

CITY OF CLARKSVILLE
CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING
June 5, 2023

The Clarksville City Council met in regular session on June 5, 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, Kristen Clark, Librarian and Police Chief Mackey. Members of the public present: Larry Backer, Chris White, Katie Price, Rich Price, Rhonda Landrum, and Nicholas Vassios, Clarksville Star.

Mayor Topics: Veto of Ordinance No 309 because when the mayor consulted with the City Attorney it was deemed that the Ordinance No 309 would be unlawful and would need to be rewritten to exclude that golf carts are permitted to operate on Hwy 188 (Main Street) which is a primary road. Farm to Market road (County road C33) is acceptable if the council would like to permit golf carts to operate on this road.

Motion Sherburne, Doty to table Ordinance No 310 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CLARKSVILLE, IOWA BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO CHAPTER 77 GOLF CARTS due to wording changes that need made to comply with State Code. Ayes: Sherburne, Lodge, Doty, Brooks, Kielman. Nays: None. Absent: None.

General Nuisances: campers, unkempt properties, and vehicles not registered etc. were discussed. Chief Mackey has made contact with some of the properties in question, but when it comes to houses we would need to consult with our City Attorney.

Motion Kielman, Brooks to approve and adopt items contained in the Consent Agenda and Minutes for (05/15/2023). Ayes: Sherburne, Lodge, Doty, Brooks, Kielman. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Fencing Quotes for the Ball Diamonds were presented from Crawford Fencing (\$14,500) and River City Fencing (~\$14,670)

Motion Sherburne, Brooks to approve Crawford fencing quote for the Ball Diamonds. Ayes: Sherburne, Lodge, Doty, Brooks, Kielman. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Building permits were presented by Maintenance.

1. Knecht Carwashes Inc. At this time they would ask to have pay station in front of the building approved. Neighbor Larry Backer had concerns regarding the fan/blower with the noise and also the 10 feet fence. Lodge states that it would be nice if the owner could attend a council meeting so that questions could be answered and move forward. Backer had also talked with neighbors who would not happy about the noise. Chief Mackey states that we may be able to reach him by phone if needed.

Motion Kielman, Sherburne to table discussion until June 19th meeting to see if we can have Knecht Car Washers present for discussion. Ayes: Sherburne, Lodge, Doty, Brooks, Kielman. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Brooks, Kielman to rescind previous vote to table after contacting car wash owner. Ayes: Sherburne, Lodge, Doty, Brooks, Kielman. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Later in the meeting Knecht Car Washers was contacted and stated that he would like the pay station on the west of the building, no fan/blower or fence at this time. Pay station would be anchored in the concrete ~6-7 feet from the building.

Motion Brooks, Kielman to approve permit for the pay station to be installed at the car wash. Ayes: Sherburne, Lodge, Doty, Brooks, Kielman. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Discussion regarding the assessment of Rich Price's street repair following water/sewer installation. Rich and Katie Price were present. Rich states that he knows that council and mayor have changed since this was last discussed. The previous mayor had told them multiple times that the city would cover the cost of the street repair because our documentation was not accurate. He states that they would not have had to tear up the road if the documentation was accurate. He states that the city should have all these records. Price states that Ryan McCully would have been with maintenance at that time. Price states that at some point hard copy paper files were uploaded electronically and the electronic copies were not accurate showing the stub ins. So he is wondering how this is his fault. A Facebook video from a council meeting dated 09/20/2021 was accessed where mayor states that the city should be responsible for the cost of the street, however then it is later stated by the mayor that these are only his opinions. Price also references City Ordinance regarding documentation and curb stops. Brooks states that she is in agreeance with the Price's and that city employees at the time were not able to locate the stub ins. Lodge disagrees because the city doesn't mark private lines.

Motion Brooks, Sherburne to approve that the City is 100% responsible for the street repair by Rich Price's shed. Ayes: Sherburne, Brooks, Kielman. Nays: Lodge, Doty. Absent: None.

Lift Station Quote obtained and presented by Maintenance. 2 quotes were obtained Electric Pump was \$23,073.08 and Iowa Pump Works was \$28,738.00. Lodge states that this particular lift station has been struck

by lightening two times. Behrends states that he doesn't know a lot about the pumps so he did talk with Lucas, Fehr-Graham Engineering who stated that either company would be good-they have same pumps and are providing the same work. Lodge is concerned that if you only upgrade the pumps and not the electrical panel and then something happens you will still need to upgrade the electrical part. Council would like a quote that would include everything.

Motion Kielman, Sherburne to table a decision regarding the lift station quote on Mather and Sycamore until quote containing electrical panel, equipment and labor is all included and presented. Ayes: Sherburne, Lodge, Doty, Brooks, Kielman. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Jeff Kolb would like to let council and city know that he is stepping down from coordinating Pioneer Days. He has tried to get the word out as much as he can.

Motion Kielman, Brooks to approve temporary detour on Highway 188 for Pioneer Days Celebration as follows: East one block on Poisal Street to Mather Street, South on Mather Street, West on Weare St. Ayes: Sherburne, Lodge, Doty, Brooks, Kielman. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Presented VC3 proposal which is an IT company that would provide 24 hour/7 day/week/365 monitoring. One time set up fee of \$2252.43 and reoccurring monthly fee of \$1368.68. It is noted that this is an extra expense but with cybersecurity we may want to look into this.

Motion Sherburne, Brooks to approve Pete & Shorty's Alcohol Permit Class C. Ayes: Sherburne, Lodge, Doty, Brooks, Kielman. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Kielman, Brooks to approve Dollar General Class B Retail Alcohol License and Tobacco/Cigarettes/Vaping Products. Ayes: Sherburne, Lodge, Doty, Brooks, Kielman. Nays: None. Absent: None.

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

Presentation of salary comparison and proposed salary increases by request of Lodge. Clerk presented salaries for the beginning of last year and compensation throughout the year. Clerk explained to the council that we have budgeted for up to 5% increases for all positions, however the council needs to vote to approve/disapprove those increases. Lodge states that he would like to meet individually with employees to discuss wages/performance prior to next council meeting. He has some questions for each person individually.

Performance Evaluation completed for Karmella Heuer by City Clerk and presented to the council.

Performance Evaluation for Matt Behrends by Mayor and presented to the council.

Motion Brooks, Lodge to table employee evaluations and wages until next meeting. Ayes: Sherburne, Lodge, Doty, Brooks, Kielman. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Doty, Sherburne to adjourn regular City Council meeting at 8:24 pm.

Michael Grantham
Mayor

Attest: Molly Bohlen
City Clerk