

**CITY OF CLARKSVILLE
CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING
October 2, 2017**

The Clarksville City Council met in regular session October 2, 2017, in the lower level of the Clarksville Public Library at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Val Swinton in the chair and Council Members Roger Doty, Jeff Kolb, Diane Renning, Kenneth Smith, Travis Sterken present.

Motion Smith, Doty, to approve and adopt the items contained in the Consent Agenda: Motion to approve minutes (September 5, 2017 and September 18, 2017).

RCV – Ayes: Doty, Kolb, Renning, Smith, Sterken. Nays: None. MC.

Mayor Swinton opened up the public discussion regarding the renovation and remodeling of the current City Hall or the construction of a new City Hall.

Larry Voigts asked how much is insurance paying for the loss. Approximately \$150,000.00 was quoted from the insurance adjuster representing Iowa Communities Insurance Pool (ICAP). This amount is the cost to bring City Hall up to pre-fire condition.

Jerry Leibold inquired about the cost to tear down the City Hall. The City has not received bids yet for the demolition of City Hall. The demolition cost of the building is not included in the preliminary estimates received from Struxture Architecture.

Bruce Lodge wanted to know if the City had looked at the option of leasing a building. Heather Prendergast, City Attorney, stated she would research leasing time requirements and if it was a possible option. She also noted that the City must sell lots at full market value.

Todd Fails asked what the total cost insurance would pay for the building and contents. The City does not have that figure yet.

Lloyd Calease wanted to verify that the demolition cost of City Hall was not included in the \$550,000.00 estimate cost to build a new building. It is not included in that estimate; it would be a separate cost.

Jerry Leibold questioned if the City would bond for construction of a new building or borrow the money from a bank. Heather Prendergast stated the City could choose either way of financing. Jerry also stated that he would prefer City Hall to be built on Main Street where three buildings are currently being demolished; use what is needed for the new City Hall building and leave the rest open for future business development.

Larry Betts, former City Clerk and Financial Officer, explained how the city tax rate will actually be less in two years than it is currently. This includes financing for a new City Hall building.

Motion Kolb, Renning, to adopt Resolution 17-651: A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW CITY HALL.

WHEREAS, Clarksville City Hall was damaged by a fire on or about July 22, 2017; and WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have reviewed recommendations from architects in regard to potential options to either renovate and remodel the existing City Hall or demolish the existing City Hall and build a new one, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have reviewed comment from the public; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have reviewed recommendations from architects and had lengthy discussions over options available to the City at this time regarding the damaged City Hall; and

WHEREAS, after providing the public notice and opportunity to be heard in regard to the choices, the Clarksville City Council has decided to proceed with construction of a new City Hall which entail demolition of the old City Hall and construction of a new building; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Clarksville City Council will move forward with all plans necessary, competitive bid process and following applicable Iowa Code to complete and build a new Clarksville City Hall.

RCV – Ayes: Doty, Kolb, Renning, Sterken. Nays: Smith. MC.

Resolution adopted, signed by the Mayor and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

Heather Prendergast updated the City Council on legal matters pertaining to the City Hall fire. Gary Freerks expressed concerns about neighboring business. Stating that it's unsightly for the neighborhood and rodent problems have been increasing for him and neighbors. Council reviewed the asbestos inspection findings in City Hall from ATC Group Services LLC.

Motion Sterken, Smith, to approve hiring of a company for the removal of asbestos from the current City Hall.

RCV – Ayes: Doty, Kolb, Renning, Smith, Sterken. Nays: None. MC.

Motion Kolb, Renning, to table shed and fence building permit for Travis Sterken, 421 N Hilton St.

RCV – Ayes: Doty, Kolb, Renning, Smith. Nays: None. Abstained: Sterken. MC.

Motion Renning, Sterken, to approve sidewalk building permit for St. John Lutheran Church, 204 N Washington St.

RCV – Ayes: Doty, Kolb, Renning, Smith, Sterken. Nays: None. MC.

Motion Sterken, to adjourn the regular City Council meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Val Swinton
Mayor

Attest: Lori A. Peterson
City Clerk/Treasurer