JANUARY 17, 2019

The Clarksburg City Council met in REGULAR SESSION on Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. at the Clarksburg Municipal Building – Council Chambers, 222 West Main Street, Clarksburg, West Virginia, with Mayor Goings presiding.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:
Gary Bowden
Frank Ferrari
Marshall Goff
Ryan Kennedy
Vice Mayor Jim Malfregeot
Mayor Catherine Goings

ALSO PRESENT:
Martin Howe, City Manager
James Cann, City Attorney’s Office
Annette Wright, City Clerk

COUNCIL MEMBER(S) ABSENT:
Chad Sigmon

Following roll call, the prayer was given and the pledge led by Vice Mayor Malfregeot.

At this time, Council deviated from the agenda for the following presentations: Councilmember Ferrari, on behalf of the Mayor and Council, presented Mrs. Frush and Mrs. Reed (faculty of Notre Dame High School) with a proclamation proclaiming the week of January 20-26, 2019 as “Clarksburg School Choice Week.”

Councilmember Bowden, on behalf of the Mayor and Council, presented Police Chief Robert Hilliard with a proclamation in recognition of January 22, 2019 being “National Day of Racial Healing.”

MOTION by Councilmember Ferrari, SECONDED by Councilmember Goff for approval of the minutes of the Regular session of Council held on January 3, 2019. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mayor Goings called for petitions, communications and public hearings with the following individual appearing therefor:

Mendi Scott, Clarksburg – appeared before Council to inform of the upcoming annual “Point in Time” count wherein volunteers are out looking for those individuals who are homeless or signs of homelessness stating that more volunteers would be better to allow for more territory to be covered. Ms. Scott referenced the newsletter she provided and informed that those interested could go to the noted link to sign up to volunteer with the count. Councilmember Bowden inquired if Ms. Scott could provide a follow-up report as to the count.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: CITY MANAGER’S REPORT/UPDATE
Manager’s Report
January 17, 2019
Submitted by Martin G. Howe

General Updates

1. Demolition –
   a. Stantec Engineering – Stantec is finalizing all environmental/asbestos reports for all 59 structures tested. The following is the anticipated timeline for bidding:
      i. Advertise - Wednesday, February 13th and Wednesday, February 20th
      ii. Pre-bid Meeting – Thursday, February 21st
      iii. Bid Opening – Tuesday, March 5th
      iv. URA consider awarding bids – Thursday, March 7th
   b. 631 Drummond St. – Reclalm Company began razing the structure on Monday, January 14th and completed as of Tuesday, January 15th.

Police and Fire
1. Police –
   a. New Hires – We have hired five (5) new probationary officers. They will be sworn-in on
      Tuesday, January 22nd at 9:00 a.m. and their official start date will be Friday, February 1st. The
      five (5) probationary officers will begin the Field Training Officer Program (FTO) then
      tentatively enter the WV State Police Academy on April 15th. A sixth (6) officer has been
      offered a probationary officer position upon his graduation in May 2019.
   b. Mutual Aid Agreement for Law Enforcement was formally renewed as of Tuesday, January 15th.
   c. Police Civil Service – Meeting was held on Tuesday, January 15th to consider updating the
      eligibility list. We will advertise in the local paper and on social media. The Physical Ability
      Test will be conducted on Saturday, February 16th at 10:00 a.m. at RCB High School. The
      Written Test will be conducted on Wednesday, February 27th at 6:00 p.m. at the Harrison County
      Senior Citizen Center. A sign-on bonus of $7,500 is being offered to certified officers.
   d. Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) – Received notification from Governor Justice’s Office the City
      was awarded $15,000 to assist in supporting the Prevention Resource Officer. One other JAG
      Grant for a PRO was not granted. Next year we will be eligible to submit for JAG Grant at RCB,
      Washington Irving Middle and Transitional.

Infrastructure Projects

1. Embankment Failures –
   a. Ascension/Brannon Street – Engineers are working with contractor on punch list items.
   b. Upper Winding Way – Contractors are still waiting on overhead utility relocation.
   c. Leon Street – Due to the discovery of old mine voids, Ascent Consulting and Engineering is
      increasing the project scope to adequately assess the subsurface condition. Additional duties will
      include a minimum of two (2) borings, mine void stabilization and full time project inspection.

Events

Upcoming events at the RGPAC –
   a. Inner Sun by Koresh Dance Company, Saturday, January 26th at 7:30p.m.
   b. Movie – “Frozen” Sunday, February 3rd
   c. Movie – “Gone with the Wind” Sunday, February 10th (sold out)

CITY CLERK’S INFORMATION:

ZONING FORM IN CONNECTION WITH AN APPLICATION TO OPERATE: A WVABCA LICENSED CLASS B ESTABLISHMENT FILED BY FAMILY DOLLAR STORES OF WEST VIRGINIA, LLC dba FAMILY DOLLAR #22623, 511 ROSEBUD PLAZA – RETURNED TO THE APPLICANT ON JANUARY 8, 2019

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:


B. TO CONSIDER FOR ADOPTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY ON

City Clerk Wright announced that notices regarding the public hearing on the above-captioned matter appeared in The Exponent Telegram on January 4, 2019 and January 11, 2019. Mayor Goings declared the public hearing open. With no one appearing therefor, the public hearing was closed. MOTION by Vice Mayor Malfregeot, SECONDED by Councilmember Goff for adoption of the above-captioned bond authorizing ordinance on third and final reading. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor Goings: Advised that the City received a plaque from the Progressive Women’s Association in recognition of the City’s continued support of the Association; announced that the planning session would begin at 4:00 p.m. (if all available at said time) on Thursday, January 24 at the RGPAC and the agenda would be forthcoming.

Vice Mayor Malfregeot: Inquired if a tour could be arranged of the apartments in the old Palace building with Mr. Howe advising that such may be possible next week.

Councilmember Kennedy: Expressed appreciation for the recognition of “School Choice Week;” urged council to volunteer for the “Point in Time” count.

Councilmember Ferrari: Expressed delight in the hiring of the five (5) new police officers and commended the administration for moving this process along.

There being no further business to come before Council, MOTION by Vice Mayor Malfregeot, SECONDED by Councilmember Goff and APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY for adjournment.

Catherine A. Goings, Mayor

Approved: February 7, 2019

Annette M. Wright, City Clerk