

**CITY OF CLARKSVILLE
CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING
November 6, 2023**

The Clarksville City Council met in regular session on November 6, 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 and Taran Sherburne. Other city employees present were: Molly Bohlen, City Clerk, Jared Brunner, Maintenance, and Police Chief Mackey. Members of the public present: Rhonda Landrum, Stephanie Aissen, Ruth Saulsbury, Jerald Heuer, Lily & Corwin Whiteside, Cooper, Barrett, Aaron Wedeking, Jaxon Raymer, Amy Learn, John Wehling and Nicholas Vassios, Clarksville Star.

No Public comments.

Mayor Topics: Safe Routes to School. The Mayor has talked with INRCOG & Butler Co. Supervisors regarding where stop signs and crosswalks would be most effective around the school zone. Mayor states that City will need to have lines painted for crosswalks in the summer and stop signs ordered. Mayor presented maps of town with stop signs & crosswalks denoted on them. Information purposes: Local businesses are planning on having Images of Christmas Dec 3rd.

Motion Sherburne, Kielman to approve and adopt items contained in the Consent Agenda and Minutes for (10/16/2023). Ayes: Lodge, Doty, Kielman, Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Lodge presented quote for Fire Department Heater Tubes which is need of repair. Lodge states that a 2 stage heater is needed especially in case of winter emergency. Lodge states that the order can take up to 4 weeks for delivery. The quote provided was \$4,950 which doesn't include freight.

Motion Sherburne, Kielman to approve ordering 2 stage heater to replace broken one at the Fire Station. Ayes: Lodge, Doty, Kielman, Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Financing Options for Ilgenfritz Project were discussed. Lodge states that he is unsure what to do as Iowa State Bank had given an interest rate of 7.5% for \$100,000 and that seemed high. Lodge is willing to discuss with Wes at the bank to see if they could come down at all. Item will be added to next Agenda.

Maintenance Position Update. Sherburne & Kielman have conducted an interview and have a candidate. Kielman states that they would need to go to Closed Session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1).

Motion Sherburne, Kielman to enter into closed session at 6:49 pm.

Motion Sherburne, Kielman to go back into open session at 6:59 pm.

Motion Kielman, Lodge to approve hiring Doug Harre for full time Maintenance Position. Ayes: Lodge, Doty, Kielman, Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Sherburne states that he can contact Doug regarding start date.

Access Systems Assessment Results and pricing presented to the Council by City Clerk.

Closed Session for resignation pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1).

Motion Kielman, Sherburne, to approve entering into Closed Session at 7:02PM. Ayes: Lodge, Doty, Kielman, Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Doty, Kielman to approve coming back into open session at 7:14PM. Ayes: Lodge, Doty, Kielman, Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Kielman, Sherburne to accept resignation of Wendy Brooks council member effective October 17, 2023. Ayes: Lodge, Doty, Kielman, Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Mayor did discuss process with filling council seat with the election happening tomorrow. He states that the candidate with the most votes at the election would be asked to fill the position immediately.

Employee Health Insurance Proposal provided by Assured Partners. Mayor was able to meet with agent who explained current plan, renewal plan and some options of going to higher deductible plan. Mayor states that the higher deductible plan does not appear to be in the best interest of the employee and that if overtime is cut back on then maintaining the current plan would be an option. Lodge states that if there is over time it needs to be pre-approved by the Mayor. Sherburne states that we need to get past the overtime discussion. Lodge states that the insurance that the city provides is good for the employees.

Motion Lodge, Sherburne to table health insurance discussion until next meeting. Ayes: Lodge, Doty, Kielman, Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Kari Coates, EMS Coordinator present to introduce herself to the Council and Mayor. Kari discussed her role as the Coordinator in the County, as well as what the procedure is during the day to help cover the needs of all Butler County. Kari stressed the need for good communication with City and Council Members.

People Service 3rd Quarter Report presented to Council.

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

Building Permits

1. Kathy Benson, 315 N Elizabeth St. putting up privacy fence and a shed at the back of her house.

Maintenance has taken a look at this and approved.

Motion Kielman, Sherburne to approve building permit as presented by City Clerk. Ayes: Lodge, Doty, Kielman, Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: None.

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

Motion Doty, Sherburne to adjourn regular City Council meeting at 7:45 pm.



Michael Grantham
Mayor


Attest: Molly Bohlen
City Clerk