

CITY OF CLAIRTON
REGULAR SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH, 2019
7:00 P.M.

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Deputy Mayor Richard Ford who asked everyone to please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent prayer.

Roll Call:

Deputy Mayor Richard Ford – Present
Councilwoman Denise Johnson-Clemmons - Present
Councilman Tony Kurta – Present
Councilwoman Lee Lasich – Present
Mayor Richard L. Lattanzi – Present via phone

Also present – Deron Gabriel, Solicitor

OLD BUSINESS:

1. City Council met in Executive Session prior to the meeting to discuss legal matter dealing with zoning.
2. Motion by Councilwoman Lasich, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson-Clemmons to approve the minutes of the January 8th, 2019 meeting of City Council.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Joseph Julian – questioned the property that the City is selling to the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission.

Michael Cole and Andre Wiggins – would like to start a boxing gym for kids in the City.

Donna Vankirk – feels that the Veteran banners should have come down for the winter. She purchased one for her father and it has already come down.

Carol Hoffman – questioned the situation with the insulation door at 112 Jefferson Drive.

Elmer McCoy and Reverend Deryck Tines - questioned the status of the After School Program at Living Waters Church.

Sue Vigliotti - questioned the demolition of the house at 216 N. 3rd Street and the danger that it presents.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Councilman Kurta, seconded by Councilwoman Lasich approving Resolution No. 1726 authorizing the sale of City owned property designated as lot & block 559-S-15 to the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission and authorizing the proper City officials to assign any and all required documents. **All in favor – 5-0**
2. Motion by Councilwoman Lasich, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson-Clemmons approving Resolution No. 1727 approving the acquisition and subsequent disposition of a parcel of vacant property known as Lot & Block 878-K-56, through the Allegheny County Vacant Property Recovery Program that would be in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Clairton. **All in favor – 5-0**
3. Motion by Councilwoman Lasich, seconded by Deputy Mayor Ford exonerating the City Administrative / Finance Office for unpaid 2018 City Real Estate Taxes in the amount of \$426,990.85. **All in favor – 5-0**
4. Motion by Councilwoman Johnson-Clemmons, seconded by Councilwoman Lasich accepting the proposal from Ackenheil Engineers, Inc. to complete soil test borings and landslide investigation on the landslide area behind the Public Works yard at an estimated cost of \$21,860. **All in favor – 5-0**
5. Motion by Councilman Kurta, seconded Councilwoman Lasich accepting the proposal from the auditing firm of Maher Duesell to complete the audit of all City funds for the fiscal year 2018 at a cost of \$12,000 and authorizing the City Manager / Finance Director to sign the engagement letter. **All in favor – 5-0**
6. Motion by Councilwoman Johnson-Clemmons, seconded by Deputy Mayor Ford approving Pay Application No. 3 in the amount of \$ 75,596.20 to Independent Enterprises, Inc. for work completed on the 2018 Milling and Resurfacing Contract. **All in favor – 5-0**
7. Motion by Councilman Kurta, seconded by Deputy Mayor Ford approving the purchase of one (1) new 2019 Ford Interceptor Utility Model K8A AWD Police vehicle through the Pennsylvania Co-Stars Joint Purchasing Program from C. Harper Ford at a cost of \$43,423.00. **All in favor – 5-0**

8. Motion by Councilman Kurta, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson-Clemmons to authorize the Steel Rivers Council of Governments to award the contract for the CDBG-44 Street Reconstruction Project to Mele & Mele & Sons, the lowest responsible bidder at a cost of \$82,948.71. **All in favor – 5-0**

9. Motion by Councilwoman Johnson-Clemmons, seconded by Deputy Mayor Ford accepting the lump sum payment of \$ 2,665.71 as payment for all City delinquent real estate taxes for years 2012 through 2017 and authorizing the exoneration of all delinquent real estate tax interest and penalties for the years 2012 through 2017 on property located at 620 Constitution Circle, lot & block 1002-C-152. **Motion passed 4-1**
Deputy Mayor Ford – yes
Councilwoman Johnson-Clemmons – yes
Councilman Kurta – yes
Councilwoman Lasich – no
Mayor Lattanzi - yes

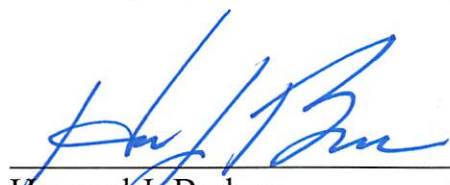
10. Motion by Councilwoman Lasich, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson-Clemmons, hiring Joshua Cree-Ciaramella as a full-time Police Officer contingent upon his completion and passing of a medical and psychological examination. **All in favor – 5-0**

11. Motion by Deputy Mayor Ford, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson-Clemmons to approve and ratify expenditures for General Fund Warrant Nos. 01042019 for \$71,623.69, 01112019 for \$55,809.92, 01182019 for \$5,140.74, and 01252019 for \$20,488.06. **All in favor – 5-0**
Councilman Kurta abstained from voting on any Comcast bills.

Adjournment:

Motion by Councilwoman Lasich, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson-Clemmons to adjourn the meeting. **All in favor – 5-0**

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.


Howard J. Bednar
City Manager / Finance Director


Richard L. Lattanzi, Mayor