



OFFICE OF
CITY MANAGER

CITY OF CLARKSBURG

WEST VIRGINIA

Manager's Report

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General Updates

1. Demolition –
 - a. The \$400,000 loan closing with the Urban Renewal Authority (URA) and MVB Bank was held on Wednesday, December 12th at 11:00 a.m.
 - b. Stantec Engineering – Stantec began sampling structures for asbestos containing materials on Wednesday, December 12th. The demolition spec books should be completed by the first week in January 2019.
 - i. Currently there are 66 structures on the list.
 - ii. 59 structures are to be sampled and/or tested for asbestos containing materials.
 - iii. 29 structures are to be tentatively razed by City Crews.
 - iv. A total of 37 structures will be placed out for sealed bid for independent contractors.
 - c. 631 Drummond – Property owned by Carol Howard – Received ruling from Circuit Court, granting City's motion to dismiss and granting in part to impose filing restrictions upon Ms. Howard on any new litigation she may wish to undertake in Magistrate or Circuit Court in respect to 631 Drummond St. Prior to any future filing she will have to Certify factual claim as well as Obtain Leave of the Court to file against the City or any Defendants.
2. Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center (RGPAC) –
 - i. Bond Issuance – The First Reading for the permanent financing with USDA is under New Business. Administration recommends Council approving.
 - ii. The 2nd installment of Historical Tax Credits will be realized in January 2019 prior to closing. The estimated amount to be received is approximately \$2 million.

Economic Development

Ribbon Cutting – The Vintage Barber Shop – Monday, January 7th, 209 N. 4th Street, Clarksburg, WV @ 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (noon).

Police and Fire

1. Police – Psychological tests were completed for six (6) candidates. The Police Civil Service will be conducting interviews Thursday, December 20th with eligible candidates. Eight (8) candidates are on the list with two (2) being holdovers from the previous list. Upon completing the interviews, the PCSC will then convene to certify the list. Chief Hilliard and I will be conducting interviews immediately following the PCSC. We anticipate hiring 3-5 candidates by mid-January 2019.
2. Fire – Fire Civil Service Commission – Held its meeting on Thursday, December 13th and certified its eligibility list. There are nine (9) applicants on the list. This list is valid for three (3) years and won't expire until December 2021.

Infrastructure Projects

1. Embankment Failures –
 - a. Lower Slip Winding Way – Paving began Monday, December 17th. Guardrail installation is anticipated to be completed by the end of the week.
 - b. Ascension/Brannon Street – Alan Stone Company from Williamstown, WV is the contractor.
 - i. Project is 95% complete.
 - ii. Recently street had been paved and guardrail installed.
 - iii. Additional wall for drop inlet is now being proposed.
 - iv. Ascension/Brannon may reopen for traffic by end of this week.
 - v. Engineers are proposing a three (3) week construction extension mainly because of past bad weather conditions.

Events

1. The Change Initiative will be hosting a Christmas dinner for the homeless on Thursday, December 20th at Jackson Square at 6:00 p.m.
2. Upcoming events at the RGPAC –
 - a. Movie – “The Polar Express” Friday, December 21st – sold out
 - b. Movie – “A White Christmas” Saturday, December 22nd – sold out
 - c. Centerbranch Church – “Christmas at the Grand”, Monday, December 24th at 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
 - d. Uptown’s Grand New Year’s Eve Bash - Shades of Blues in Concert (Blues Brothers Tribute Band), Monday, December 31st at 8:00 - 9:30 p.m.
3. Uptown’s Grand New Year’s Eve Bash – After Party at Jackson Square, WV Radio DJ Live Broadcast at 8:30 p.m.; JukeBox Band at 10:00 p.m. and Fireworks Display at midnight!