

**CITY OF CLARKSVILLE  
CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING  
October 3, 2022**

The Clarksville City Council met in regular session on October 3, 2022 in the City Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Michael Grantham presiding and Council Members Roger Doty, Brock Lodge, Jennifer Kielman, and Taran Sherburne (by phone), and Wendy Brooks absent. Other city employees present were: Molly Bohlen, City Clerk, Chief Mackey, Kristin Clark, librarian and Matt Behrends, maintenance. Members of the public present: Jerry Voss, Rhonda Landrum and Myrna Beechey.

In the first 5 minutes of the meeting Jerry Voss had brought up his concern regarding kids coming from the school and not crossing at the designated crossing. He states that he stopped into the DOT office in Mason City to ask about the process and all that is needed is a letter from the city to have a study done in that area.

Mayor called for Public Hearing to be opened at 6:33 pm.

Motion Doty, Kielman to open Public Hearing regarding the General Obligation Equipment Acquisition Loan Agreement in principal amount not to exceed \$150,000. Ayes: Doty, Lodge, Kielman, and Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: Brooks. MC.

Mayor asked if there was any comments from the public. There were no written comments given to City Clerk. There were some general questions from Myrna Beechey and Rhonda Landrum which were answered by the Mayor and Maintenance.

Mayor then called for the Public Hearing to be closed at 6:34 pm.

Motion Lodge, Doty to close Public Hearing. Ayes: Doty, Lodge, Kielman, and Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: Brooks. MC.

Motion Kielman, Sherburne to approve and adopt Resolution 22-26. RCV/Ayes: Sherburne, Lodge, Doty and Kielman. Absent: Brooks. MC

Mayor Topics included discussions on adding a Dog Park and Archery Range to City owned properties. Council discussed each of these and will possibly put together committees to research. Matt Behrends reminded council that on the buyouts due to flooding we would not be able to put fencing in. Additional Mayor Topic was Employee review of Matt Behrends. Behrends requested a closed session meeting to discuss.

Motion Kielman, Sherburne to enter into closed session per Iowa Code Chapter 21.5 at 6:49 pm to discuss employee review. Ayes: Doty, Lodge, Kielman, and Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: Brooks. MC.

Motion Doty, Kielman to go back to open session at 7:10 pm. Ayes: Doty, Lodge, Kielman, and Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: Brooks. MC.

Motion Lodge, Sherburne to approve a \$1/hour pay increase for Matt Behrends, Maintenance Supt. and Molly Bohlen, City Clerk and to waive having either of them having to use comp time prior to increase. Comp time accrued will be paid at old hourly rate. Ayes: Doty, Lodge, Kielman, and Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: Brooks. MC.

Motion Kielman, Doty to approve consent agenda and minutes for 09-19-2022. Ayes: Doty, Lodge, Kielman, and Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: Brooks. MC.

Motion Lodge, Doty to table until October 17<sup>th</sup> meeting estimated cost of maintenance completing Stump Grinding. Ayes: Doty, Lodge, Kielman, and Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: Brooks. MC.

Motion Lodge, Kielman to table decision on ball field fencing. Ayes: Doty, Lodge, Kielman, and Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: Brooks. MC.

Council did discuss wanting to talk with the School and City Rec about collaborating together on this project.

Flag Pole updates were presented by Brock Lodge and the Mayor. Lodge will be working with maintenance to get flag poles up within the next couple of weeks.

Motion Lodge, Kielman to approve Res-22-25 Hiring Lisa Fokkena for Library Aide position. Ayes: Doty, Lodge, Kielman, and Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: Brooks. MC.

Motion Lodge, Doty to approve building permit as presented by Matt Behrends Maintenance for Brian Wordes 721 S Mather to build shed. Ayes: Doty, Lodge, Kielman, and Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: Brooks. MC.

City Clerk was contacted by Butler County Conservation who received a grant to add concrete and kiosk at Volunteer Park next to the bike repair station. They are going to do all the work for it needs council approval.

Motion Sherburne, Kielman to approve Butler County Conservation adding kiosk at Volunteer park. Ayes: Doty, Lodge, Kielman, and Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: Brooks. MC.

Discussion surrounding water/sewer rates. Maintenance provided report from Iowa Pump Works who recently inspected lift stations that will be needing repairs soon as well. More research will be done prior to proceeding with further discussion.

Motion Kielman, Sherburne to approve September monthly expenses as presented by City Clerk. Ayes: Doty, Lodge, Kielman, and Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: Brooks. MC.

City Clerk will be attending virtual Municipal Professional Institute from October 3-5 cost is \$249.00.

Motion Lodge, Doty adjourn the regular City Council meeting 7:54 pm.

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Michael Grantham  
Mayor

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Attest: Molly Bohlen  
City Clerk