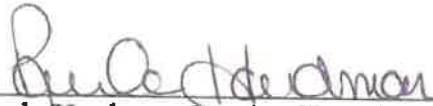
Meeting adjourned.



Ryan Kennedy, Mayor

2-6-2020

Approved



Paula Hardman, Interim City Clerk