

**CITY OF CLARKSVILLE  
CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING  
April 3, 2023**

The Clarksville City Council met in regular session on April 3, 2023 in the City Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Michael Grantham presiding and Council Members Jennifer Kielman, Taran Sherburne, Wendy Brooks, Roger Doty and Brock Lodge present. Other city employees present were: Molly Bohlen, City Clerk, Matt Behrends, Maintenance, and Police Chief Mackey. Members of the public present: Chris White, Rhonda Landrum, and Nicholas Vassios, Clarksville Star.

Mayor opened Public Hearing for Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 at 6:30 pm.

Motion Doty, Sherburne, to approve opening public hearing. Ayes: Sherburne, Lodge, Doty, Brooks, Kielman. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Verbal comment from Rhonda Landrum-she asked how this budget compared to last years budget. Clerk answered and compared last year to this year. Clerk states that previous budget planning went into figuring the budget. No other comments either verbal or written were presented to the council or mayor by the public.

Motion Kielman, Brooks, to approve closing the public hearing for Proposed Budget of Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Ayes: Sherburne, Lodge, Doty, Brooks, Kielman. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Mayor declared Public Hearing Closed.

Motion Brooks, Kielman, to adopt Resolution 23-5 approving Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

RCV/Ayes: Sherburne, Lodge, Doty, Brooks, Kielman. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Chris White brought a few concerns up to the council; first item is he is wondering if residents can live in campers fulltime. Discussion surrounding that subject between the council, mayor and Police Chief did occur. Council are wanting to look at the ordinances and possibly check with surrounding towns to see what could be implemented. This would be an issue to check with city attorney on as well. The second issue he brought up was delinquent houses/properties that are not being lived in. Lodge states that this is an ongoing battle. White then inquired about the dog ordinance and if it had been changed. Brooks states that this has not been changed yet.

Motion Brooks, Sherburne, to approve and adopt the items contained in the Consent Agenda and Minutes for 03/20/2023 with correction as noted by Brooks in regards to a vote where Kielman was absent and did not vote Nay. Ayes: Sherburne, Lodge, Doty, Brooks, Kielman. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Discussion of Ordinances 294-300. When updating our codification company it was brought to Clerk's attention that we had some previous ordinances that either had not passed or were still in the works. These are ordinances that the state has implemented, but the city has not added to their Ordinance book. Police Chief states that he looked at these ordinances and feels they should be added to our code book to stay current with Iowa Code. Council would like for them to be on the next few meetings for the readings to get them passed. Brooks also states that we need to rewrite the ATV/UTV within our Ordinances to keep with Iowa Code also.

Ilgenfritz project updates. Brooks would like to know why the project is not moving forward as voted on previously. Lodge states that he was confused about the project and wanted Lucas to come back and discuss the options. Motion Brooks to complete the project on Ilgenfritz as passed by council on January 23, 2023 as written. No second was obtained. Lucas with Fehr-Graham was present and explained new proposals for this project after talking with Mayor, Lodge, and Maintenance. Lucas states that in the new proposal the lift station would be in a different location closer to the school and also where to position intakes to best service the whole area. Behrends provided his input also if you are going to do a project make sure that we do it right and fix the problem in the entire area not just one spot. Lodge again asks for clarification regarding location of lift station and electrical portion of the project. Lucas is going to provide an amended change of scope form for next council meeting.

28E agreement: Clerk received revised copy after school attorney made adjustments. Mayor would like a finished product produced to look at. Clerk states that this is how it came back from the school denoting the changes in regards to language to comply with Iowa Code. Clerk will work to re-write with changes made by school and present to council at next meeting.

LOST money allocation: Clerk states that if council would like changes to be made as far as how the LOST money is allocated that discussion would need to begin now to get on the ballot within the correct time frame. Discussion regarding how LOST money is used and allocated and ideas of where it could be utilized in the future. Attorney would be able to provide assistance with this.

Behrends provided update on seasonal maintenance position. Behrends states that he had spoken with Lodge and Kielman regarding candidates. He states that he would like to hire all 3 candidates because there are 2 that are old enough they could run city equipment which would include stump grinding. He states that there is not enough time for them to complete all the stump grinding and if we could have seasonal help provide some assistance with this it would be beneficial. Council thought this was a good idea. Behrends states there will be some larger stumps that we would have to contract out but many could be taken care of by city employees. Another advantage is one of the candidates has expressed interest in helping with snow removal and has CDL.

Motion Lodge, Brooks to hire all 3 seasonal maintenance candidates. Ayes: Sherburne, Lodge, Doty, Brooks, Kielman. Nays: None. Absent: None.

**Building Permits**

1. Chris & Kelsie Wehling; 210 S Mather St. would like to extend concrete patio and fencing. They did have neighbor sign off on placing the fence on property line and extending the concrete inside the fence. Motion Doty, Kielman to approve building permit for Wehlings with permission of neighbors. Ayes: Sherburne, Lodge, Doty, Brooks, Kielman. Nays: None. Absent: None.
2. Sheila Hoodjer: 402 S Adams submitted building permit to move fence for dog on her property. Behrends states that he did look at the fence, the problem is that the material doesn't comply with City Ordinance so he was unsure what council would like to do for this. After much discussion

Lodge states that he would go look at this also. Motion Sherburne, Lodge to table Sheila Hoodjer's building permit until more research is completed. Ayes: Sherburne, Lodge, Doty, Brooks, Kielman. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Street Improvement discussion. Lodge was questioning fire hydrant being replaced down by trailer court and is wondering about a flow test being completed. Behrends explained how the hydrants work in this area and that hydrant in question is not functional. Lodge states that he is concerned about the hydrant before the road is repaired in that area. Discussion about Church Street road: maintenance wants clarification as to how to fix the roads for now while getting quotes on repairs. Lodge states that they should be able to scrape the road and fill with rock. Behrends states that he has checked on getting cold patch and it is not available for another couple of weeks. Sherburne wants to make sure we are checking multiple locations. Behrends states that he should have at least one quote by next meeting. Lodge states that previously the roads have been maintained using seal coat and tar.

Motion Kielman, Brooks approve March monthly expenditures and clerk reports as presented by City Clerk. Ayes: Sherburne, Lodge, Doty, Brooks, Kielman. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Doty to adjourn regular City Council meeting at 8:00 pm.

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Michael Grantham  
Mayor

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Attest: Molly Bohlen  
City Clerk