

CITY OF CLARKSVILLE
CITY COUNCIL DEPARTMENT MEETING
January 19, 2026

The Clarksville City Council met in regular session on January 19, 2026 in the City Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Jerald Heuer presiding and Council Members: Jessi Reints, Jeremy Hoerman, Wesley Voss, and David Kelm. Ruth Saulsbury was absent initially, arriving at 6:32 pm. City employees present were: Molly Bohlen, City Clerk, Jared Brunner, Maintenance Supt., Kristen Clark, librarian and Chief Mackey. Members of the public present were: Mark Crawford, Lucas Elsbernd, John Riherd, and Bruce Toenjes.

Motion Reints, Kelm to approve agenda for January 19, 2026. Ayes: Reints, Hoerman, Voss, Kelm. Nays: None. Absent: Saulsbury.

Mayor Topics:

1. House Rental Inspections. Heuer wanted input/discussion to see if Council felt like this was a good idea or not. Council expressed interest in pursuing this option and was able to look at another town's Ordinance and checklist. This will be discussed at the next Council meeting.
2. Home Industry & Home Occupation Permit: Heuer states that this was something that was added to the Restricted Residency Section of the Ordinance and he has asked office staff to develop a permit for this. He states that current home industry or businesses would be grandfathered in, but it would be good to have information regarding any hazardous materials in the home or number of children in building in case the Fire Department needs to respond for an emergency situation.
3. Hazard Mitigation: Heuer states that this plan is reviewed every 5 years and the last time it was reviewed there was some items that were added that could be implemented. He states several ideas were brought up in response to disasters that could help such as: place to store emergency supplies including water, a back up generator at the library, cleaning out culverts that historically have created a hazard by retaining debris and not allowing free flow of water during the times of floods. Heuer also discussed the work on the dike that has occurred.

Motion Reints, Voss to approve Consent Agenda of: December Monthly Expenditures & Reports and Minutes from 01/05/2026 and 01/15/2026. Ayes: Reints, Saulsbury, Hoerman, Voss, Kelm. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Department Head Updates: Library: provided report including: statistics, programs provided in the last month as well as upcoming programs, number of patrons and an update that the National Elevator inspection took place last week. Clark shared a handout for new and returning Council explaining what/how the library functions, the history, programs that they have hosted, resources that are available and let Council know that she is able to answer questions whenever they arise. Clark shared that the County provides some funding to all libraries in the County and states that last year it was \$11,000-which is placed in the General Fund at the City and helps to offset their budget. Ambulance contacted City Hall to let them know that they would like to have Ashley Lorenz approved as the new Training Officer.

Motion Kelm, Hoerman to approve Lorenz as the new Training Officer for the Ambulance. Ayes: Reints, Saulsbury, Hoerman, Voss, Kelm. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Police Chief provided report with calls totaling 115 in December.

Maintenance: Building Permit: Don Kielman: 415 N. Washington; concrete work. Motion Reints, Kelm to approve building permit as presented by Maintenance. Ayes: Reints, Saulsbury, Hoerman, Voss, Kelm. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Questions were raised regarding the ice rink and the fluctuation temperatures. Council and Mayor wonder if it wouldn't be best to wait until next year to look at this again.

John Riherd, County Engineer introduced himself to Council and states that he had approached the city towards the end of last year with an idea to possible purchase some land by W. Walnut St. owned by the City of Clarksville for the construction of new County Shed as they are needing more room for equipment and mobilization purposes. The shed would measure 54 X100 and have 5 bays to house 2 graders and 2 snow plows would be headquartered to run from the building. He discussed the building design with Council. City Attorney Toenjes was present and was able to discuss the process with selling the property it would consist of Proposal, Public Hearing and Resolutions in order to properly complete the process. Toenjes also pointed out that a couple of other considerations that need to be made are there is an alley that would more than likely need vacated due to how the plots were previously platted. Discussed the process of vacating the street and location of utility connections. Riherd agreed that vacating the alley would be the most reasonable and not vacating the street. Toenjes states that these items are all procedural. Heuer questions if there is a timeline in mind as we will be needing to notify the person leasing the land. Riherd states that they would like to possess the land by Spring in order to get the shed up. Council did like the idea of utilizing the land for a good purpose.

Church Street Project Discussion. Crawford Engineering and Fehr-Graham both present for the meeting. Representatives from both companies were able to discuss their cost estimation after multiple meetings with the Mayor and Maintenance. Both were able to discuss the differences in the quotes and stated that they could make the appropriate changes so that Council would be able to compare the same project. Discussed that when it comes to the design portion that the cost might decrease some as well.

Motion Reints, Voss to approve Employee Wage Report correction for calendar year 2025. Ayes: Reints, Saulsbury, Hoerman, Voss, Kelm. Nays: None. Absent: None.

City Clerk presented initial budget revenue listing, as well as health insurance cost for budget. Explained the next step moving forward with the budget.

Motion Voss, Reints to adjourn the regular City Council Meeting at 7:49 p.m. Ayes: Reints, Saulsbury, Hoerman, Voss, Kelm. Nays: None. Absent: None.



Jerald Heuer, Mayor

Attest: 

Molly Bohlen, City Clerk