

CITY OF CLARKSVILLE
CITY COUNCIL DEPARTMENT MEETING
April 21, 2025

The Clarksville City Council met in regular session on April 21, 2025 in the City Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Jerald Heuer presiding and Council Members Ruth Saulsbury, Jessi Reints, Roger Doty, Jennifer Kielman and Taran Sherburne. The following Department Heads and employees were in attendance: Molly Bohlen, City Clerk, Kristen Clark, librarian, Jared Brunner, Maintenance, Rebecca Brown, Reserve Officer, Barry Mackey, Police Chief, and Ryan McCully, Fire Chief. Members of the public in attendance: Jenson Johnston, Clarksville Star.

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

Mayor Opens Public Hearing.

Motion Reints, Saulsbury to open public hearing for special permit at 101 N Main to allow the establishment of a dedicated Quilt Retreat location. Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Sherburne, Kielman and Reints. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Heuer provided information regarding what the special permit was going to accomplish at the 101 N Main for the retreat. He feels this is a great addition and the same was echoed by multiple council members. Heuer asked if there were any other comments that were received from the public which there were none.

Motion Reints, Kielman to close the public hearing for the special permit at 101 N Main St. Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Sherburne, Kielman and Reints. Nays: None. Absent: None

Motion Sherburne, Kielman to approve the special permit for 101 N Main St. allowing a dedicated Quilt Retreat location. Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Sherburne, Kielman and Reints. Nays: None. Absent: None

Motion Kielman, Doty to approve Consent Agenda of: March Monthly Expenditures and Reports, Minutes from 04/07/2025 & 04/14/2025 and Tobacco Retail Permit for Casey's. Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Sherburne, Kielman and Reints. Nays: None. Absent: None

Department Head Updates: Library: provided reports for 2 months including the happenings and events that have and will be taking place in the upcoming months. Some highlights were: Jigsaw Puzzle Competition, Paper Rollercoasters, Literacy Night, Summer Reading Programs, Easter Hop and Writing Contest. Saulsbury states that she has enjoyed the photos that have been shared on these events. Fire Department: New officers named: Chief Ryan McCully, Asst. Chief Dylan Backer, Captain Kyle Lorenz, Lt. Cory Kennedy, Secretary Ben Fisher, and Treasurer Jesse Meyer. McCully brought up some projects they are going to begin working on including: replacing some lights in the fire station and work is to begin to clear out rocks/trees to put concrete down for ice chests to sit on which Maintenance is going to assist with. They are also going to be doing some training with the Maintenance on the installation of the Flood Gates.

Motion Sherburne, Saulsbury to approve New Fire Chief, Ryan McCully. Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Sherburne, Kielman and Reints. Nays: None. Absent: None

Mackey provided monthly report for police department with calls totaling 120 calls for month of March. Mackey reports that Rebecca did get her certification thru the State which makes her a certified reserve officer. Brown states that she was able to complete the training 8 months earlier than the deadline. Mackey suggested a pay increase of \$25/hour. Mackey also states that we need to be thinking about getting new body armor for Brown. He did provide a quote for this and it will be placed on the next agenda.

Maintenance: Building Permits as follows:

1. Michael Seehussen: 502 S Main St., privacy chainlink fence. Brunner states that when the property pins were located it created a problem because they did not have enough sideyard to accommodate their proposed addition of the fence, but after homeowner spoke with neighbors, Seehussen will be purchasing ~10 feet of land from the neighbor.

Motion Sherburne, Doty to approve building permit as presented. Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Sherburne, Kielman and Reints. Nays: None. Absent: None

2. Bill Faust: 321 S Main St. wants to put in cement patio around fire ring.

Motion Sherburne, Doty to approve building permit as presented. Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Sherburne, Kielman and Reints. Nays: None. Absent: None

3. Austin Myers: 414 E Superior St. wants to replace deck/porch area on the front of the house.

Discussion of project being started prior to obtaining a building permit. Saulsbury brought up the penalty that they put in place last year.

Motion Sherburne, Doty to approve building permit as presented. Ayes: Doty, Sherburne, Kielman and Reints. Nays: None. Absent: Saulsbury

Motion Saulsbury, Kielman to apply fine as stated in the Resolution 24-22 Building Permit Fees. Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Sherburne, Kielman and Reints. Nays: None. Absent: None

Tree Removals.

1. Motion Kielman, Reints to approve tree removal at Brian Grantham's, 315 S Washington as it is beginning to split. Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Sherburne, Kielman and Reints. Nays: None. Absent: None
2. Motion Doty, Sherburne to approve tree removal at Jerry Jacob's, 526 W Wilmans as it is a hollow tree. Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Sherburne, Kielman and Reints. Nays: None. Absent: None

Mower Quotes were presented and discussed.

Motion Sherburne, Doty to approve purchase of John Deere mower from P & K Midwest for the price of \$12,000 after trade-in. Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Sherburne, Kielman and Reints. Nays: None. Absent: None

Street Repair Discussion. Brunner and Bohlen were approached by Blacktop services asking for the council to reconsider decision made at previous council meeting in regards to the patchwork and street repair. Council would like to have items placed on the agenda for the next council meeting.

Motion Reints, Sherburne to approve Access Systems IT Proposal pending clarification of all associated costs and hardware. Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Sherburne, Kielman and Reints. Nays: None. Absent: None. Later in the meeting Bohlen was able to provide clarity of the 2 questions council had on IT proposal.

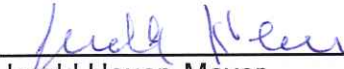
Saulsbury provided update on MidWater Bess LLC Project, proposed battery plant. She has attended a few different meetings and voiced her concerns along with many other residents. Saulsbury was able to speak at a meeting earlier in the month and spoke of the flooding and its effects on a small community. She states that the comments were all well received. She states that the Butler County Board of Supervisors has voiced their concerns with the project and the effects that it could have downstream from the proposed site. A final decision is to be made in August of 2025. Saulsbury states that she appreciates every person in Butler County, Mayor, and Council that took time to comment on this proposed project.

Reints discussed road closure for Pioneer Days. The road closure has been approved by local law enforcement, State Patrol and DOT.

Motion Doty, Sherburne to approve Road Closure for Pioneer Days along Main Street. Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Sherburne, Kielman and Reints. Nays: None. Absent: None

Motion Kielman, Sherburne to set Public Hearing for Budget Amendment for May 19th at 6:30. Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Sherburne, Kielman and Reints. Nays: None. Absent: None

Motion Doty, Sherburne to adjourn the regular City Council Meeting at 7:59 p.m. Ayes: Saulsbury, Doty, Sherburne, Kielman and Reints. Nays: None. Absent: None


Jerald Heuer, Mayor

Attest: 
Molly Bohlen, City Clerk