

MAY 15, 2025

The Clarksburg City Council met in REGULAR SESSION on Thursday,
May 15, 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
Vice Mayor Jerry Riffle
Mayor Jim Malfregeot

ALSO PRESENT:

Tiffany Fell, City Manager
Richard Marsh, City Attorney
Annette Wright, City Clerk

- 1) Roll Call
- 2) Prayer & Pledge – given by Councilmember Howe
- 3) **Motion** by Councilmember Worth, **Seconded** by Councilmember Hyman for approval of the minutes of the regular session of Council held on May 1, 2025. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**
- 4) Petitions, Communications, and Public Hearings:

Beth Gain, 323 S. 22nd Street – appeared before Council in support of a funding request for the Clarksburg History Museum. Ms. Gain informed of the loss of the Americorp funding on April 30th for an employee and noted the impact of this loss to the museum. Ms. Gain provided quick stats about the museum noting 1,400 visitors, 150 student-visited field trips, pod casts, volunteer hours, exhibits, etc.

Mike Spatafore, 1337 N. 19th Street – also spoke in support of funding for the Clarksburg History Museum. Mr. Spatafore thanked the City Manager and City Council for their support and also discussed the negative impact to the museum due to the funding cut. Mr. Spatafore noted that Ms. Gain is not only involved with the Clarksburg History museum but also the CVB, the WVIHF, First Fridays, etc. and commented on the valuable contribution she makes to the museum. In closing, Mr. Spatafore requested continued support from the city.

Shannon Welsh, 1403 Adams Avenue – informed that she was running for House of Delegates (District 70) in 2026 and would appreciate everyone's support.

- 5) Unfinished Business:
 - a) **Consideration of Second and Final Reading and Public Hearing of An Ordinance and Order Determining the Necessity For a Continuance of Levies for the Fiscal Years Beginning July 1, 2026, July 1, 2027, July 1, 2028, July 1, 2029 and July 1, 2030 for Improvements, Maintenance, Repairs, Equipment, Vehicles, and Capital Projects for Public Parks, Playgrounds, and Facilities Operated by the City of Clarksburg Board of Park Commissioners, for Improvements, Maintenance, Paving and Repairs to Streets, Alleys, Sidewalks, and Bridges, and for**

Purchase of Various Vehicles and Equipment for the Police and Fire Departments and Providing for Submission to the Voters Within the City of Clarksburg, West Virginia, the Question of Continuance of the Levy at the Election to be Held on the 12th day of May, 2026, and Providing for the Holding and Determination of Such Election

With notices regarding the public hearing appearing in *The Exponent Telegram* on May 6, 2025 and May 13, 2025, Mayor Malfregeot declared the public hearing open with no one appearing therefor.

Motion By: Councilmember Howe
Seconded By: Vice Mayor Riffle

For approval of the above-captioned ordinance on second and final reading. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**

6) New Business:

- a) **Consideration of a Memorandum of Understanding by and between First Choice Services and the Clarksburg Police Department**

Motion By: Councilmember Deems
Seconded By: Councilmember Worth

For approval of the above-captioned MOU. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**

- b) **Consideration of a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Clarksburg Naming the Unnamed Alley Between North Florence Street and Pinnickinnick Street as "Cooper Way"**

Motion By: Councilmember Worth
Seconded By: Councilmember Hyman

For adoption of the above-captioned resolution for the naming of an unnamed alley in honor of the late Parks Superintendent John Cooper as "Cooper Way." With family and friends in attendance, Councilmember Howe read aloud the resolution recognizing John H. Cooper Jr.'s 42+ years of service with the City, his instrumental role in such projects as the Aquatic Park, the Amphitheater, the Frank Loria Baseball Field, etc., and his connection to the location of the alley. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**

- c) **Consideration of a one-time grant to the Clarksburg History Museum in the amount of \$10,000 – Report COC4**

Motion By: Councilmember Worth
Seconded By: Councilmember Deems

For approval of the above-referenced \$10,000 one-time grant to the Clarksburg History Museum. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**

- d) **Consideration of a Resolution of the City of Clarksburg, West Virginia, Regarding the Hiring of a Social Worker or Similar Employee utilizing opioid funds in an amount not to exceed \$53,652.86**

Motion By: Councilmember Hyman
Seconded By: Councilmember Worth

For approval of the above-captioned resolution regarding the hiring of a social worker, as well as the use of opioid funds therefor in an amount not to exceed \$53,652.86. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**

- e) **Consideration of the purchase of six (6) RIT packs and carrying bags for the Fire Department in the amount of \$52,541 from Johnson's Fire Equipment Company utilizing FEMA AFG funds – Report COC5**

Motion By: Councilmember Howe
Seconded By: Councilmember Hyman

For approval of the above-captioned purchase utilizing FEMA AFG funds in the amount specified therefor. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**

- 7) Council Comments:

Council shared fond memories of Superintendent John Cooper remarking that his legacy would live on. Councilmember Howe requested a list of all the opioid applications, both approved and denied. Councilmember Howe commended City Manager Fell for contacting the County regarding animal control services for our citizens. Councilmember Jackson congratulated Councilmember Worth for being selected as the Chamber of Commerce's citizen of the year. Mayor Malfregeot reminded all that if they see something to say something and wished newspaper reporter, Logan, best wishes on his newest job endeavor.

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


 Annette Wright, City Clerk


 James L. Malfregeot, Mayor
 Marc Jackson, Chair, Councilmember

APPROVED: June 5, 2025