

**CITY OF CLARKSVILLE
CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING
March 4, 2024**

The Clarksville City Council met in regular session on March 4, 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 present and Taran Sherburne by phone. Other City employees present were: Molly Bohlen, City Clerk, Jared Brunner, Maintenance, and Police Chief Mackey. Members of the public present: Rhonda Landrum, Bruce Lodge, Jerry Leibold, Adam Mapes and Jordan White of VT.

Mayor Opened Public Hearing.

Motion Kielman, Doty to open Public Hearing to Vacate West Weare St. Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Kielman, Reints, Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: None.

No written comments. Oral comments: Jerry Leibold spoke on behalf of himself being a property owner. He states that he is not in favor of vacating the road because he still needs access to his building on the south side. He states that he currently lives in Waverly. VT wants to buy his building, but he doesn't want to sell. He said that 5 years ago he approached VT about them buying his building and they didn't want it then.

Representatives from VT, Adam Mapes and Jordan White were present as well. Mapes states that the conversation with vacating the road was started quite a while ago and prior to some members of the council being present in office. VT states that their understanding is if the city vacates the road each property owner would get ½ the road. VT states that they would give full access to Leibold for his building. Mapes states that the reason for vacating the road is to add a dust collection area and that it would extend into the road. He did state that the plans have changed over the past few months so he is unsure of the definitive plans for the expansion. VT wants to be receptive to the land owners. VT is committed to the community and would like to expand their operation. VT asked if Leibold would consider an easement. Leibold replied no. Leibold asked about the placement of the dumpsters and Mapes states that he is getting them relocated.

Motion Kielman, Sherburne to close Public Hearing to Vacate West Weare St. Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Kielman, Reints, Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Lodge questioned fencing requirements as he was leaving the meeting.

Mayor Topics: Discussion and recommendations with water, sewer, and meter rates.

Recommendations would be to add \$2 to base water rate, which would also increase sewer base rate and add \$1 meter charge to monthly bill. The meter charge would go towards replacing residential meters when they are need of repair except for when meter fails due to negligence. Rate changes would require an Ordinance change.

Nuisance Properties: Mayor has list of properties to provide to council regarding Nuisance Properties and will discuss with Nuisance Committee Members.

Motion Doty, Kielman to approve and adopt items contained in the Consent Agenda (February Expenditures & Report, and Minutes for 02/19/24, and Food Trucks parking by Farm Bureau for year 2024. Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Kielman, Reints, Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: None. Kielman wanted Food Trucks pulled from Consent Agenda and put on the regular Agenda.

Motion Kielman, Reints to remove Food Truck parking by Farm Bureau for the year 2024 and place on regular Agenda. Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Kielman, Reints, Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Discussion on Food Trucks. Kielman states that there are many communities that are changing where food trucks can be parked, limitations of space, and amount of feet they can serve in conjunction of where other businesses are serving. Food trucks abide by different rules than restaurants. Kielman states that there were multiple concerns last year. Saulsbury questions the schedule of the food trucks and who takes care of that. Doty states he thinks competition is healthy. Reints states they enjoy the food trucks, but feels menus should be a variety.

Motion Kielman, Reints to table discussion on Food Trucks. Ayes: Doty, Kielman, Reints, Sherburne. Nays: Saulsbury. Absent: None.

Motion Reints, Doty to approve Resolution 24-3 Setting Public Hearing for Consolidated General Fund Tax Levy for FY 2024-2025 on March 26th at 6 pm. RCV/Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Kielman, Reints, Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Sherburne, Doty to approve Butler County Conservation planting wild grass and flowers east of Sportsman's Park. Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Kielman, Reints, Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Saulsbury, Kielman to approve building permits for Regina Hirsch, 116 W Wilmans (privacy fence) & Jeff Kolb, 520 N Mather (residential shed) as presented by Maintenance. Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Kielman, Reints, Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Saulsbury, Reints to approve Resolution 24-4 Caden Hobson Hiring Contingent Upon Passing Physical, Hearing and Vision Test. RCV/Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Kielman, Reints, Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Reints, Kielman to approve memorial tree at Volunteer Park for Stirling Family. Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Kielman, Reints, Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Review of Proposed Tax Notice presented by City Clerk.

Motion Doty, Reints to adjourn regular City Council meeting at 7:47 pm.

Jerald Heuer
Mayor

Attest: Molly Bohlen
City Clerk