

**JANUARY 16, 2025**

The Clarksburg City Council met in REGULAR SESSION on Thursday, January 16, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Clarksburg Municipal Building – Council Chambers, 222 West Main Street, Clarksburg, West Virginia, with Mayor Malfregeot presiding.

**PRESENT:**

Councilmember Ryan Deems  
 Councilmember Martin Howe  
 Councilmember Will Hyman  
 Councilmember Marc Jackson  
 Councilmember Wayne Worth  
 Mayor Jim Malfregeot

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Steve Pulice, Community  
 Planning & Admin. Project  
 Mgr.  
 Richard Marsh, City Attorney  
 Annette Wright, City Clerk

**ABSENT:**

Vice Mayor Jerry Riffle

- 1) **Roll Call**
- 2) **Prayer & Pledge** – following a moment of silence for family, friend and prominent business owner, Larry Policano, who passed away abruptly this week, the prayer and & pledge were given by Mayor Malfregeot.
- 3) **Motion** by Councilmember Worth, **Seconded** by Councilmember Hyman for approval of the minutes of the regular session of Council held on December 19, 2024. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**  
  
**Motion** by Councilmember Howe, **Seconded** by Councilmember Worth for approval of the minutes of the regular session of Council held on January 2, 2025. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**
- 4) **Petitions, Communications, and Public Hearings:**  
  
 Victor Folio introduced Interim Library Director Shannon Beam who informed of the various activities taking place at the library and/or in conjunction with the library.
- 5) **Unfinished Business:** None.
- 6) **New Business:**
  - a) **Consideration of award of bid for asbestos abatement and/or demolition of structures located at 25-27 Bailey Street; 403 Broaddus Avenue, 413 College Street, 428 S. 25<sup>th</sup> Street, 954 River Road, 1320 ½ Adams Avenue, 1412 Farland Avenue, 1627 Henderson Avenue, 1628 Richards Avenue and 2007 Pearlman Avenue in the City of Clarksburg (Contract 1)**

**Motion By:** Councilmember Howe  
**Seconded By:** Councilmember Jackson

To award the above-referenced Contract 1 to Empire Builders, Inc., Parkersburg, WV in the amount of \$105,000.00. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**

- b) Consideration of award of bid for asbestos abatement and/or demolition of structures located at 114 Grant Street, 216 Grant Street, 505 Milford Street, 629 Staley Avenue, 631 Stealy Avenue, 631 ½ Stealey Avenue, 756 Locust Avenue, 756 Mulberry Avenue, 759 Mulberry Avenue and 937 Delaware Street in the City of Clarksburg (Contract 2)

**Motion By:** Councilmember Howe  
**Seconded By:** Councilmember Hyman

To award the above-referenced Contract 2 to Empire Builders, Inc., Parkersburg, WV in the amount of \$120,000.00. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**

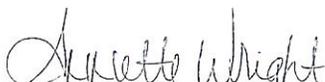
- c) Consideration of award of bid for asbestos abatement and/or demolition of structures located at 99 Watson Row, 101 Watson Row, 118 Flynn Street, 122 Flynn Street, 135 S. Park Avenue, 201 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, 323 Clay Street, 325 Clay Street, 329 Clay Street and 433 High Street in the City of Clarksburg (Contract 3)

**Motion By:** Councilmember Howe  
**Seconded By:** Councilmember Hyman

To award the above-referenced Contract 3 to Empire Builders, Inc., Parkersburg, WV in the amount of \$105,000.00. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**

7) **Council Comments:** Councilmember Howe inquired as to the status of the DROP program with Mr. Pulice informing that this would be brought back to Council in the near future; noted the need to address the volumes of snow that is making it difficult for on-street parking; inquired as to the opioid fund balance with Finance Director Kim Karakiozis informing that she would get that information and suggested we look at reimbursing ourselves therefrom as other municipalities have done. With regard to the budget, Councilmember Howe encouraged Council to support the monies in the Sales & Use Tax Fund rather than transferring the same to the General Fund; inquired as to the removal of the front desk on the first floor; along with all of Council, thanked Public Works on the snow removal; congratulated Paul Jones who entered the United Way Wing Eating contest and thanked City Manager Fell for locating the old New Year's Eve ball. Councilmember Deems, along with all of Council, recognized the Public Works Department on the snow removal, extended condolences to the Policano family; and concurred with Councilmember Howe regarding the front desk. Councilmember Worth commented on the trash can ordinance and the unintended consequences associated therewith and suggested we discuss the ordinance at a future work session. Mayor Malfregeot closed by reminding all that if they see something to say something.

There being no further business to come before Council, **Motion** by Councilmember Hyman, **Seconded** by Councilmember Worth and **Approved Unanimously** for adjournment.

  
 Annette Wright, City Clerk

  
 James L. Malfregeot, Mayor

APPROVED: February 6, 2025