

**CITY OF CLARKSVILLE
CITY COUNCIL DEPARTMENT MEETING**

July 17, 2023

The Clarksville City Council met in regular session on July 17, 2023 in the City Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Michael Grantham presiding and Council Members Roger Doty, Taran Sherburne, Brock Lodge, Wendy Brooks, and Jennifer Kielman present. The following Department Heads and employees were in attendance: Karmella Heuer, Deputy City Clerk, Kristen Clark, Librarian, Jared Brunner, Maintenance, and Barry Mackey, Police Chief. Members of the public present were: Bruce Toenjes, Chris White, Rhonda Landrum, Mike Kramer, Justin Clark, Ed & Susan Heine, Cindy Wedeking, Tara Garthoff, Norma Kane, Vickie Chestnut, Libby Chesnut, Stephanie Aissen, Dale Mennenga, Mike Miller & Becky Neal.

Tara Garthoff spoke regarding complaints she had received regarding her dogs and she wanted to let Council know that she was putting a fence up in her yard to keep the dogs contained.

Chris White wanted to state that he appreciates the library and enjoys going up there.

Mayor Topics: Jennifer Kielman and Wendy Brooks were appointed to the Council for Dangerous Tree Committee to review any dangerous trees on citizen's property.

Motion Sherburne, Doty to approve going into Closed Session @ 6:40PM. Ayes: Doty, Sherburne, Kielman, Brooks and Lodge. Nays: None. Absent: None. MC

Motion Doty, Sherburne to open meeting at 7:04PM.

Motion Kielman, Brooks to approve and adopt the items contained in the Consent Agenda and Minutes (07-06-2023) Ayes: Doty, Sherburne, Kielman, Brooks and Lodge. Nays: None. Absent: None. MC.

Department Head Reports as follows: Fire Department: None, Ambulance: None. Police Chief Mackey gave a report with total number of calls in June at 150 for police service. Library Update from Kristen Clark including current and upcoming programs available, as well as the number of patrons utilizing both in person services and online. Library budget and Board of trustees were discussed by Toenjes and Neal.

Building permits presented by Maintenance.

1. Dustin Blue, 420 W Poisal St., has added a fence for his dogs.
2. VT, Adam Mapes to add concrete between the buildings in order to put a memorial bench for Rod Ballhagen.
3. Sara Meier 409 S Mather, has added a fence for her dogs.
4. Amanda Dietz, 420 S Church St., has added a 2 ½' fence in the center of her yard to keep her dogs in.
5. Bob Kelm, 315 N Ely St., to add concrete under an existing shed on his property.
6. Scott Raley, 309 N Main St., to add a fence inside an existing fence to contain dogs.

Motion Sherburne, Doty to approve building permits as presented by Maintenance. Ayes: Doty, Sherburne, Kielman, Brooks and Lodge. Nays: None. Absent: None. MC

Discussion regarding the funding for Prospect Street Repair. Neal discussed the Road Use Fund has funds to pay for Prospect Street repair and to pay for the end loader.

Maintenance updates provided by Jared Brunner as follows:

Brunner stated he was approached about putting 5' of lime rock around the fence at both diamonds. City would need volunteers to help remove dirt & leveling out lime rock. Mayor stated that the school should approach the City Council if they wish to do this.

Toenjes suggested no motion for Res 23-13 Library wages it is not necessary because wages have been set by the Library Board of Trustees.

Brooks to provide updates on building inspections on Main Street and commercial properties having rentals in them. Brooks will contact the Butler County Assessor's Office to get the date of sale for the commercial properties on Main St. that have tenants living in the lower level. Toenjes said he will do some checking on building inspections.

ADA sidewalk update provided by the Mayor. Mayor stated there is a RAISE Grant that would support us on ADA sidewalks. Mayor stated he talked to downtown businesses about having ADA sidewalks in the middle of the block.

Motion, Sherburne, Doty to approve setting time and date for public bid opening for Ilgenfritz Ave Storm sewer improvements for 3:00PM on August 16, 2023. Ayes: Doty, Sherburne, Kielman, Brooks and Lodge. Nays: None. Absent: None. MC

Set time and date for public bid opening for Ilgenfritz Ave Storm sewer improvements per Lucas email.

Motion Sherburne, Doty to approve setting date and time for Public Hearing on plans, specifications, contract documents and estimated cost for the Ilgenfritz Ave Storm Sewer Improvements project as 6:30PM on August 21, 2023. Ayes: Doty, Sherburne, Kielman, Brooks and Lodge. Nays: None. Absent: None. MC

Discussed food trucks, Kielman had been approached by businesses that expressed concerns on the amount of food trucks coming to town and some now serving same food as local businesses. Discussed possibly raising the fee for Merchant permits next year. Mike Kramer owner of Pete & Shorty's stated that the food trucks are not helping his business, his expenses have increased and he had to cut hours for 11 employees. He stated Tammy Krull closed her business because of the food trucks coming to town.

Antioch Gospel Church requested to use the empty lot at Wilmans & Hilton to put a tent up beginning August 6 for approximately 4 weeks. A concerned citizen spoke up about the increase in traffic, cars parking on homeowners lawns. Council denied the request.

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

Council would like a resolution for the remaining employees who have had their evaluations completed with Salary/Wage Increases and one for date employee performance evaluations and wage increases should be done annually.

Motion Doty, Kielman to adjourn the regular City Council Meeting at 8:40p.m. Ayes: Doty, Sherburne, Kielman, and Lodge. Nays: None. Absent: Brooks. MC.

Michael Grantham
Mayor

Attest: _____
Karmella Heuer
Deputy City Clerk