

**CITY OF CLARKSVILLE
CITY COUNCIL DEPARTMENT MEETING
January 20, 2025**

The Clarksville City Council met in regular session on January 20, 2025 in the City Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Jerald Heuer presiding and Council Members Ruth Saulsbury, Jennifer Kielman, Roger Doty, Jessi Reints and Taran Sherburne (by phone). The following Department Heads and employees were in attendance: Molly Bohlen, City Clerk, Jared Brunner, Maintenance, Rebecca Brown, Reserve Officer and Barry Mackey, Police Chief.

Motion Sherburne, Doty to approve agenda for January 20, 2025. Ayes: Saulsbury, Kielman, Sherburne, Doty, Reints. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Ruth Saulsbury states that she was invited to a Fundraiser for the Friends of Conservation group who are working towards expanding and improving the existing Nature Center. She talked about who utilizes the Nature Center and what a great place it is even though it is not on Main Street. She encouraged residents to check the Nature Center out if they are in the area.

Motion Kielman, Reints to approve Consent Agenda of: December Monthly Expenditures and Reports, and Minutes from 01/06/2025. Ayes: Saulsbury, Kielman, Sherburne, Doty, Reints. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Department Head Updates: Library will present report at next monthly meeting. Fire Department update: Heuer states that they are getting closer to ordering and finalizing the new fire truck. Clerk states that she spoke with members of the Fire Department that made a trip for the final build specs today. Heuer states that we have discussed this previously but need to make formal decision to move forward.

Motion Sherburne, Doty to approve moving forward with the design, purchase of new Fire Truck. Ayes: Saulsbury, Kielman, Sherburne, Doty, Reints. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Mackey provided monthly report for police department with calls of service totaling 83 for month of December. Heuer wants to state that he has heard many good comments from residents about Reserve Officer Brown as well as from the County. Mackey states that he has also heard positive comments from the County regarding her work and ethic and states that Brown has really stepped up to the position.

Maintenance presented bill for Iowa Pump Works and was able to talk with company regarding previous work and payments received. Maintenance states that the 2012 City truck has a radiator that is leaking and they are waiting on repairs to be completed by DW Huisman. Huisman is waiting for the parts to arrive in order to complete repairs.

Ambulance: Clerk provided an update on budget after talking with John Wehling, Crew Chief.

City Rec held a meeting one week ago and brought some recommendation/suggestions to Clerk for replacing equipment and supplies which was shared with the Council. Maintenance is looking at what needs repaired and assisting with price quotes.

Software Accounting Discussion including Banyon and newly proposed quote from Frey. Clerk feels that we need to have refresher on the functionality of the softwares that we feel would best suit the City's needs and will be reaching out to several companies again. Saulsbury notes that Frey has the ability for staff to work remotely which was a perk in case we needed to work out of the office and remotely. Clerk states that each of the software offer about the same information and abilities just slightly different operating functions.


Ice Skating Rink Discussion at Volunteer Park. Heuer discussed concerns regarding the liner and the need for a replacement. He is wondering if anyone has heard how much the rink is utilized. Clerk states that Cindy Wedeking was going to attend meeting and then ended up being out of town. Wedeking states that she would have volunteers available to assist in putting it up next year if that would help. Wedeking has received messages on the facebook page asking if City is putting it up. Wedeking also questions whether a smaller liner would work any better. Brunner discussed the process of putting the rink up, taking it down and the numbers of time it has been put up since he has been employed with the City. Kielman questions whether or not Wedeking could do a survey on the facebook page and see what the interest is and if it is cost effective to have another one. Reints states that she notices a couple of families that use the rink. Doty states that Shell Rock has a ice rink that they put up each year, but doesn't think that the city maintains it.

Clerk states that Lynn Kramer asked to have a hearing regarding the property at 514 S Church St. Kramer has been in contact with Clerk and stated that he would be available at the next Council meeting for the hearing.

Motion Saulsbury, Reints to set hearing for David Lynn Kramer, 514 S Church St, nuisance property for February 3, 2025 at 6:30 pm. Ayes: Saulsbury, Kielman, Sherburne, Doty, Reints. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Clerk discussed budget forms and changes to department budgets.

Motion Doty, Kielman to adjourn the regular City Council Meeting at 7:25 p.m. Ayes: Saulsbury, Kielman, Sherburne, Doty, Reints. Nays: None. Absent: None.



Jerald Heuer, Mayor

Attest: 

Molly Bohlen, City Clerk