

**CITY OF CLARKSVILLE  
CITY COUNCIL DEPARTMENT MEETING  
September 18, 2023**

The Clarksville City Council met in regular session on September 18, 2023 in the City Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Michael Grantham presiding and Council Members Roger Doty, Taran Sherburne (by phone), Brock Lodge, and Jennifer Kielman present. Wendy Brooks was absent. The following Department Heads and employees were in attendance: Molly Bohlen, City Clerk, Jared Brunner, Maintenance and Barry Mackey, Police Chief. Members of the public present were: Rhonda Landrum, Stephanie Aissen, Ruth Salisbury, Nicholas Vassios, and Jerald Heuer.

Mayor Topics:

1. Residents living in Commercial Properties on Main Street. Mayor states that Brooks was going to look into this and she is absent today therefore no update provided.
2. School Speed Zone on Superior St. Mayor states that there was an accident by his house last week. The concern is that kids are crossing the streets all over town not in the school crossings. He talked to the County Supervisor regarding flashing signs on Superior St. The county would be in favor of the signs, but the question is who would pay to install & maintain them. Signs will flash before school starts and when school is out for a set amount of time.
3. Alternate Parking on Church St. by the school. Mayor spoke to the Superintendent regarding parking and traffic by the school. Supt. stated that he was not opposed to looking into the space at the parking lots and see what can be changed.

Motion Kielman, Sherburne to approve and adopt the items contained in the Consent Agenda and Minutes (09/07/2023) Ayes: Doty, Sherburne, Kielman, and Lodge. Nays: None. Absent: Brooks. MC.

Department Head Reports as follows: Fire Department: None, Ambulance: None Police Chief Mackey gave a report with total number of calls in August at 98 calls for police service. Library provided reports to council via email.

Building permits presented.

1. Todd Doty, 313 N Traer St. is wanting to put another car port on property to store a tractor.
2. Russell Vance, 321 N Elizabeth St. adding onto property at 314 E Ilgenfritz Ave. Wants to add patio, bathroom and closet over a basement bedroom. Sketches provided.

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

Maintenance Updates/Quotes. Had concrete by popcorn stand and library approach in front of the doors looked at. Concrete has settled and needs to be raised up. Provided quote to council. Lodge questions what the warranty is on the work and he is also concerned about the fall hazards that this creates.

Motion Lodge, Kielman to approve quote by Concrete PolyFix to raise cement by popcorn stand and Library. Ayes: Doty, Sherburne, Kielman, and Lodge. Nays: None. Absent: Brooks. MC.

Mayor states that there was confusion between contractors and city on the Prospect St. road repair. Bruce Hoodjer is going to tear out curb & gutter in order to Bloker to come and replace, followed by Blacktop Services replacing the road.

Volunteer Park update. Mayor spoke with Clarksville Lumber about providing lumber to replace bleacher seats at cost of \$780. Jared states that the school is looking to purchase new bleachers in order to host Football playoff games. These bleachers would be moveable and they are looking to move them to different locations when football is not going on. Lodge wants to make sure that we account for that during the concrete pouring portion of the project. Boy Scout's are working on submitting paperwork for approval of their projects thru the Scout Council and then will present to City Council.

Mayor states that he was in contact with Scott @ Library Association and other towns in Butler County to see how their Ordinances read regarding the annual report or survey. Scott told the Mayor that we need to be careful when changing any Ordinances as the State is specific on items pertaining to the libraries. City Clerk states that one of the reasons that this one in particular was being looked at is that the Ordinance states that the report would be available at the fiscal year, when it is actually provided to council in November.

Motion Doty, Sherburne to table Ordinance No. 311-AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 21, LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES. 21.09 ANNUAL REPORT REMOVING IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE FISCAL YEAR TO AT THE DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING IN NOVEMBER. RCV/Ayes: Doty, Sherburne, Kielman, and Lodge. Nays: None. Absent: Brooks. MC.

General Nuisances: Mayor states that this issue was brought up at previous council meeting. Barry has went to the houses of general nuisances. Some have taken care of the issue and some have not. Mayor questions when to have attorney get involved in these issues. Lodge states that there used to be a city clean up day and that hasn't happened recently due to Covid. Some of the issues and problems could be remedied by just doing a clean up day. Lodge is willing to help with this if people could contact City Hall. Lodge could plan to be available October 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> to pick items up.

Motion Lodge, Sherburne to approve having City Clean up days to help residents. Ayes: Doty, Sherburne, Kielman, and Lodge. Nays: None. Absent: Brooks. MC.

Jendro Rate Adjustment 3% increase per contract presented by City Clerk. Lodge questions whether or not the gas adjustment was ever removed from the bill and now they want to increase 3% on the rates. He asks where that money will come from and wants the residents to know that the City has absorbed the fuel adjustment and not passed the cost onto them. Sherburne states that it should be one or the other, not both that we incur. Sherburne states that he will call Jendro and talk with them.

Motion Lodge, Sherburne to approve the 3% increase from Jendro. Ayes: Doty, Sherburne, Kielman, and Lodge. Nays: None. Absent: Brooks. MC.

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

Motion Lodge, Kielman to approve City Clerk attending virtual Budget Meeting in November for a cost of \$50 provided by the Iowa League of Cities. Ayes: Doty, Sherburne, Kielman, and Lodge. Nays: None. Absent: Brooks. MC.

Motion Kielman, Doty to adjourn the regular City Council Meeting at 7:38 p.m. Ayes: Doty, Sherburne, Kielman, and Lodge. Nays: None. Absent: Brooks. MC.

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Michael Grantham  
Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Molly Bohlen  
City Clerk