August 1, 2019

The Clarksburg City Council met in REGULAR SESSION on Thursday, August 1,
2019 at 6:00 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  
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

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

MOTION by Councilmember Ferrari, SECONDED by Councilmember Goff for
approval of the minutes of the Special session of Council held on July 11, 2019. MOTION
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION by Councilmember Ferrari, SECONDED by Councilmember Goff for
approval of the minutes of the Regular Session of Council held on July 18, 2019. MOTION
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councilman Malfregeot intervened at this time, deviating from the agenda to propose a
motion for a resolution to be considered out of order pursuant to section 115.11g of the city’s
charter stating that a councilmember has the right to introduce an ordinance, resolution or motion
out of the regular order explaining the same as such with councilman Keith inquiring for further
detail as to understand fully councilman’s Malfregeots request. Councilman Malfregeot
proceeded to express his dismay to learn that the lawsuit filed by the city manager Martin Howe
had been resolved through litigations and negotiations conducted by two attorneys whose hiring
had never been approved by said council. The city of Clarksburg has a mandated city attorney
who appears to also have been excluded from said matter. He then stated that it appears said
lawsuit naming certain members of this current council as conspiring defendants had been settled
without a vote by said council authorizing any such settlement. Continuing, he implied it further
appeared that a payment in excess of $230,000 had been paid from city funds once again without
confirming the vote from said council.

At this time, Mayor Kennedy intervened with a point of order from the chair, inquiring to
councilman Malfregeot that the motion he had previously made was not included in said agenda
so exactly what on the agenda was he looking to move with councilman Malfregeot responding
by informing the Mayor that he was referring back to section 115.11g of the charter stating that
pursuant to said section a member had the right to introduce an ordinance, resolution or motion
out of the regular order. Mayor Kennedy informed councilman Malfregeot at this time that his
motion, if included in said agenda could be bumped up for consideration, however, no motion
existed as such on said agenda. Also, said charter was still subject to the sunshine act, the open
meetings act and a person just can’t be taking on something that not been properly noticed so if
no such agenda item existed then his motion was out of order and will not be considered by the
governing body.

Councilman Malfregeot stated as a matter of record that he respectfully disagreed at this time
with Mayor Kennedy informing that any comments councilman Malfregeot would like to
address would be heard under council comments and since there was no motion at this time, it
was time to move on.

Concluding a detailed discussion, it was decided to move forward at this time.

At this time, Council deviated from the Agenda for a special presentation with Mayor
Kennedy presenting a Key to the City to Mr. Wayne Worth expressing his sincere appreciation
for having gone above and beyond, doing great things for our community for many years not only for the city of Clarksburg but throughout the state. Having recently been recognized with the 2019 West Virginia Leadership award from Volunteer West Virginia, Mr. Worth was pleased to accept this honor. He expressed appreciation and gratitude to the Mayor and all in attendance explaining that he had been adopted here in the State of West Virginia back when he was just 11 years old stating the three things in his life he is most grateful for and that was his family, community and opportunity. He was so appreciative stating that he was going to spend the rest of his life paying it forward.

Mayor Kennedy called for petitions, communications and public hearings with the following individuals appearing therefor:

**Kenneth Tyson, 105 Waldeck Street**—appeared before Council voicing concerns with crime and issues on Waldeck Street, community watch programs and a future VIP program. He explained that he remembered better times. Understanding how busy the police department is, he explained issues with people unable to receive proper response on emergency calls and also noticing a problem with handling reports. He requested more police presence and training for a future VIP program and the need for neighborhood watch program also.

At this time, councilman Goff requested they meet with the new Interim Chief to discuss said issues.

**Lou Ortenzio, Bridgeport**—appeared before council introducing the new director of the Clarksburg Mission, Marisa Rexroad informing that she would be taking the opportunity next to introduce some of their initiatives, etc… on behalf of the mission.

**Marisa Rexroad**, appeared before council informing of new reports from the Washington Post and the Charleston Gazette had reported that between 2006 and 2012, 4.6 million pills had been shipped to Harrison county alone explaining that calculations for this added up to about 90 pills to every man woman and child within the county. Harrison County experienced the highest volume of pills in northern West Virginia and the epidemic had not yet reached its peak explaining the same as such including the dangers of such an epidemic. She also explained in detail the dangers of substance abuse. This along with issues of homelessness has reached havoc in our communities and with help efforts are underway to address this. No single entity is responsible nor can any one entity salve it alone.

She informed that they have assembled a Harrison County team that has the experience, knowledge and capacity to successfully evaluate the Clarksburg Mission and address their needs and work to build our community as a whole to confront this public health crisis. This team is committed to keeping the public informed of all developments and to form community meetings and focus groups addressing the same as such throughout the entire process. Said plans will begin in September 2019 with all members committing their time as volunteers. Designated speakers will be attending future county commission and city council meetings as to keep everyone updated as such.

At this time Ms. Rexroad informed of the Missions rules, regulations and day to day operations explaining the same as such inviting any council member to reach out to her if interested in any further details.

**MACK COTTRILL**—1633 Hoffman Avenue- appeared before council with comments regarding Code Enforcement and the Civil Engineer. Mr. Cottrill informed council that Mr. Llaneza, code enforcement officer and himself were on no good terms. He then informed Mr. Llaneza had issued him several citations for property in the area. At one point he informed, Mr. Llaneza had issued him a demolition order and his appeal to the code board had reversed it. Mr. Lleneza had refused him a certificate of occupancy after the work had been completed with all the necessary permits pointing out that he was a contractor and knew the codes. He then informed council of several issues also concerning the civil engineer and director of Public Works explaining the same as such.

At this time Councilman Goff informed Mr. Cottrill that the director of Public Works has to be an engineer and that Mr. Workman of Public Works was the superintendent adding that it was currently being looked into.
Phil Wayman—501 West Pike Street- appeared before council informing he has lived in Clarksburg for the past two years and has come to love the area. He originally grew up in Pennsylvania and is now the pastor of the Clarksburg Baptist Church. At this time he quoted Vince Lombardi; “Individual commitment to a group effort” that’s what makes a team work, a company work, a society work and a civilization work. He stated a fact that some things in our city is broken, some are scared and hurting. So part of this that you as a city council face is a lot of misinformation out there and you as a council must be champions of truth during this time. Leaders worth following are willing to face and embrace current realities regardless of how discouraging or embarrassing it might be. To be that kind of leader, you must be relentless in the quest to know the truth about what’s happening around you. You must make it your habit to root out misinformation and refuse to reward those who deliver it. In doing so, you will create a culture that’s transparent and about what is and what isn’t taking place. Among this division in our country right now, you have an amazing opportunity to be a shining light of unity and progress. The time for blame shifting has past; it’s time to come together with a plan to start solving issues. Stop demonizing the other side and stop twisting each other’s words, stop being defensive and start real progress. He then voiced concerns with face book comments stating there are a lot of heartsick people in our city because they have lost their hope. We need hope; he stated he finds his hope in Jesus Christ. He closed with one last quote from Henry Ford; don’t find fault, find a remedy, please.

Mayor Kennedy thanked the pastor stating the he does still have hope, both in Jesus and in the City of Clarksburg.

Tom Rhine—Bridgeport, appeared before council starting with expressing thanks, appreciation, and gratitude to the Mayor for presenting the key to the city to Mr. Wayne Worth. He then went on to voice his wishes for a key, a key big enough to solve the homeless issue, but there is no such key, only people. He stated his belief to be that we can work together to solve said homeless issue. He informed of a task team at play right now, working towards this asking for their help by joining to support them. He described them as a group of professionals that know what they are doing and that a most courageous young lady, present at this meeting has walked into a burning building and has ask him to join her and He informed he is doing just that. He then informed the importance of needing everyone’s help in doing the same explaining the same as such. He then thanked the Mayor for joining in to help and thanked him for his support.

Joe Folio—205 E Main Street appeared before council voicing concerns with issues in his community. He then voiced concerns with the city and the county not working hand in hand requesting they reach out and find a way to do so. He also voiced concerns with Code Enforcement explaining the same as such, including high grass and curb maintenance requesting council look into the daily operations of the code department. Lastly, he stated his wishes for the city and the county to work together.

Mayor Kennedy responded by stating he is very open to work more closely with the county and he hopes to see more cooperation in the future, he would like to see that.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Manager’s Report
August 1, 2019
Submitted by Annette Wright

General Updates

1. Demolition –
   a. Empire Builders has completed all four (4) contracts – all 30 structures.
   b. Public Works will begin their final ten (10) structures this month.
   c. 124-128 Third Street – Empire Builders was the lowest bidder at $102,450. Per the property owners, Dan Cava and Matt Policano, they will be moving forward with the demolition of said property with a private contractor; and, therefore, the City will not be awarding this contract.

2. Paving List – As briefly discussed at our last meeting, due to timing, as well as the benefit of having roads addressed immediately following the winter months, the paving list will continue to be monitored and brought back to Council in the New Year for finalization. The list will go out to bid early spring (as soon as the asphalt plant opens).
3. Effective July 23, 2019, Johnny Workman was named Superintendent of Public Works.

4. Sidewalk Program – To date, we have received 12 applications; five (5) of the 12 have completed the project and have been reimbursed; two (2) have yet to obtain permits and one (1) has withdrawn from the program; the remaining four (4) are still in progress.

5. WVDOH Project – Notre Dame Bridge (Pike Street) – This project started late due to right-of-way acquisitions and additional work added to the project. The project is on schedule with a proposed completion date of spring, 2020. Interim Police Chief Snider has meet with Notre Dame and St. Mary’s School officials to discuss concerns with traffic, etc. once the 2019-20 school year begins.

6. Audit – The Audit Procurement Committee met and has recommended the firm of Tetrick &amp; Bartlett, PLLC to perform the audit services of the financial books and records for the 2018-19 and 2019-20 fiscal years at a cost of $53,000.00 for said two-year contract. This matter appears on the agenda under “New Business” for Council’s consideration.

7. City Hall Maintenance –
   a. The front steps/porch area has been finished and sealed.
   b. Public Works has stripped, waxed and buffed the first and second floors of City Hall and is now working on the first floor Police Department and Squad Room.
   c. Interim Police Chief Snider has obtained quotes for the replacement of the desks in the squad room and has ordered the desks from James &amp; Law, the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of $7,850.
   d. The hand rail to the back steps behind City Hall has been repaired and the black Wrought iron fence is being addressed for the needed repairs.
   e. We have obtained quotes for the cleaning of City Hall, as well as carpet cleaning, and will be meeting next week to move forward on this project. Once cleaned, we will be addressing painting needs in the common areas.

8. Employee Committee – The Employee Committee will be holding its first meeting with the newly-organized group of employees on August 8 and will be looking at dental and optical plans.

9. Business Survey – Our Marketing Department has begun visiting businesses in the downtown area to: (1) Thank them for selecting Clarksburg to do business; (2) seek their opinions and concerns; and (3) establish open communication. We will continue working outward until all businesses have been contacted. This feedback will be very beneficial in marketing and helping develop economic growth.

10. URA Appointment – This is a city manager appointment. As the Interim City Manager I have appointed Amy Strange to this Authority. This matter is located on the agenda under “New Business” for Council confirmation.

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### Police & Fire

1. Police Civil Service Commission (PCSC) –
   a. Promotions – A swearing-in ceremony will be held on Thursday, August 15 th at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers for Officers William “Bill” Swiger and Ethan Walker who have been promoted to Sergeant.
   b. Eligibility List – Of the nine (9) applicants that moved forward to the background phase, two (2) have voluntarily withdrawn from further consideration.
   c. Six (6) cruisers were purchased on July 26 th from Jenkins Ford at a cost of $932 below the State bid amount. This amount is the cost prior to the added options. We will be looking at Enterprise’s Fleet Management Program that is being utilized by various departments/municipalities and will report back once we have additional information.
   d. The Police Department has started the abandoned/condemned structure detail once again. This detail serves as a public safety measure as well as a deterrent to undesirable activities.
   e. Sergeant Zackery Lantz is back on the downtown beat; this assignment will...
continue until September 30th; at which time, we will.

**Economic Development**

1. Ribbon Cutting –
   Nonnie’s Niche – 163 North 1st Street – Thursday, August 22, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.

**Events**

1. Upcoming Events at the RGPAC –
   a. Movies –
      i) “Harry Potter & the Deathly Hallows” – Friday, August 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
   b. Music –
      i) “An Acoustic Evening with John Anderson” – Sunday, August 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

2. Clarksburg Farmers Market – Saturday, August 3rd in the Tractor Supply Parking Lot from 9a.m. - 1p.m. The Clarksburg Farmers Market is a diverse collection of 20 vendors that bring fresh produce, meats, eggs, breads, and more to Clarksburg and surrounding communities.

3. Clarksburg Community Action’s First Friday’s – Friday, August 2, 2019 – 6:00p.m to 9:00 p.m. at Jackson Square. The First Friday events feature live music, artisans, various vendors, and food.

4. Clarksburg Amphitheater –
   a. Movies and Music in the Park – Movie in the Park begins at 8:45 a.m. and are free to the public, concessions are available. The following is the upcoming schedule:
      i) Lydia Britton – Saturday, August 10
   b. Music
      i) SOLD OUT – Morgan Wallen (rescheduled due to his cancellation) – Sunday, August 4th
      ii) Toby Mac – Friday, August 9 at 7:00 p.m.

5. National Night Out – will take place on Tuesday, August 6th at VA Park – 6 pm to 9 pm. This event is a family fun event that provides food, prizes, and activities while providing the community an opportunity to interact with law enforcement.

**FOIA**

1. FOIA request from Gregory H. Shillace of Shillace Law, PLLC received on July 19, 2019 regarding the FOIA requests by Andi Mancini which was received May 6, 2019 and Martin Shaffer’s request Monday, July 17, 2019. A response to Mr. Shillace’s request of July 19th was made on the same date.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

A. CONSIDERATION OF SECOND AND FINAL READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CLARKSBURG PROVIDING FOR THE ABANDONMENT OF AN UNOPENED, UNIMPROVED EXTENSION OF ARGONNE STREET, 25 FEET IN WIDTH BETWEEN PARCELS 138 AND 163 UPON TAX MAP 1 IN THE CITY OF CLARKSBURG, CLARK DISTRICT, HARRISON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, SHOWN ON THE PETITION FOR SAID ABANDONMENT ON FILE IN THE CITY CLERK’S OFFICE; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT IN CONNECTION WITH SAID ABANDONMENT; AND AUTHORIZING EH EXECUTION OF THE PROPER QUITCLAIM DEEDS, RESERVING THEREFROM UTILITY RIGHTS-OF-WAY

Notices of the public hearing concerning the above captioned Agenda item appeared in the Clarksburg Exponent/Telegram on July 23, 2019 and July 30, 2019. Mayor Kennedy declared the public hearing open with no one appearing therefore. Upon
closing the public hearing, MOTION by Councilman Ferrari, SECONDED by Councilman Goff for approval of the above-captioned ordinance on second and final reading. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. CONSIDERATION OF SECOND AND FINAL READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CLARKSBURG, TO REPEAL ARTICLE 121, SECTION 121.01, THEREBY ELIMINATING THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER

Notices of the public hearing concerning the above captioned Agenda item appeared in the Clarksburg Exponent/Telegram on July 23, 2019 and July 30, 2019. Mayor Kennedy declared the public hearing open with no one appearing therefore. Upon closing the public hearing, MOTION by Councilman Ferrari, SECONDED by Vice-Mayor Marino for approval of the above-captioned ordinance on second and final reading. Under discussion, Councilman Ferrari addressed council recalling back in 2012, Mr. Scarcelli, Public Works Superintendent, had passed away suddenly. He then stated the individual who was his assistant, had taken over the position, and so at that time another $100,000 had been saved by not hiring another Superintendent. When this individual was promoted to Assistant City Manager, he was given a few thousand dollars raise. He reminded everyone that when creating said position of assistant city manager, they had promoted someone from within instead of hiring a new employee. Now, with this position, we will be saving the city money because we won’t be replacing them. MOTION CARRIED 4-1 with Councilmember Malfregeot casting the dissenting vote.

C. CONSIDERATION OF SECOND AND FINAL READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CLARKSBURG AMENDING ARTICLE 109, SECTION 109.01 (D) TO ALLOW THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLARKSBURG TO TRANSFER UNENCUMBERED FUNDS AT ANY TIME BETWEEN DEPARTMENTS

Notices of the public hearing concerning the above captioned Agenda item appeared in the Clarksburg Exponent/Telegram on July 23, 2019 and July 30, 2019. Mayor Kennedy declared the public hearing open with no one appearing therefore. Upon closing the public hearing, MOTION by Councilwoman Junkins, SECONDED by Councilman Ferrari 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 CREATING ARTICLE 115, SECTION 115.15 PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF ADVISORY BOARDS OR COMMITTEES BY RESOLUTION

MOTION by Councilman Keith, SECONDED by Vice-Mayor Marino for approval of the above-captioned ordinance on first reading. Under discussion, Councilman Keith stated at this time that he felt it was very important for council to make clear the direction of which they were taking as to get more citizens involved. Being a part of council, he added his thoughts that it gives you the opportunity either to exercise your power and do everything the way you want to do it or refer to the people to try to get the best solutions and try to find people who want to help us. He hopes the people will support council on this. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. CONSIDERATION OF FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CLARKSBURG CREATING ARTICLE 120 OF CHAPTER FIVE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CLARKSBURG TO ENACT AN ANTI-NEPOTISM ORDINANCE

MOTION by councilman Keith, SECONDED by councilman Goff, under discussion, Councilman Malfregeot intervened at this time stating his belief to be that we were having a hard enough time getting people to work so why would we exclude good people like we already have been because they because they are related to someone on this council. Is impossible for us to fill our police force already, why would we exclude potential candidates. The Mayor responded by
informing that this is a national movement of open transparency and clean government that is being adopted, not only by cities in West Virginia, but at large. He then inquired as to councilman Malfregeot having read the ordinance stating first of all it has grandfathering in it so nobody that currently has a job or position will be affected and it is important that people know that city employees are being hired based upon their merits at being the best employee or being fired or being disciplined. He feels this is something that is long overdue in the city of Clarksburg. Councilman Malfregeot requested this be discussed further in a special session with the Mayor responding by stating that a motion to table is not Jermaine at this time due to a motion already on the floor. **MOTION CARRIED 4-1 with Councilmember Malfregeot casting the dissenting vote.**

C. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF CLARKSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL GROSS SALARY OF THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER FOR THE DURATION OF HER TIME AS INTERIM CITY MANAGER

**MOTION** by Councilman Keith at this time to amend said resolution for the Interim city manager to be $95,000. **SECONDED** by Vice-Mayor Marino, no discussion, **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

D. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CLARKSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA, TO APPOINT PAULA HARDMAN AS INTERIM CITY CLERK

**MOTION** by Vice-Mayor Marino, **SECONDED** by Councilman Keith, **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**


**MOTION** by Councilman Malfregeot, **SECONDED** by Councilman Ferrari **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

F. CONFIRMATION OF INTERIM CITY MANAGER’S APPOINTMENT TO THE URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY

**MOTION** by Vice-Mayor Marino to appoint Amy Strange to the board of the Urban Renewal Authority, **SECONDED** by Councilwoman Junkins. **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

G. CONSIDERATION OF A PETITION FILED BY ALEX WOLFE (WOLFE’S EXCAVATING) REQUESTING THE ABANDONMENT OF AN EXISTING RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED ON QUARRY DRIVE

**MOTION** by Councilman Ferrari, **SECONDED** by Councilman Malfregeot to forward the above-captioned petition to the Planning & Zoning Commission for their review, public hearing and comment. **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Deviating from the agenda*

At this time Mayor Kennedy introduced and welcomed our State Auditor, J. B. McCuskey who did a special presentation for council. After a brief introduction, the Auditor introduced a special presentation his office created called project Mountaineer. Being the first of its kind, project Mountaineer is an integrating accounting approach to the way our audits are conducted explaining the same as such. He touched upon several highlights emphasizing on the importance of transparency and the efficiency of said program. A brief question and answer period ensued.
COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilman Malfregeot: Reading from a prepared statement, he informed council of his dismay to find out that the lawsuit filed by city manager Martin Howe was resolved as previously stated, explaining the same as such again quoting section 115.11g of the city’s charter. He went on to state that there was no concurrence by council, however, the money agreed to by someone has been paid with tax payer money and section 163.05 only permits settlements of lawsuits to be made with the approval of this council. He stated he was at a complete loss to understand such action taken explaining the same as such. He then stated it appeared to him that such conduct may constitute misconduct also explain the same as such. He went on to say that it was clear to him that any failure on his part to take action which he now seeks could be seen as neglect of his duty as a member of this council to ensure that public monies are spent appropriately and not for personal benefit of individuals of this council. He then called upon those not named in said lawsuit to pass a resolution requesting the prosecuting attorney of Harrison County conduct an investigation as provided by code with respect to said allegations. Wrong or right, good or bad, Martin Howe and Anthony Bellotte are gone. Now are agenda should be to find our next city manager.

Councilwoman Junkins: She stated at this time we just need to move forward, the problems amongst us needs resolved and we need to move Clarksburg forward. A lot of problems are being faced in the city and we have to come together, we have to move forward and work together. Clarksburg is hurting and like the pastor said we need hope. We need to work together for the betterment of this town.

Vice-Minor Marino: Thanked everyone in attendance. He also agreed with Councilwoman Junkins comments, we need to work together. He noticed all that has been accomplished within the first month and looks forward to the future with plenty more to accomplish. He has hope to move forward with a lot of good things to do. He then commended Annette Wright informing she is more than qualified and has been attending these council meetings for over 20 years and knows what she is doing. She is very good at steering the ship right now until they get their feet on the ground along with the interim chief. Council will continue to do good things and hopes to see the same attendance at every meeting.

Councilman Ferrari: Expressed thanks to everyone in attendance. He then discussed the sidewalk program requesting a report as such with the interim city manager also commending her on the employee committee she organized mentioned the eye and dental program explaining the same as such voicing concerns with various issues especially with dental.

Councilman Goff: Expressed thanks to the Mayor and both the Assistant and City Manager and the City of Clarksburg on the meeting held regarding the downtown mural explaining the same as such.

Councilman Kennedy: Addressed council voicing concerns with the anti-nepotism ordinance. He doesn’t think anyone should be denied a job if related to the chief or another officer. He also agreed with Mr. Folio on working more closely with county commission for the betterment of the people. Lastly, he inquired as to the city attorney to research councilman’s Malfregeots request and report to council. He then thanks everyone in attendance.

Councilman Keith: He informed that he did not feel anyone was happy with the outcome of the lawsuit and he would just like everyone to move on. A lot that council has accomplished has been overshadowed
by this; He would like to see council come together and has no vegetative feelings for anyone. He then drawled attention to the large attendance. He commended the Auditors presentation and the business survey the city is conducting. Lastly, he thanked the interim police chief, and the interim city manager for all their hard work.

**Mayor Kennedy;**

He informed he was glad to see the city moving forward and that he was looking forward in hiring a new police chief and city manager. He then thanked all in attendance and encouraged all to go out and enjoy the Blackberry Festival.

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

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Ryan Kennedy, Mayor

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Approved

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Paula Hardman, Interim City Clerk