

CITY OF CLARKSVILLE
CITY COUNCIL DEPARTMENT MEETING
July 21, 2025

The Clarksville City Council met in regular session on July 21, 2025 in the City Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Jerald Heuer presiding and Council Members Ruth Saulsbury, Roger Doty, Jennifer Kielman and Taran Sherburne(by phone). Jessi Reints absent. The following Department Heads & employees were in attendance: Molly Bohlen, City Clerk, Jared Brunner, Maintenance, Kristen Clark, librarian, Rebecca Brown, Reserve Officer, and Barry Mackey, Police Chief. Members of the public: Bobby Fox.

Motion Kielman, Doty to approve agenda for July 21, 2025. Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Sherburne, and Kielman. Nays: None. Absent: Reints.

Motion Sherburne, Kielman to open Public Hearing to accept input on special permit building at 541 West Wilmans Street. Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Sherburne, and Kielman. Nays: None. Absent: Reints.

Written/verbal comments: none were received.

Motion Doty, Sherburne to close Public Hearing for special permit at 541 West Wilmans St. Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Sherburne, and Kielman. Nays: None. Absent: Reints.

Motion Kielman, Sherburne to approve special permit per guidelines set forth in Ordinances 155.09. RCV/Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Sherburne, and Kielman. Nays: None. Absent: Reints.

Motion Kielman, Doty open Public Hearing to accept input on Amendments to City of Clarksville Ordinances Chapter 155. Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Sherburne and Kielman. Nays: None. Absent: Reints.

Written/verbal comments: none were received.

Motion Sherburne, Doty to close Public Hearing for amendments to City of Clarksville Ordinances Chapter 155. Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Sherburne and Kielman. Nays: None. Absent: Reints

Motion Saulsbury, Kielman to approve first reading of Ordinance No. 318 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CLARKSVILLE, IOWA BY AMENDING CHAPTER 155, RESTRICTED RESIDENCY DISTRICT. RCV/ Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Sherburne, and Kielman. Nays: None. Absent: Reints.

Mayor Topics:

1. Main Street Maintenance and Weeds: Heuer wanted to get the word out to Main Street owners that Chapter 53 is about keeping sidewalks/storefronts clean and free of weeds/debris. If owners do not take care of this it will be something that the City would have to help with. Heuer states that it is nice to have a well kept Main Street like other towns.
2. Chicken Discussion: Heuer asked Saulsbury if she has been able to do any research. Saulsbury states that she has been able to look at surrounding towns Ordinances regarding number of chickens allowed, disposal of waste, containment and permit requirements. She states that Waverly probably has the most detailed Ordinances regarding chicken. Butler County Board of Supervisors has a permit process in order regarding residential areas. She states that most of towns do not permit roosters. Feedback that she received from residents is that it is their land and they should be able to do what they want with it and also many residents utilize the different birds as a source of food either meat or eggs. Heuer questions the permit process and what it would entail as well as restrictions that might need to be put on. Doty feels that the situation could get out of control if allowed to. Kielman feels that some guidelines would be helpful.

Motion Kielman, Doty to approve Consent Agenda of: June Monthly Expenditures & Reports, Minutes from 07/07/25 & 07/10/25. Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Sherburne, and Kielman. Nays: None. Absent: Reints.

Department Head Updates: Library: provided reports for the months of May and June, upcoming events happening at the library, changes to federal funding, and the opportunity to provide programs on Mondays when the school year starts back up. Clark shared the number of activities offered around Pioneer Days, as well as adult programs throughout the summer. Police Chief provided report with calls totaling 133 for June.

Maintenance reports. Building permits:

1. Bobby Fox: 406 N. Ely adding fence around property. Motion Doty, Sherburne to approve building permit as presented by Maintenance. Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Sherburne, and Kielman. Nays: None. Absent: Reints.
2. Thomas Pliner: 315 E Greene St. construction of small porch with roof on front of home. Motion Doty, Sherburne to approve building permit as presented by Maintenance. Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Sherburne, and Kielman. Nays: None. Absent: Reints.

Discussed the reasons for the additional cost of IT including the need to upgrade 8 computers that are not compatible with Windows 11 upgrade. Mackey feels that the police department doesn't need to upgrade computers and that they do not use them that much. He states that they do have an external hard drive to back up their systems. He also states that if they would need to upgrade he would want to look at upgrading to computers that could go in the vehicles and would be mobile. He states that was the plan years ago when they would purchase a new police vehicle that they would have the computer system put in the.

Motion Kielman, Sherburne to approve IT changes and updates with increased pricing with the exception of Clerk checking on options for the Police Department. Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Sherburne, and Kielman. Nays: None. Absent: Reints.

Church Street Project –Heuer states we are waiting for road repair estimates from Ted.


Water Rate Discussion. Heuer recapped from last meeting that the discussion was to have a larger increase this year and then smaller ones the next couple of years. Kielman thinks 3% this year. Saulsbury makes suggestion of putting numbers with projects to show to how much these projects and supplies cost.

Motion Sherburne, Kielman to approve Resolution 25-12 Hiring Hunter Fasse for Full time Maintenance Position. Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Sherburne, and Kielman. Nays: None. Absent: Reints.

Motion Kielman, Doty to approve Resolution 25-11 Wage Correction for FY 2025-2026. Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Sherburne, and Kielman. Nays: None. Absent: Reints.

Stop Sign Discussion. Resident would like to see stop sign added to corner of N. Elizabeth and W. Ilgenfritz Ave. Heuer suggests that Council drive down in this area and around town to see if there are other areas that need to be looked at. Saulsbury questions whether or not the committee needs to look at this again. Sherburne states that S. Mather even with the additional stop signs have people that are running stop signs and driving fast down towards the ball diamonds.

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


Jerald Heuer, Mayor

Attest: 
Molly Bohlen, City Clerk