

CITY OF CLARKSVILLE
CITY COUNCIL DEPARTMENT MEETING
September 16, 2024

The Clarksville City Council met in regular session on September 16, 2024 in the City Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Jerald Heuer presiding and Council Members Jessi Reints, Roger Doty, Jennifer Kielman, Ruth Saulsbury and Taran Sherburne, by phone. The following Department Heads and employees were in attendance: Molly Bohlen, City Clerk, Kristin Clark, librarian, Jared Brunner, Maintenance, Rebecca Brown, Reserve Officer and Barry Mackey, Police Chief. Members of the public present were: Rhonda Landrum.

Mayor Topics:

1. Main Street Parking Discussion. Heuer wants a discussion on how to proceed. Reints states that signs and 24 inch space between vehicles would be a start. Kielman and Reints both agree that if the Ordinance is changed it should be enforced. Reints states that as previously discussed she has concerns with business owners being responsible for watching how long people are parked in front of the business and calling with violations. Mackey states that he would like to have a meeting with a couple of council members to discuss this further and some ideas. Reints and Kielman state that landlords are to provide off the street parking for their tenants which isn't happening. Reints feels that there is more of a problem on South Main during the day time hours, Kielman agreed. Council came to an agreement to work on Ordinance to add when vehicles are parallel parked on side streets there must be 24 inches of spaces between vehicles with in City limits and less than that vehicle will be towed and Business parking Monday-Friday from 6am -6pm. Clerk will work with Attorney to make Ordinance changes to present to Council.

Motion Kielman, Saulsbury to approve Consent Agenda of: August Monthly Expenditures and Reports, Doc's Liquor License and Minutes from 09/03/2024. Ayes: Doty, Reints, Kielman, Sherburne, Saulsbury. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Department Head Updates: Library Director presented monthly report and provided updates on current & upcoming events. Fire Department update-Dylan Edeker new member of Fire Department pending copy of driver's license and background check.

Motion Kielman, Reints to approve Dylan Edeker as new member of Fire Department pending all required background check and copy of driver's license. Ayes: Doty, Reints, Kielman, Sherburne, Saulsbury. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Mackey provided monthly report for police department with calls of service totaling 239 for month of August. Calls have increased recently with more nuisances and dog calls. Mackey also states that they received their new weapons.

Maintenance Report: Building Permits:

1. Sandra Silva: 206 S Church St., replacing existing deck and enlarging. Motion Kielman, Saulsbury to approve Silva's building permit as presented. Ayes: Doty, Kielman, Sherburne, Saulsbury, Reints. Nays: None. Absent: None.
2. Greg Johnson: 303 E Jefferson, adding lean to on single garage. Motion Reints, Doty to approve Johnson's building permit as presented. Ayes: Doty, Kielman, Sherburne, Saulsbury, Reints. Nays: None. Absent: None.
3. Russ Vance: 314 E Ilgenfritz Ave. front entry steps with small deck. Motion Reints, Sherburne to approve Vance's building permit as presented. Ayes: Doty, Kielman, Sherburne, Saulsbury, Reints. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Council discussed setting fine for not having building permit as this has been a problem. \$50 fine was decided on. Clerk states that this would have to be an Ordinance change and will work with the City Attorney on this.

Discussion on setting & approving ball park rental fees & procedures. Rental fee for the season \$250/year or \$25/time, along with \$25 deposit for each of these. Council did want to state that during the in season time frame that preference would be given to City Rec and School Activities. Reints also states that the lights should be an extra fee. Doty questions what the extra fee would be needed for. Maintenance states that someone is going to have to come and turn the lights on/off each time they are used. \$25/time for the use of lights. Reints also would like the wording changed in the Resolution to clear up what can and can't be used. Clerk will work on Resolution for next meeting.

Motion Kielman, Sherburne to approve the Third Reading of Ordinance No. 317 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CLARKSVILLE, IOWA BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO STOP SIGNS. RCV/Ayes: Doty, Kielman, Sherburne, Saulsbury, Reints. Nays: None. Absent: None.


Reints questions if Council would be ok with Businesses and people who live in the country coming and doing trunk or treat at the same time on Main Street facing towards the sidewalks. No one voiced opinions against this. Motion Kielman, Reints to approve setting October 31st from 5-7 for Halloween. Ayes: Doty, Kielman, Sherburne, Saulsbury, Reints. Nays: None. Absent: None.


Sealed Bid accepted for Police Dept firearms. Clerk received one sealed bid from Richard Landrum for \$410 per gun.

Motion Doty, Sherburne to approve bid for purchase of firearms pending necessary regulatory approvals. Ayes: Doty, Reints, Kielman, Sherburne, Saulsbury. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Reints, Saulsbury to approve the purchase of replacement flag pole plaque honoring Donald Willis due to damage. Ayes: Doty, Kielman, Sherburne, Saulsbury, Reints. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Doty, Sherburne to adjourn the regular City Council Meeting at 7:30 p.m. Ayes: Doty, Kielman, Sherburne, Saulsbury, Reints. Nays: None. Absent: None.


Jerald Heuer
Mayor

Attest: 
Molly Bohlen
City Clerk