

**CITY OF CLARKSVILLE**  
**CITY COUNCIL DEPARTMENT MEETING**  
**May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

The Clarksville City Council met in regular session on May 15, 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 and Jennifer Kielman present. Wendy Brooks was absent. The following Department Heads and employees were in attendance: Molly Bohlen, City Clerk, Kristen Clark, librarian, Matt Behrends, Maintenance, and Barry Mackey, Police Chief. Members of the public present were: Greg Barnett, Paul Miller, Bill Wallin, Rhonda Landrum, and Nicholas Vassios, Clarksville Star.

Motion Doty, Sherburne to Open Public Hearing to Amend the Current Budget. Ayes: Doty, Sherburne, Kielman and Lodge. Nays: None. Absent: Brooks. MC.

Oral Comments received by Rhonda Landrum regarding what Amendments took place. Clerk provided details regarding purchases that were already made and not in previous budget. The End Loader, playground equipment, maintenance equipment and mosquito control were items that were discussed. Mayor then declared Public Hearing closed.

Motion Sherburne, Kielman to close Public Hearing. Ayes: Doty, Sherburne, Kielman and Lodge. Nays: None. Absent: Brooks. MC.

Motion Kielman, Sherburne to approve adopting Resolution 23-11 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AMENDING THE CURRENT BUDGET FOR THE FY ENDING JUNE 30, 2023. RCV/Ayes: Doty, Sherburne, Kielman and Lodge. Nays: None. Absent: Brooks. MC.

Mayor Topics: Lights and Flag Poles. Mayor discussed options on how to best illuminate the flags poles both existing and the new ones going up. Lodge brought up different ideas including LED lighting. Mayor asked if it would be best to contact Luke Lodge for pricing and Lodge states Luke would be able to provide ideas and pricing.

Motion Kielman, Doty to approve and adopt the items contained in the Consent Agenda and Minutes (05/01/2023) Ayes: Doty, Sherburne, Kielman and Lodge. Nays: None. Absent: Brooks. MC.

Department Head Reports: Fire absent from Meeting, but the recent controlled burn at Schmadeke's Feed Mill was discussed. Ambulance: Greg Barnett was present to discuss Butler County Essential EMS and what the county is implementing to try to help decrease the strain on local EMS, but needing the cooperation of local entities to help with this. Paul Miller presented information regarding the county's proposal to hire an EMS Coordinator and that they did budget for this, but in order for this to work down the road Clarksville would need to be able to provide a driver for the ambulance 5 days a week to help with the coverage. The goal is to not do away with the small community services, but to help take the load off them. By having a Coordinator it would eventually eliminate Association Dues to the County. Ideas were discussed as well as qualifications. Librarian Kristen Clark provided 2 months of reports highlighting the programs offered from April-June. She did provide information on upcoming events in the community and Willy Fokkena writing contest. Chief Mackey gave a report with total number of calls at 106 for police service for the month of April.

Maintenance provided updates as follows:

Building Permits: 1. Sheila Hoodjer: 402 S Adams. Questioned if there was an update. Lodge states he is continuing to work with the home owner.  
2. Teresa Poland: 324 N Traer St. Adding to existing patio making it 10'x20'.  
3. Rob Donlon: 615 S Main St. Adding concrete driveway in front of garage.  
4. Matt Wilken 510 W Wamsley Ave., Adding concrete patio in front of the house.  
5. Knecht Car Washes Inc 410 N Main would like to add automatic car wash, fencing and dryers. He is concerned about noise coming from the dryers, but does have the ability to put them on timers. Council discussed noise ordinance that is in effect for other noises that should be able to pertain to this. Lodge states that we would need to talk with the neighbors to the North, Backers to get the approval from them also.

Discussion around campers parked in town. Looked at Ordinance 224 which discusses parking of campers and when they would need to be moved. Chief Mackey states that he would keep an eye out for this issue as well.

Maintenance provided update on seasonal staff including one person that has not shown up for the job and the need for possibly one more person that could assist. Mason Raley worked for the city last year and has been filling in working. Behrends states that it may be possible that we need to put an ad in the paper again for one more seasonal maintenance position.

Motion Kielman, Sherburne to approve placing an ad in the paper if the need arises to hire an additional seasonal maintenance employee. Ayes: Doty, Sherburne, Kielman and Lodge. Nays: None. Absent: Brooks. MC.

Maintenance states there is a small water leak by the concession stand at the ball fields outside the women's restroom. They are aware of it, however with softball/baseball season starting up now would not be the time to dig it all out and repair it. Fencing at the ball park was brought up as well-Maintenance states that we are waiting on other quotes and then will present to council.

Performance evaluation of employee. Review by council at the table. Clerk states that if further discussion was going to be had that it needed to be closed session per employee request. Lodge states that he would like to enter into closed session.

Motion Lodge, Sherburne to go into closed session at 7:43 pm. Ayes: Doty, Sherburne, Kielman and Lodge. Nays: None. Absent: Brooks. MC.

Motion Kielman, Doty to open meeting back to public at 7:53 pm. Ayes: Doty, Sherburne, Kielman and Lodge. Nays: None. Absent: Brooks. MC.

Motion Lodge, Sherburne to give employee Jared Brunner a \$1/hour raise effective today (05/15/2023) Ayes: Doty, Sherburne, Kielman and Lodge. Nays: None. Absent: Brooks. MC.

City Rec update: there are currently 98 kids participating in softball/baseball programs.

Discussion regarding Ordinance No. 309 as the Iowa League of Cities had provided additional information regarding state law and not allowing golf carts on Main Streets through town. Lodge wonders why this would be a problem. Mayor brought up that we do have state troopers that come through town and Chief Mackey states that they would work off Iowa Law not the City of Clarksville Ordinances. After some discussion council decided to leave the wording as it is.

Motion Lodge, Sherburne to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> reading Ordinance No. 309 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CLARKSVILLE, IOWA BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO CHAPTER 77 GOLF CARTS. RCV/Ayes: Doty, Sherburne, Kielman and Lodge. Nays: None. Absent: Brooks. MC.

Motion Sherburne, Lodge to approve waiving 3<sup>rd</sup> reading Ordinance No 309. Ayes: Doty, Sherburne, Kielman and Lodge. Nays: None. Absent: Brooks. MC.

Motion Sherburne, Kielman to approve 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance No 307: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CLARKSVILLE, IOWA BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO CHAPTER 66 LOAD AND WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS. RCV/Ayes: Doty, Sherburne, Kielman and Lodge. Nays: None. Absent: Brooks. MC.

Motion Kielman, Sherburne to approve waiving 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of Ordinance No. 307. RCV/Ayes: Doty, Sherburne, Kielman and Lodge. Nays: None. Absent: Brooks. MC.

Clerk presented Proposed Salary increases and explained to the council that we budget for increases every year and then it is their decision if employees would receive. Lodge would like to know what the wages of employees were last year and what increases were given. Clerk states that these could be provided by next meeting. No decision was made at this meeting.

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

Motion Lodge, Sherburne to approve Municipal Clerk Institute classes, lodging and travel for Clerk. Ayes: Doty, Sherburne, Kielman and Lodge. Nays: None. Absent: Brooks. MC.

Motion Kielman, Sherburne to adjourn the regular City Council Meeting at 8:33 p.m.

  
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Michael Grantham  
Mayor

Attest:   
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Molly Bohlen  
City Clerk