

**CITY OF CLARKSVILLE  
CITY COUNCIL DEPARTMENT MEETING  
October 16, 2023**

The Clarksville City Council met in regular session on October 16, 2023 in the City Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Michael Grantham presiding and Council Members Roger Doty, Wendy Brooks, Taran Sherburne, Brock Lodge, and Jennifer Kielman present. The following Department Heads and employees were in attendance: Molly Bohlen, City Clerk, Jared Brunner, Maintenance, Kristen Clark, librarian, Ryan Klinghammer, Fire Chief and Barry Mackey, Police Chief. Members of the public present were: Rhonda Landrum, Ruth Saulsbury, Toni & Kris Engel, Doug & Stephanie Harre, and Jerald Heuer.

Mayor Topics: none.

Motion Kielman, Brooks to approve and adopt the items contained in the Consent Agenda and Minutes (10/02/2023) Ayes: Doty, Sherburne, Kielman, Brooks and Lodge. Nays: None. Absent: None. MC.

Department Head Reports as follows: Library: provided updates on September offered programs and upcoming October programs. She states the library had over 1100 people visit in September. Fire Department: Heater tube needs repaired or replaced. Klinghammer states he would like to look at forced air heat unit, because his concern is when the tube heaters are too close to the trucks that damage could occur to the trucks. Lodge discusses 2 stage heat and the advantage of that set up, but it may not be available yet, but he is willing to look into this and report back to the council. Grantham states we will need to get 2 quotes. Additionally Klinghammer brought up the need to move the ice chest to make them more aesthetically pleasing. Trying to get volunteers from the fire department to remove the landscaping and put concrete in. They are talking about removing some of the landscaping by the fire department on the back side of the building and adding concrete there. Ambulance: None. Police Chief Mackey gave a report with total number of calls in September of 120 calls for police service.

Maintenance update: Building permit: Kris & Monte Bond, 614 S Main St. wanting to put up a fence on the backside of their property. Lodge's only concern is the easement that the city has that would run on the backside of the house. Brunner states that the location would not interfere with that.

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

Brunner states that there is a tree at Ryan Norton's business that is in the ROW, has a large crack in it and has been recommended by the tree committee to be removed due to the hazardous nature. Received a quote from Ryan Norton for the tree removal. The quote is for \$1000 and the city workers would help with the clean up. Lodge is concerned if they don't look at doing something to the tree it will be liability on the city.

Motion Lodge, Sherburne to place tree quote on the agenda. Ayes: Doty, Sherburne, Kielman, Brooks and Lodge. Nays: None. Absent: None. MC.

Motion Sherburne, Doty to approve taking the tree in question down before it causes a bigger issue. Ayes: Doty, Sherburne, Kielman, Brooks and Lodge. Nays: None. Absent: None. MC.

Mayor asked Brooks & Kielman about a tree committee update which they did not have one at this time. Lodge did bring up that there are stumps that need to be ground down yet. Specifically brought up a large one by the United Methodist Church that if the City can't remove due to the size we would want to get a quote to have removed. Brunner also gives an update that there are 3-5 more trees that need to come down due to the ash borer disease.

Updates on flag plaques provided by City Clerk. 2 quotes received one from Vinton Trophy ranging between \$360 and \$514 and from Crown Awards in the amount of \$399.99 each.

Motion Brooks, Kielman to approve the purchase of plaques from Vinton Trophy in the amount of \$386.10. Ayes: Doty, Sherburne, Kielman, Brooks and Lodge. Nays: None. Absent: None. MC.

Financing option for Ilgenfritz project were discussed. Lodge states that Karmella, Deputy Clerk obtained information from Iowa State Bank which would be \$100,000 loan for 3 years at 7.50%. Lodge feels that interest rate is high and would like to obtain rates from other local banks or the other option would be a revenue bond which they would need to look at increasing the flat rate charge for the water drainage on each person's bill. City Clerk explained the Dorsey-Whitney firm who we used for the End Loader financing.

Motion Brooks, Kielman to approve contacting Dorsey-Whitney to assist with legalities associated with taking out additional loan for Ilgenfritz project. Ayes: Doty, Sherburne, Kielman, Brooks and Lodge. Nays: None. Absent: None. MC.

Discussion with council and committee regarding the Maintenance Supt position. Lodge states that Brunner has stated that he doesn't want to get the certification for water/wastewater and that is concerning. Brunner states that there has been some turnover with People Service and also the City which has made it difficult to get a good system going. He is not completely opposed to doing the classes towards certification, but knows that he just doesn't have the time right now. Brooks had additional questions regarding how the job would change currently to warrant the additional increase.

Motion Sherburne, Kielman to approve Res 23-18 Hiring Jared Brunner Maintenance Position. RCV/Ayes: Doty, Sherburne, Kielman, and Lodge. RCV/Nays: Brooks. Absent: None. MC.

Clean up day update provided by Lodge. He states that there was so many excellent volunteers that came and helped. He states that he will provide a list of volunteer as they should be thanked for all they did. Brunner is working on getting appliances taken away. They are hoping that the amount of scrap metal collected will offset the cost of getting rid of the bigger items like TVs.

Mid Block ADA & Parking Zones: Mayor explained what this process would entail. He states that he would need to get quotes for this and see if there are grant opportunities.

Speed Sign Updates: Mayor has consulted with the IDOT to get on the list to have the signs installed. Mayor expressed interest in wanting them placed within the city limits at the 35 mph zone, however the DOT states that the best position for these would be to place them placed at the 45 mph zones. Later on the City can move them to a 35MPH zone if they wish.

Business owners present and presented the idea of the local businesses having a Trick or Treat on October 29<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 pm.

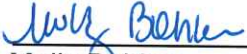
Motion Sherburne, Doty to approve letting business owners conduct a Trick or Treat celebration in the downtown area on October 29<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 pm. Ayes: Doty, Sherburne, Kielman, Brooks and Lodge. Nays: None. Absent: None. MC.

Motion Brooks, Kielman to approve Doc's Tap Liquor License Renewal. Ayes: Doty, Sherburne, Kielman, Brooks and Lodge. Nays: None. Absent: None. MC.

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

Motion Doty, Brooks to adjourn the regular City Council Meeting at 7:29 p.m. Ayes: Doty, Sherburne, Kielman, Brooks and Lodge. Nays: None. Absent: None. MC.

  
Michael Grantham  
Mayor

Attest:   
Molly Böhlen  
City Clerk