

**CITY OF CLARKSVILLE  
CITY COUNCIL DEPARTMENT MEETING  
December 18, 2023**

The Clarksville City Council met in regular session on December 18, 2023 in the City Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Michael Grantham presiding and Council Members Roger Doty, Jessi Reints, Taran Sherburne, Brock Lodge, and Jennifer Kielman present. The following Department Heads and employees were in attendance: Molly Bohlen, City Clerk, Jared Brunner, Maintenance, and Barry Mackey, Police Chief. Members of the public present were: Rhonda Landrum, Ruth Saulsbury, Dan Morgan, Jerald Heuer, and Karmella Heuer.

Meeting began with swearing in of New Council Member, Ruth Saulsbury and new Mayor Jerald Heuer who will both begin their terms in January.

Mayor Comments: Mayor would like to thank Lodge for his service on the Council and would also like to thank Wendy Brooks who served on the council.

Motion Sherburne, Kielman to approve and adopt the items contained in the Consent Agenda and Minutes (12/04/2023) Ayes: Doty, Sherburne, Kielman, Reints and Lodge. Nays: None. Absent: None. MC.

Department Head Reports as follows: Maintenance Update: Lead & Copper surveys need to be turned back into City Hall, if residents need assistance they can contact City Hall. Mayor questioned when the ice skating rink would be put up and Brunner states that the temperatures were not cold enough to get it set up and get the ice frozen. Mayor states that he drove by damaged fencing and wanted an update. Brunner states that he is waiting to hear back on a quote. Mayor states that a lot of the storm sewers are full of leaves and debris and would be good to get cleaned out. Brunner states that the end loader is being repaired so that will be difficult right now. Library: Will provide reports at January meeting, Fire: None, Ambulance: None. Police Chief Mackey gave a report with 77 total calls for service in November and stated with the cooler weather calls tend to decrease. Mayor asked Mackey if any interviews had been done recently as the position is still vacant.

Financing options for Ilgenfritz project were discussed. Lodge feels that this is something that the new council could discuss and decide on. Mayor recommends not raising taxes as people without curb and gutter are not happy with paying for this service. Clerk gave options, but decision will need made so that we can go through the proper legal channels to achieve paying for the debt.

Motion Doty, Sherburne to table financing options until next meeting. Ayes: Doty, Sherburne, Kielman, Reints and Lodge. Nays: None. Absent: None. MC.

Kielman did clarify that she did some research and states that both the Maintenance Superintendent and Maintenance Assistant report to the City Council which doesn't make the Maintenance Superintendent position a position to supervise another person. Mayor has suggestion for hiring committee, that when looking at applicants that they pull all previous applicants and check to see if they are still interested in job opening.

Motion Kielman, Sherburne to approve Res 23-19 Hiring Doug Harre. Ayes: Doty, Sherburne, Kielman, Reints and Lodge. Nays: None. Absent: None. MC. Clerk clarified wages in meeting as well so that Doug could be compensated as stated in resolution.

Update on Zoning with assistance from INRCOG. INRCOG representative will attend January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 meeting.

Motion Sherburne, Doty to enter into Closed Session Meeting pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1)© to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation at 6:46 pm. Ayes: Doty, Sherburne, Kielman, Reints and Lodge. Nays: None. Absent: None. MC.

Motion Kielman, Reints to enter into open session at 7:07pm. Ayes: Doty, Sherburne, Kielman, Reints and Lodge. Nays: None. Absent: None. MC.

Motion Sherburne, Kielman to approve Res 23-24 Authorizing Settlement of Claims. RCV/Ayes: Doty, Sherburne, Kielman, and Reints. RCV/Nays: Lodge. Absent: None. MC.

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

Motion Sherburne, Kielman to approve Clerk attending virtual classes in February for Iowa Municipal Professionals Institute. Ayes: Doty, Sherburne, Kielman, Reints and Lodge. Nays: None. Absent: None. MC.

Motion Lodge, Kielman to adjourn the regular City Council Meeting at 7:14 p.m. Ayes: Doty, Sherburne, Kielman, Reints and Lodge. Nays: None. Absent: None. MC.

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Michael Grantham  
Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Molly Bohlen  
City Clerk