

**CITY OF CLARKSVILLE  
CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING  
December 4, 2023**

The Clarksville City Council met in regular session on December 4, 2023 in the City Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Michael Grantham presiding and Council Members Roger Doty, Brock Lodge, Jennifer Kielman, Jessi Reints and Taran Sherburne present. Other city employees present were: Molly Bohlen, City Clerk, Jared Brunner, Maintenance, Kristen Clark, Librarian and Police Chief Mackey. Members of the public present: Rhonda Landrum, Ruth Saulsbury, Jerald Heuer, Amy Learn, Kari Marzen, and Larry Pump.

Public comments. Amy Learn spoke up regarding complaints received about unlicensed vehicles on her property. She wanted to clarify that all vehicles on her property are licensed. She had received a call from Barry in reference to these vehicles. Mayor states he is glad everyone is on the same page. Learn states that all her stuff is legal. Mayor states that there was recently a committee formed for the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of clean up in the community and these are the items that they will be addressing-making sure properties are cleaned up and vehicles are properly registered. Rhonda Landrum states that Images of Christmas was very nice and successful this weekend. Reints states that it was a good community event to bring back and there was great participation.

Mayor Topics: Employee Handbook Referencing Employee Relationship/Supervision (3.8). Mayor states that the policy is there for a reason and relatives can't supervise. Decision need to be made either now or in the future regarding these positions. Mayor also talks about the role of the Mayor and supervision of departments. The Mayor and Council should not be in a supervisory position. City attorney was advised. The supervision shouldn't be moved to another person not the mayor or the pro tem. Heuer states that mayor said he is over the council. Council should be over the department heads. Doty states that council controls the mayor. Lodge states the mayor makes suggestions/recommendations, but doesn't oversee the council. Sherburne states the relationship is no longer there because the party that bonded them is no longer living.

Motion Kielman, Sherburne to approve and adopt items contained in the Consent Agenda and Minutes for (11/20/2023). Ayes: Lodge, Doty, Kielman, Reints, Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Cummins Service Proposal for generator at City Hall and Lift Station.

Motion Sherburne, Reints to approve the Cummins Service Proposal as provided by representative to City Clerk. Ayes: Lodge, Doty, Kielman, Reints, Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Employee Health Insurance Discussion. Lodge states that he talked to most employees today. The ones that I discussed with would make the majority they would rather see the City take care of their insurance then Lodge suggested freezing wages for next year. Lodge states employees agreed. City Clerk states that employees didn't agree to that. Mayor suggests having health assessment for employees.

Motion Lodge, Doty to approve renewal of Employee Health Insurance and to freeze wages for next year. Ayes: Lodge, Doty, Kielman, Sherburne. Nays: Reints. Absent: None.

City Clerk again wanted to clarify that the wage freeze was not agreed upon by the employees. Reints would like to know who was talked to also.

Financing Options for Ilgenfritz Project were discussed. Lodge states that he went to the bank and got a better interest rate at Iowa State Bank to 7%. Mayor questions if extra is paid on the loan would we not be penalized.

Motion Lodge, Sherburne to approve loan for Ilgenfritz Project in the amount of \$100,000 at 7% for 3 years at Iowa State Bank. Ayes: Lodge, Doty, Kielman, Reints, Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Kielman, Sherburne to table Resolution 23-19 Hiring Doug Harre with supervision as noted. Ayes: Lodge, Doty, Kielman, Reints, Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Update on Second Phase City Clean up Kielman & Reints. Kielman states that as long as vehicles are licensed they are not a problem. Doty questions when we are going to worry about the houses in need of repair, wood pile, etc. Lodge states that we did a good thing with City wide cleanup. Mayor states that attorney needs to be contacted about the houses needing repaired. Reints states that some of these vehicles in question are in estates, in process of being transferred and such. Reints would just like neighbors to be respectful of their neighbors. Mackey states that vehicles are dealt with on a daily basis.

Larry Pump present and presented Annual Exam Report and recommendations. Pump reviewed compliance requirements for exam in relation to budget amount and population.

Motion Kielman, Sherburne to approve Annual Exam Report as presented by Larry Pump. Ayes: Lodge, Doty, Kielman, Reints, Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Lodge, Kielman to approve moving January meetings to the 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> due to Holiday. Ayes: Lodge, Doty, Kielman, Reints, Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Sherburne, Kielman to approve Resolution 23-21 Financial Transfers for FY 2023-2024. RCV/Ayes: Lodge, Doty, Kielman, Reints, Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Sherburne, Doty to approve Resolution 23-22 to transfer money between funds from Storm Water Drainage to Debt Service. RCV/Ayes: Lodge, Doty, Kielman, Reints, Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Kielman, Reints to approve Resolution 23-23 to Name Depositories. RCV/Ayes: Lodge, Doty, Kielman, Reints, Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Kielman, Reints to approve payment of \$1264.00 to Butler-Grundy Development Alliance for FY 2024 Funding. Ayes: Lodge, Doty, Kielman, Reints, Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Kielman, Sherburne to approve November monthly expenditures and financial reports as presented by City Clerk. Ayes: Lodge, Doty, Kielman, Reints, Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Doty, Sherburne to adjourn regular City Council meeting at 7:18 pm.

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Michael Grantham  
Mayor

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Attest: Molly Bohlen  
City Clerk