

NOVEMBER 20, 2007

The Clarksburg City Council met in SPECIAL SESSION on Tuesday, November 20, 2007 at 9:00 A.M. at the Clarksburg Municipal Building – Council Chambers, 222 West Main Street, Clarksburg, West Virginia, with Mayor Thompson presiding.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Margaret Bailey
James Hunt
Sam Lopez
Martin Shaffer
Vice Mayor B.K. Vanhorn
Mayor Dan Thompson

ALSO PRESENT:

Martin Howe, City Manager
Greg Morgan, City Attorney
Annette Wright, City Clerk

COUNCIL MEMBER(S) ABSENT:

Patsy Trecost II

Following roll call, Council proceeded with the following agenda:

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: **CONSIDERATION OF AWARD FOR BID FOR SALE OF SURPLUS CITY VEHICLES**

MOTION by Councilwoman Bailey, **SECONDED** by Vice Mayor Vanhorn to award the bid for sale of surplus city vehicles pursuant to the bid information attached hereto. **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: **CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT AWARD FROM THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000 FOR CLEAN-UP OF FORMER QUALITY FOUNDRY PROPERTY AND APPROVE THE REQUIRED LOCAL MATCH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,000**

MOTION by Councilwoman Bailey, **SECONDED** by Councilman Lopez for approval of the above-captioned grant award. **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: **PRESENTATION BY OFFICER JASON WEBBER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT ON NATIONWIDE TREND FOR INTEROPERABLE RADIOS FOR FIRST RESPONDERS**

Officer Webber discussed the program and the interoperable radio system as well as advised of the information he obtained from his participation in a policy setting session he attended in San Francisco. Officer Webber announced that West Virginia and Clarksburg, in particular, is in the forefront with this radio program. There are currently 22 towers in West Virginia with 60% coverage in use of this radio system that allows communications across boundaries for first responders. Officer Webber and the Police Department were commended on their work with this program.

Mr. Howe advised that the City has been contacted concerning the Police Department's participation with the ATF wherein one of our police officers would receive necessary training to be an ATF agent. This two-year program works similar to the multi-agency drug task force. Mr. Howe advised that the City would be reimbursed for the officer's expense and the officer would be permitted to assist his own department in emergency situations. Council was in agreement to such participation.

Mr. Howe advised that the DOH will look into the Milford Street streetlight concern.

Mr. Ugo Annibale briefly spoke before Council concerning crimes and how such crimes were being addressed in other cities.

Vice Mayor Vanhorn inquired as to the status of the code violation at the auto body shop with Mr. Howe advising that the condemnation order has been upgraded to a demolition order for the subject property. Vice Mayor Vanhorn expressed discontent in not having the means in which to bring such code violation issues to closure with Councilman Hunt noting that daily fines could be imposed. Mr. Howe advised that he would look into the fine structure.

Councilwoman Bailey referenced the recent NLC Conference in New Orleans noting the educational opportunities provided.

There being no further business to come before Council, **MOTION** by Councilman Hunt, **SECONDED** by Councilwoman Bailey for adjournment. **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mayor Dan Thompson

December 6, 2007

Approved

Annette M. Wright, City Clerk