

**CITY OF CLARKSVILLE  
CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING  
May 6, 2024**

The Clarksville City Council met in regular session on May 6, 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. Members of public present: Rhonda Landrum, Lloyd Calease, Meredith Borchardt, and Annette Whittrock.

Clerk provided update for Eagle Scout Project at the cemetery provided by Dan Forry today. Saulsbury states that she has had a couple of concerns mentioned to her: 1. The use of jake brakes when outside of city limits and also in city limits. Her question was is there signs stating that they can't do this. Mackey states that he would have to look into this. 2. The storm sewer or manhole cover by her neighborhood needs some filling in around it. She states that someone noticed the county did fill in around the one about 1 block from her corner, but not by hers and it is getting bad. Maintenance states they would look into this.

**Mayor Topics:**

1. **Street Sweeping:** Heuer described street sweeper city currently has and also the drawbacks of the current one as seen by Maintenance that has used it. They are not happy about how it functions as it tends to push the dirt around and not pick it up. Heuer has spoke with DW Huisman and he has one that he refurbished that would sweep, vacuum and be able to remove the grates around town. Heuer and Jared would like to go look at the unit and see how it functions. Discussion regarding cost of the street sweeper and also just having DW come and do the street sweeping for the year.
2. **Street Improvement Discussion:** Heuer discusses the need for patchwork to be completed, but also to save the existing roads that are not in poor condition, as well as developing a 5 year plan for getting roads repaired. There were 2 quotes presented for the road repairs for council to look at. Sherburne states that he has heard that 1 inch overlay doesn't hold up on many roads. This will be discussed further at a future meeting.

Saulsbury would like to move from the consent agenda the issue of Dylan Backer as Fire Chief and put on the regular agenda as she feels that this needs recognition individually.

Motion Sherburne, Kielman to move Consent Agenda Item f to the Agenda New Business. Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Kielman, Reints, Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Sherburne, Reints to approve appointing Dylan Backer as Fire Chief. Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Kielman, Reints, Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Kielman, Reints to approve consent agenda as noted including April Claims & Financials, Minutes from 04/15/2024, Casey's Permit for cigarette, tobacco and nicotine products, Dollar General liquor license, Memorial Trees to be planted at Volunteer Park in memory of Richard & Robert Litterer, and \$1,086.50 expenditure at Park for concrete project. Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Kielman, Reints, Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Kielman, Sherburne to approve 3rd 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.

Discussed wage and cost of living increases for employees. Reints was interested in the process with reviews and wage increases. Kielman discussed employee review form that is currently in the handbook and would like something more specific towards job performance. Saulsbury states that she made motion at last meeting but that it didn't go further and is wondering if anyone else has a different idea. Council members feel that there is good staff at the City and they want to retain that staff.

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

Meredith Borchardt with Trees Forever gave presentation to Council and Mayor. She states that over 800 trees have been planted over the years and they are planning to do a fall planting this year. They held off on the spring planting due to the drought like conditions. They have received a grant thru MidAmerican Energy and have many volunteers that help throughout the year with the process of maintaining the trees.

Motion Sherburne, Doty to approve Res 24-10 Hiring Hunter Fasse Seasonal Mowing Position. Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Kielman, Reints, Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Doty, Sherburne to table street repair bid for Ragsdale and Freerks until next meeting. Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Kielman, Reints, Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Kielman, Reints to set Budget Amendment Hearing for May 20<sup>th</sup>. Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Kielman, Reints, Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Sherburne, Kielman to approve Laser Line Striping/Helmke Services for \$2500 at the end of May to paint in town streets and curbs. Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Kielman, Reints, Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: None.

**Building Permits presented by Maintenance as follows:**

1. Joe Wedeking, Jr. 403 W Greene concrete pad for air conditioning unit and concrete pad at back entrance to the house.
2. Amy Learn, 108 S Ely construction of long deck along house
3. Scott Arenholz, 117 N Fremont St. Construction of detached single car garage/shop
4. Clarksville Development, 314 N Elizabeth St. Construction of new house.

Motion Sherburne, Doty to approve building permits as presented by Maintenance. Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Kielman, Reints, Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Clerk presented budget amendment information to council and mayor.

Motion Doty, Sherburne to adjourn regular City Council meeting at 7:48 pm.

Molly Bohlen

Attest: Molly Bohlen  
City Clerk

Jerald Heuer

Jerald Heuer  
Mayor