MARCH 21, 2019

The Clarksburg City Council met in REGULAR SESSION on Thursday, March 21, 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:        ALSO PRESENT:
Gary Bowden                  Martin Howe, City Manager
Frank Ferrari                 James Cann, City Attorney’s Office
Marshall Goff                 Annette Wright, City Clerk
Ryan Kennedy                  Chad Sigmon
Vice Mayor Jim Malfregeot     Mayor Catherine Goings

Following roll call, the prayer was given and the pledge led by Councilmember Goff with Councilmember Goff asking for prayers for the family of Public Works’ employee Anthony Iquinto who passed away earlier this week.

MOTION by Vice Mayor Malfregeot, SECONDED by Councilmember Ferrari for approval of the minutes of the conference (work) session of Council held on February 28, 2019. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION by Vice Mayor Malfregeot, SECONDED by Councilmember Goff for approval of the minutes of the regular session of Council held on March 7, 2019. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mayor Goings called for petitions, communications and public hearings with no one appearing therefor.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5:  CITY MANAGER’S REPORT/UPDATE
Manager’s Report
March 21, 2019
Submitted by Martin G. Howe

General Updates

1. Demolition –
   a. Contract Signing/Pre-Construction Meeting – took place Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 10 am with the City, URA and contractors. The total aggregate amount of the City and URA contracts is $496,888.
   b. The City executed two (2) contracts utilizing TIF Funds.
      i. Contract #1 for abatement of five (5) structures: 112 N. 26th Street, 120 Dodge Court, 1010 Watkins Lane, 1327 Adams Avenue and 1410 Alpha Avenue.
      ii. Contract #2 for asbestos abatement and demolition of five (5) structures: 432 S. Holden Street, 437 E. Pike Street, 748 Locust Avenue (DEMO ONLY), 765 W. Pike Street and 1313 Goff Street.
   c. The URA executed five (5) contracts as follows:
      i. Contract #1 – Abatement of ten (10) structures: 105 Ben Street, 114 Anderson Street, 118 Anderson Street, 137 Broadway Avenue, 313 Sumner Street, 359 Monticello Avenue, 411 Simpson Avenue, 420 Simpson Avenue, 423 Ben Street, 430 E.B. Saunders Way.
      ii. Contract #2 – For the abatement of ten (10) structures: 699 Verdun Street, 771 Glendale Avenue, 854 Milford Street, 961 River Road, 1212 Nutter Street, 1307 Philippi Pike, 1307.5 Philippe Pike, 1332 Franklin Avenue, 1531 Farland Avenue, 1720 Pearlman Avenue.
      iii. Contract #3 – For the Demolition of eleven (11) structures: 128 Denham Street, 182 N. 1st Street, 235 Grant Street, 340 Simpson Avenue, 401 College Street, 406 College Street, 407 Tyler Avenue, 440 Lee Avenue, 636 Clifton Street, 762 Mulberry Avenue.
      iv. Contract #4 – For the Abatement and Demolition of seven (7) structures: 113 Summit Court, 127 Winding Way, 204 Tuna Street, 208 Church Street, 215 Lynn Avenue, 307 Liberty Avenue, 310 Fowler Avenue.
      v. Contract #5 – For the Abatement and Demolition of seven (7) structures: 314 Clay Street, 405 S. Chestnut Street, 519 S. Linden Avenue, 700 S. Chestnut Street, 742.5 E. Main Street, 1211 E. Main Street, 1439 Farland Avenue.

2. Spring Cleanup – The Spring cleanup will be beginning the week of April 1st. Cleanup will be the weeks of Monday, April 1st – Friday, April 5th; Monday, April 8th – Friday, April 12th and conclude the week of Monday, April 15th – Friday, April 19th. Easter Sunday is April 21.
Police and Fire

1. Drug Take Back – Operation Drug Take Back day will be Saturday, April 27th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There will be two (2) locations for drop-off – the parking lot behind Clarksburg City Hall and EastPointe Kroger.
2. Governor’s Highway Safety Grant – FY 2019: Received supplemental funding in the amount of $118,500 for continued enforcement efforts outlined in original fiscal year 2019. Grant awarded October 1, 2018.
3. Prevention Resource Officer – Justice Assistance Grant (JAG Grant) – Received executed grant for RCB High School July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019.

Infrastructure Projects

1. Embankment Failures –
   a. Upper Winding Way – Contractor Rock Forge Bridge Company stated that the project will begin on Monday, March 25, 2019.
   b. Leon Street- Ascent Consulting and Engineering are proceeding with the preparation of the project design plans and bidding documents. The grouting process for mine void repair will be a considerable cost toward the overall project. The installation of the H-Pile wall will also be a major part of the project. We are continuing to communicate with the WVDEP for assistance through their Division of Mining and Reclamation. We are also investigating the possibility of being able to apply for an Abandoned Mine Reclamation Grant through a recent announcement by United States Senator Joe Manchin.
   c. FEMA Funds – Earlier this week the Administration executed a document allowing the City to become eligible for reimbursement funds for the Ascension Brannon Hillslip Slip Project and the Lowndes Hill Slip Project. In 2018, both of these project locations were declared eligible for FEMA reimbursement funds. Total reimbursements are equal to $702,662.00.

Events

1. Upcoming events at the RGPAC –
   a. Music – “The Oak Ridge Boys”, Saturday, March 23rd with shows at 3:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Currently the 7:30 p.m. show is Sold Out.
   b. Music – “Vienna Boys Choir” – Saturday, March 30th at 7:30 p.m.
   c. Event – “The Best of Harrison County” hosted by the Exponent Telegram – Sunday, March 31st at 2:00 p.m. at the RGPAC.

FOIA

1. FOIA request from Travis Lee Allen Whitt, Potomac Highlands Regional Jail, on Wednesday, March 6, 2019 (received on Monday, March 11th) requesting information on 435 South 3rd Street. We responded to Mr. Whitt on Tuesday, March 12th.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:


   MOTION by Councilmember Ferrari, SECONDED by Vice Mayor Malfregeot for approval of the above-referenced budget for fiscal year 2019-2020. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.


The City Clerk announced that notices for the public hearing regarding the above-captioned ordinance appeared in The Exponent Telegram on March 12, 2019 and March 19, 2019. Mayor Goings declared the public hearing open with the following individual appearing therefor:
Ruben Blankenship of Lamar Advertising appeared for the public hearing stating that the proposed changes to the ordinance may negatively impact his business.

There being no one else appearing for the public hearing, the same was closed.

MOTION by Vice Mayor Malfregeot, SECONDEd by Councilmember Bowden for approval of the above-captioned ordinance on second and final reading. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. CONSIDERATION OF FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CLARKSBURG” AMENDING ARTICLE 1315.01 OF PART 13 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CLARKSBURG BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP; REZONING THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE AT 107 TOLLEY DRIVE, IN THE CITY OF CLARKSBURG, CLARK DISTRICT, HARRISON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, IDENTIFIED ON TX MAP 33, AS PARCEL 33, FROM ITS CURRENT CLASSIFICATION AS A BUSINESS-2 (B-2) DISTRICT RECLASSIFIED AS A BUSINESS-3 (B-3) DISTRICT

MOTION by Councilmember Ferrari, SECONDEd by Councilmember Goff for approval of the above-captioned ordinance on first reading. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. CONSIDERATION OF FAIR HOUSING MONTH RESOLUTION

MOTION by Vice Mayor Malfregeot, SECONDEd by Councilmember Kennedy for adoption of the above-captioned Fair Housing Month Resolution. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPOINTING BALLOT COMMISSIONERS, FIXING PRECINCT BOUNDARIES AND POLLING PLACES AND APPOINTING ELECTION OFFICIALS FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF CLARKSBURG ON TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2019

MOTION by Vice Mayor Malfregeot, SECONDEd by Councilmember Sigmon for adoption of the above-captioned resolution. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

D. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPOINTING EMERGENCY ABSENTEE VOTING COMMISSIONERS FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF CLARKSBURG ON TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2019

MOTION by Vice Mayor Malfregeot, SECONDEd by Councilmember Goff for adoption of the above-captioned resolution. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Ferrari noted the two (2) large projects which the City is recouping funding for under FEMA Funding.

Mayor Goings noted the In Sync Drug Awareness Walk scheduled for Monday, March 25th in the Adamston area and announced that they would also be passing out flyers regarding the Spring clean-up.

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

Catherine A. Goings, Mayor

Approved: April 4, 2019

Annette M. Wright, City Clerk