

**CITY OF CLARKSVILLE
CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING
April 1, 2024**

The Clarksville City Council met in regular session on April 1, 2024 in the City Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Jerald Heuer presiding and Council Members Roger Doty, Ruth Saulsbury, Jennifer Kielman, Jessi Reints and Taran Sherburne. Other City employees present were: Molly Bohlen, City Clerk, Jared Brunner, Maintenance, and Police Chief Mackey.

Motion Sherburne, Reints to approve consent agenda as noted. Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Kielman, Reints, Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Discussion proposed salary increases for FY 2024-2025. Saulsbury has looked at averages across Iowa and states that we are closer to the bottom end. She questions how much it would cost both time and money to hire, retrain, and retain employees. Kielman states that she feels that 3-5% raises are reasonable. Reints questions how raises are determined and who makes those decisions. Doty states that insurance premiums have increased and that was the reason in previous years that raises were not given. Heuer states that insurance has increased in all areas.

Motion Kielman, Sherburne to increase water rates by \$2, add water meter rate of \$1 and increase storm water drainage fee by \$2 effective July 1, 2024. Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Kielman, Reints, Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Sherburne, Kielman to approve 1st reading of Ordinance No. 312 ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CLARKSVILLE, IOWA, BY AMENDING THE PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO CHAPTER 137 VACATING ALL OF WEST WEARE ST RIGHT OF WAY 154.5 FEET WEST OF SOUTH TRAER STREET. RCV/Ayes: Kielman, Reints, Doty, Saulsbury, Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Kielman, Sherburne to approve adopting revision of the return to work policy and the temporary/modified work agreement in the employee handbook. Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Kielman, Reints, Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Saulsbury, Kielman to approve Resolution 24-7 Employee Wages for FY 2024-2025. Ayes: None, Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion Not Carried.

Motion Kielman, Sherburne to table Resolution 24-7 Employee Wages for FY 2024-2025. Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Kielman, Reints, Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Dollar General Sidewalk update given by Clerk regarding what correspondence has occurred between Dollar General and the City and how to proceed with recommendations from City Attorney.

Motion Reints, Doty to approve Resolution 24-8 Appointing Pat Vickers of Vickers Law Firm to work with the city on Dollar General proceedings. Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Kielman, Reints, Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Update given on Seasonal Part Time Position. Applications have been received and will be distributed to HR committee. Maintenance would like a decision made quickly as the mowing season will be coming soon.

Motion Sherburne, Kielman to approve building permits for Tony Clark, 405 N Traer as presented by Maintenance. Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Kielman, Reints, Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Reints, Kielman to approve curb and gutter repair along E. Slimmer by Barnett Excavating in the amount of \$2,000. Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Kielman, Reints, Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Budget update provided by City Clerk.

Motion Doty, Sherburne, to adjourn regular City Council meeting at 7:20 pm.

Jerald Heuer
Mayor

Attest: Molly Bohlen
City Clerk