APRIL 18, 2019

The Clarksburg City Council met in REGULAR SESSION on Thursday, April 18, 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  
Manager  
Marshall Goff  
Ryan Kennedy  
Vice Mayor Jim Malfregeot  
Mayor Catherine Goings

ALSO PRESENT:  
Anthony Bellotte, Asst. City Manager  
James Cann, City Attorney’s Office  
Annette Wright, City Clerk

COUNCIL MEMBER(S) ABSENT:  
Frank Ferrari  
Chad Sigmon

Following roll call, the prayer was given and the pledge led by Councilmember Kennedy.

MOTION by Vice Mayor Malfregeot, SECONDED by Councilmember Bowden for approval of the minutes of the regular session of Council held on April 4, 2019. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Martin Shaffer, 211 N. Sixth Street – addressed Council concerning (Crime) Volume 11, council meeting remarks. Mr. Shaffer commented that after he spoke at the last Council meeting and was leaving the room someone made a smart remark and stated that it was his place to motivate Council to do their jobs better. Mr. Shaffer informed of the success of his family business, American Vending, and commented that he and his family have done much for the community. Mr. Shaffer stated that he would like to challenge all of Council to give to the community.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5:  
CITY MANAGER’S REPORT/UPDATE  
Manager’s Report  
April 18, 2019  
Submitted by Martin G. Howe

General Updates

1. Demolition –  
   i. Anderson/CIRA Associates – Awarded the abatement contract consisting of 32 structures. To date they have completed abating eight (8) of thirty-two (32) structures.  
   ii. Empire Builders – Awarded a total of 23 structures for abatement and demolition. Empire began Wednesday, April 18th with structures located on College Street.

2. Spring Cleanup – The Spring cleanup began Monday, April 1st and will conclude Friday, April 19th. We are near completion and to date we have collected 225 tons and made 141 trips to the Landfill at a cost of $8,545 in tipping fees. For the Spring of 2018 we collected 251 tons.

3. Landfill Closure Application – The WV Solid Waste Permit Renewal has been submitted to the WVDEP. The Public Notice is scheduled to be advertised Friday, April 12th and Friday, April 19th in the Exponent Telegram. The public comment period ends Monday, May 13th.

Police and Fire

1. Police Civil Service (PCSC) – Hiring of Officers  
   a. The Civil Service Commission will be meeting Monday, April 22nd to review the background and polygraph results.  
   b. The PCSC will also begin testing for a new eligibility list.  
   c. Clarksburg Police Department will be attending two (2) Job Fairs:  
      i. WDTV Employment Expo at Meadowbrook Mall on Thursday, April 18th.  
      ii. WV State Building on Friday, June 7th.
2. 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.

**Infrastructure Projects**

1. Embankment Failures –
   a. Upper Winding Way – Contractor Rock Forge Bridge Company mobilized Monday, April 1st and began prepping site. Rock Forge has completed installation of all twenty-five (25) HP steel piles.
   b. Leon Street – We have been in contact with Robert Rice, Director Division of Land Restoration with the WVDEP office in Charleston concerning funding assistance. Mine voids and space stabilization are two (2) primary parts of the projects that need to be corrected in order to complete the overall embankment failure project. Also, we are asking for assistance in applying for grant funds through Abandoned Mine Land Grants which was recently announced in a March newsletter from Senator Joe Manchin.

**Economic Development**

1. Qdoba Mexican Eats – Ribbon cutting on Monday, April 29th at 10:30 a.m. located at 250 Emily Drive, Clarksburg.
2. Ribbon Cutting - Life Choice Pregnancy Resource Center, Thursday, May 16th at 11:00 a.m. and Open House from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. located at 130 South 4th Street, Clarksburg.

**Events**

1. Upcoming events at the RGPAC –
   a. Magic Show – America’s Great Touring Magic Show with Johnny Magic, Friday, April 26th at 8:00 p.m.
   b. Music – “The Abrams” Sunday, April 28th at 2:00 p.m.
   c. Movie – “Harry Potter and The Order of the Phoenix” Friday, May 3rd at 7:00 p.m.
2. YMCA Healthy Kids Day – VA Memorial Park on Saturday, April 27th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. **CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR A MATCHING FUND GRANT FOR LITTER CONTROL**

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

B. **CONSIDERATION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A MINIMUM REVENUE GUARANTEE AGREEMENT/PLEDGE WITH THE MID ATLANTIC AEROSPACE COMPLEX AND SKYWEST AIRLINES**

   **MOTION** by Vice Mayor Malfregeot, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Bowden for approval of the above-captioned matter. Under discussion, Councilmember Kennedy expressed his discontent with bailing out a private entity noting that he has been consistent in such. **MOTION CARRIED 4-1** with Councilmember Kennedy casting the dissenting vote.

C. **CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT TO THE CLARKSBURG DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

   **MOTION** by Vice Mayor Malfregeot, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Bowden to reappoint Nancy Stinard to the Clarksburg Development Authority. **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Mayor Goings: Wished all a Happy Easter; expressed sympathy for the loss of the former K9 dog.
Councilmember Kennedy: Wished all a blessed Easter season.

Vice Mayor Malfregeot: Echoed Easter wishes; offered condolences to the Hunt family for the loss of Tom Hunt who was a longstanding member of the Parking Authority.

Councilmember Bowden: Echoed his sympathies regarding the passing of Tom Hunt; noted a concern he received regarding water draining across 2nd Street/Lowndes Hill which freezes in the winter and that it appears that the problem has been taken care of.

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: May 2, 2019

Annette M. Wright, City Clerk