

**CITY OF CLARKSVILLE  
CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING  
July 7, 2025**

The Clarksville City Council met in regular session on July 7, 2025 in the City Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Jerald Heuer presiding and Council Members: Roger Doty, Taran Sherburne, and Ruth Saulsbury. Absent: Jessi Reints and Jennifer Kielman. Other City employees present were: Molly Bohlen, City Clerk, Jared Brunner, Maintenance, Chief Mackey and Reserve Officer Brown. Members of the public: Todd Fails.

Motion Sherburne, Doty to approve agenda as listed for July 7, 2025. Ayes: Sherburne, Saulsbury, Doty. Nays: None. Absent: Reints, Kielman.

Mayor Topics: Chicken Discussion: Heuer states that he is seeing a lot of chicken coops around town and has been hearing a rooster when working around town. Heuer put the question to council if this is an Ordinance to look at and make changes. Saulsbury states that she has been looking at surrounding towns Ordinance and permitting process and in the end would be willing to take on looking at this Ordinance. Sherburne states that he doesn't feel rooster are necessary in town. Saulsbury states most towns allow between 6 & 10 chickens and also a permit process that they would have to come to City Hall to obtain. Heuer questions if there is a section for neighbors to sign off for approval. Saulsbury is going to do some research.

Motion Doty, Sherburne to approve consent agenda including June claims & Financial reports, Minutes (07/16/2025). Ayes: Sherburne, Saulsbury, Doty. Nays: None. Absent: Reints, Kielman.

Water Rate Discussion. Saulsbury states that when looking at surrounding area we are comparable to them. Doty is unsure about a 5% feels it is too much. Todd Fails states that people tend to look at wage increases in comparison to the increase of their bills. Fails suggested looking at 5 year plan of increases and getting notice to the public. Sherburne states that the news reporter, Jensen Johnston at Clarksville Star might be a good person to contact about getting the word out regarding water rate increases.

Motion Doty, Sherburne to table setting water rates at this time. Ayes: Sherburne, Saulsbury, Doty. Nays: None. Absent: Reints, Kielman.

Food Truck Discussion. Sherburne & Doty state that they do not have a problem with the food trucks. Heuer states that he spoke with KJ's who are in contact with many of the food trucks and that they are trying to have the food trucks with similar options as in town come on Mondays when many establishments are closed. Saulsbury states that she has not heard any negative feedback from the public regarding the food trucks by the residents of Clarksville.

Vern Holland Fence: Heuer states that Holland put in a building permit for a fence ~1 year ago. That permit was not approved however the fence was put up. The survey on Holland's property was completed recently and his fence is ~4-5 feet on the neighbor's property. Heuer states that Holland is in contact with the neighbor to purchase some land in order to keep the fence where he has it.

**Building Permits:**

1. Regina Hirsch, Perfect Picket Fence & Stain, 116 W Wilmans St. to replace fence damaged by fire. Motion Sherburne, Doty to approve building permit as presented by Maintenance. Ayes: Sherburne, Saulsbury, Doty. Nays: None. Absent: Reints, Kielman.

Maintenance states that with the recent storms there has been many trees that need trimmed and removed. Brunner states that some have already been removed. Brunner presented all trees in question and answered questions throughout.

Motion Sherburne, Doty to approve tree removals. Ayes: Sherburne, Saulsbury, Doty. Nays: None. Absent: Reints, Kielman.

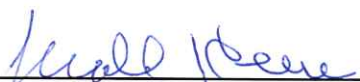
Todd Fails was present to discuss the building use change for the shed on his property. He states that he buys salvaged vehicles, repairs them and resells them. He is trying to obtain a rebuilders permit in order to help with the licensing process. He only repairs one vehicle at a time with nothing sitting outside of the building. He states that he went and talked with all the neighbors regarding the change and everyone signed off on the permit that he submitted. There is a public hearing on the 21<sup>st</sup> of July for the public to voice their opinions. Fails wanted the Council to be aware of the change that he is requesting.

Zoning Ordinance Change Discussion for Restricted Residence District. Saulsbury states that Chapter 155 pertains to Restricted Residence. She states that after discussing the options with the City Attorney they decided to keep everything in town as R1, however there is a section regarding special permits for different uses of property. She states that many of the changes included formatting, change and clarification of wording/definitions throughout the chapter. She states that there were areas that the wording needed expanded or improvements to provide the clarification and to improve the flow of how the Chapter is worded. Heuer states that the special permitting process allows resident to present to council how they want to change the use of their property and provides the public with more information.

Maintenance Position Update provided by Heuer. He states that interviews were completed last week and the resumes are available for council to review. Heuer states that instead of waiting until the next council meeting he would like to see an additional meeting prior to that to keep the process moving forward.

IT update provide by Clerk regarding new equipment that has been installed, problem areas that have been identified and asked if council had questions regarding the changes. Sherburne states that the changes probably need to happen either now or in the near future to keep up with new software that is now out there.

Motion Doty, Sherburne to adjourn regular City Council meeting at 7:23 pm. Ayes: Sherburne, Saulsbury, Doty. Nays: None. Absent: Reints, Kielman.

  
Jerald Heuer  
Mayor

Molly Bohlen

Attest: Molly Bohlen, City Clerk