

**CITY OF CLARKSVILLE  
CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING  
December 2, 2024**

The Clarksville City Council met in regular session on December 2, 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, by phone. Other City employees present were: Molly Bohlen, City Clerk, Jared Brunner, Maintenance, Police Chief Mackey and Reserve Officer Brown. Members of the public present: Larry Pump, Dale & Pat Mennenga, Bobby Fox, Dean Zelle, Alex (Rite Environmental), Jendro Employees: Chris Kehoe, Tyler and Dave, and Rhonda Landrum.

Motion Sherburne, Kielman to approve the agenda with amendment moving New Business #6 & #7 to right after the Public Hearing. Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Sherburne, Kielman, Reints. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Doty, Sherburne to open Public Hearing at 6:30 pm for Special Permit from Bobby Fox for corrugated steel to be put on new building at 406 N Ely. Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Sherburne, Kielman, Reints. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Comments from Public: Heuer states that there are restrictive covenants for that area. Heuer states that in the covenants it says that houses in the development would be in harmony with the rest of the buildings in that area. Heuer then reads comments submitted by public. Reed Weinberg in his letter states that he does not like corrugated metal as siding on a house. Weinberg states that he drove around the neighborhood and notes that all buildings in the area have vinyl siding, no metal. Jim Knapp in his letter states that whatever the City Code states is what should be followed. Fox states that his restrictive covenants for the one lot have expired. Dale & Pat Mennenga's covenant was given to them with their abstract when they bought their property. Mennenga states that the covenant automatically renews. Pat Mennenga states that they didn't even know what was being built there. Mennenga states that she has read thru the covenants multiple times to get a good understanding of them. After receiving the public hearing notice they have become aware of the structure being proposed and are concerned about the height & square footage, as well as making sure that it is aesthetically pleasing to all. Dale is also thankful that Fox is willing to come to town and build but the idea that this sets precedence for building going up in the future is concerning. Doty states that other houses in town have steel siding and provides examples. Fox states that there is a building a couple of blocks away that has steel siding. Fox presents his future plans would be to put up a spec house on the other empty lot and then put a house up on the same lot as the shed, making the living quarters in the shop temporary. Heuer questions if the shed would be attached to the house and would be considered an accessory building. Fox states that the shed would not be attached to the house and states that he is open to all options for other materials to use as siding.

Motion Reints, Kielman to close Public Hearing at 6:59pm for the Special Permit from Bobby Fox for corrugated steel to be put on new building. Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Sherburne, Kielman, Reints. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Council Discussion for Special Permit-Bobby Fox. Heuer recommends that the new building in question would stay in harmony with the other structures in that area. Reints states that she is torn as it is a temporary living situation, however it is 3 feet taller than an accessory structure should be. Saulsbury questions the timeline of the building process with respect to the spec house, ability to sell it and begin construction of the other house. Fox feels that it could take 2 years for the process. Reints also feels that covenants should be taken into consideration even if the city is not able to enforce. Reints would like to follow the Ordinance and that would be that the material should be something not steel. Saulsbury states that the shed/house will be the primary residence for a period of time. Doty questions if other materials have been looked into. Kielman questions whether the covenants are in place for the area in question because if the covenants are in place he would have to follow those. Kielman also feels that these situations should be dealt with on a case by case scenario because of the broad definition of corrugated metal, however progress being made in the industry corrugated metal is looking more and more like siding.

Motion Saulsbury, Doty to not approve the corrugated metal on the new building at 406 N Ely. Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Reints. Nays: Sherburne, Kielman. Absent: None.

Motion Doty, Kielman to approve consent agenda including November claims & financial reports, Minutes (11-18-24), and to approve the distribution of fund to Honky Tonk in the amount of \$40,097.19 from Iowa Economic Development. Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Sherburne, Kielman, Reints. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Larry Pump presented Annual Exam completed in November.

Dean Zelle, insurance agent here to discuss employee benefits of: LTD, STD, and Life Insurance. He was able to answer questions and give pros/cons. Annual cost of LTD/STD/Life insurance for 5 full time employees would amount to ~\$2322. Council would like to talk with employees to see what their opinion is. Brunner spoke up and said he would be interested in the LTD/STD but not the life insurance as he already has.

Discussion regarding Garbage RFP. Chris Kehoe introduced himself and employees from Jendro and answered Council questions. Doty questioned the fuel surcharge and the CPI increase was discussed. Alex, Rite Environmental introduced himself and company and answered question regarding RFP.

Motion Sherburne, Kielman to approve and accept RFP from Jendro. Ayes: Doty, Sherburne, Kielman, Reints. Nays: Saulsbury. Absent: None.

Motion Kielman, Sherburne to approve Annual Exam Report presented by Larry Pump for FY 2023-2024. Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Sherburne, Kielman, Reints. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Kielman, Sherburne to approve acceptance of funds from Iowa Economic Development for the Honky Tonk in the amount of \$40,097.19. Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Sherburne, Kielman, Reints. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Discussion of Group Coverage for Fire Department thru Iowa League of Cities-AD & D policies. Council expressed interest in providing this service to the Fire Department. They would like the information shared with the Fire Department and would like their feedback. City would provide coverage for the volunteer only.

Motion Reints, Doty to approve moving the December 16<sup>th</sup> council meeting from 6:30 pm to 5:30 pm. Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Sherburne, Kielman, Reints. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Clerk provided tentative timeline for budgeting, planning and some changes that the state has made for timeline requirements.

Motion Doty, Kielman to adjourn regular City Council meeting at 8:01 pm. Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Sherburne, Kielman, Reints. Nays: None. Absent: None.



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Jerald Heuer  
Mayor



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Attest: Molly Bohlen  
City Clerk