

March 25, 2021

The Clarksburg City Council met in CONFERENCE (Work) SESSION on Thursday, March 25, 2021 at 5:00 PM 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
Vice Mayor Jimmy Marino
Mayor Ryan Kennedy

ALSO PRESENT:

Harry Faulk, City Manager
Annette Wright, City Clerk

With attendance taken upon arrival by the City Clerk, Council proceeded with the following agenda item:

- **Discussion regarding American Rescue Plan of 2021 – Chad Riley of Thrasher Engineering**

Mr. Riley stated that they try to be a resource to cities and counties with regard to the American Rescue Plan Act wherein Clarksburg is to receive \$6.34 million in federal funds to use for responding to or mitigating COVID-19 and its negative impact on the economy. It was noted that half of the monies were anticipated to be received in May with the remaining half to come approximately a year later. Also, municipalities will be given until the end of 2024 to spend the funds. Mr. Riley stated that he believed that reporting the need and proper use of the funds would be necessary in order to obtain the additional funds. Mr. Riley recommended that Council be ready and have ideas for the use of the funds; however, he thought there may be some flexibility with the use of the funds.

Councilmember Keith stated that he would like to use the money to demolish the Waldo and the Parsons hotel. Councilmember Keith also suggested partnering with Bridgeport to support a project that would be beneficial to both municipalities. Vice Mayor Marino noted the City's sewer project and whether such funds could be used therefor, as well as for street paving. Also, Vice Mayor Marino remarked that he would like to assist the Mission in relocating. Councilmember Ferrari noted the bridges that the City is responsible for and the possibility of using such funding therefor as well as to make a payment(s) on the Fire Department's new ladder truck. Mayor Kennedy commented on the importance of expanding broadband with Clarksburg Water Board President Al Cox commenting that a key goal of the ARP monies is to improve infrastructure and noted water projects of the Water Board that the Water Board would like to partner with the City to have addressed.

Concluding discussion, meeting adjourned.

E. Ryan Kennedy, Mayor

Approved: April 15, 2021

Annette Wright, City Clerk