

**CITY OF CLARKSVILLE
CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING
February 3, 2025**

The Clarksville City Council met in regular session on February 3, 2025 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. Other City employees present were: Molly Bohlen, City Clerk, Karmella Heuer, Deputy Clerk, Jared Brunner, Maintenance, and Reserve Officer Brown. Members of the public present: David Kramer and Brandon Kramer.

Motion Sherburne, Kielman to approve agenda as listed for February 3, 2025. Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Sherburne, Kielman, Reints. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Doty, Reints to open hearing for Nuisance Property located at 514 S Church. Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Sherburne, Kielman, Reints. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Heuer states that he has received complaints from residents regarding brush surrounding the house, and vermin including snakes and raccoons coming out of the house. David Kramer states that the brush and trees have been removed as of today and the house is livable. He states that he is keeping the house because he may eventually move into it. Basement is old stone foundation and that seems to be where the animals are coming and going from. Brandon Kramer is helping with the work around the house and states that there was an egress window that has been removed in the basement and replaced with plywood and he is planning to add dirt in that area. Reserve Officer Brown also states that she has received complaints about snakes and raccoons coming from the house. Heuer questions if he is planning on renting the property out. Kramer states that eventually he may move back in. Doty feels that if the brush is cleared that would help. Heuer questions if the foundation needs some work like spray foam. Saulsbury questions why the plastic is on the north side of the house. Brandon states that the bathroom is on the north side and that helps with when it gets cold so the pipes don't freeze. His plan is to take it down and replace with new and then in the spring to take the plastic down all together. Kielman wonders if plastic can be placed on the inside of the windows to help with the wind. Brandon stated that he talked to Frankie Vance that afternoon and Frankie did not have a problem with the property and if it came up for sale he would like to buy it. Kramer also states that there is new flooring, new furnace, and new washer/dryer. Kramer states that everything is closed up where animals can't get in, but the back door needs replaced as there is evidence that some animals have been there, but they were not able to get in the house. Brandon states that he can get the door replaced within a month weather permitting. Sherburne feels that if the brush and yard are kept up with the property should be fine. Saulsbury has concerns with fire hazard due to the overgrowth. Brandon Kramer was able to show a picture of the outside of the house after removing brush today.

Motion Sherburne, Kielman to close the hearing for Nuisance Property at 514 S Church St. Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Sherburne, Kielman, Reints. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Kielman, Reints to get an update from Kramers' at the March 17th meeting regarding the property and updates. Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Sherburne, Kielman, Reints. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Mayor Topics:

1. Employee Salary Discussion: Saulsbury feels that an investment in employees helps with retention and the City has been able to retain good employees. She feels that it cuts down on staff turnover. Heuer states that he has been involved in meetings around the county and his recommendation would be 3%. Reints feels that it should be based off the reviews if the employee is doing their job/duties, following rules and regulations etc. Kielman wonders if we are in alignment with other towns in the area. Heuer feels that everyone should be entitled to a raise, but also needs to consider the budget and looking at expenses.
2. Employee Reviews and due dates. Heuer states that employee reviews are posted on the board in the Council room. Kielman states that her and Sherburne will work out a time to complete the reviews.

Motion Kielman, Sherburne to approve consent agenda including January claims & Financial reports and Minutes (01/20/2025). Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Sherburne, Kielman, Reints. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Ice Rink Update: Clerk gave report on comments posted on Facebook regarding the ice rink. Maintenance and Mayor discussed getting the liner out this spring and inspect its condition. If there are spots to be fixed they would do that or if it needs to be replaced they would bring that back to the council. Sherburne asked for availability for funding. Also discussed next winter when the time comes to put the rink up they would reach out for volunteers to assist with this.

Maintenance states that there are a couple of trees in the cemetery that need to be removed. One tree is located near some monuments and a bench. The monuments need to be moved in order to not damage them. 2 quotes were obtained from Blackhawk Monument for the amount of \$895 and Luhring Monument for the amount of \$400. Norton's provided quotes for tree removal in the amount of \$700.

Motion Sherburne, Doty to approve Tree removal at Cemetery and to have Luhring Monuments move the monuments while work is completed and then to put them back in place. Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Sherburne, Kielman, Reints. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Doty, Sherburne to approve quotes for Tree Removal Multiple locations throughout town by Norton Tree Service. Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Sherburne, Kielman, Reints. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Sherburne, Reints to approve reimbursement of mileage for Firefighters to complete physicals. Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Sherburne, Kielman, Reints. Nays: None. Absent: None.


Motion Kielman, Reints to approve having delinquent bills certified to county and assessed to property taxes. Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Sherburne, Kielman, Reints. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Budget report update by Clerk. Discussed Max Tax Levy page of budget form on State site.

Software Proposals were discussed by Clerks. Kielman had good suggestions on running and saving reports.

Clerk presented Software Accounting Program Quotes and Comments.

Motion Doty, Sherburne to adjourn regular City Council meeting at 7:36 pm. Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Sherburne, Kielman, Reints. Nays: None. Absent: None.



Gerald Heuer
Mayor



Attest: Molly Bohlen
City Clerk