## CITY OF CLARKSVILLE CITY COUNCIL DEPARTMENT MEETING November 17, 2025

The Clarksville City Council met in regular session on November 17, 2025 in the City Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Jerald Heuer presiding and Council Members Roger Doty, Jessi Reints, Taran Sherburne, Ruth Saulsbury and Jennifer Kielman. The following Department Heads & employees were in attendance: Molly Bohlen, City Clerk, Kristen Clark, librarian, Ryan McCully, Fire Chief, Paul Miller, representing Ambulance, Jared Brunner, Maintenance, Hunter Fasse, Maintenance Asst., and Barry Mackey, Police Chief. Members of the public: Kathy Doty, April Doty, Leeann Doty, Missy Hinders, Kathy Gallmeyer, Chris White, Todd Doty, Keithy Doty, Rollie Doty, William Doty, Wanda Diesburg, Mike Diesburg, Jessica Stout, and Kim Diesburg.

Motion Sherburne, Kielman to approve agenda for November 17, 2025. Ayes: Doty, Reints, Kielman, Saulsbury, and Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Doty, Sherburne to open Public hearing to Accept Input on Special Permit for 124 N. Baughman St. for variance of 18.6 setback that will allow new home to be placed on foundation more to the west. Ayes: Doty, Reints, Kielman, Saulsbury, and Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Mayor asked for written or oral comments; for or against.

Todd Doty states that they are trying to better the neighborhood with the new home. He asked what the deal was.

William Doty asked the council to immediately approve the request. He doesn't want to drag it. New houses, tax revenue for community and safer home for the owners. House is being constructed down in Newton by inmates and this teaches them a skill that they can use the rest of their lives. Jessica Stout asked if property pins were located and where they were at. Kielman states that the reason for the public hearing is for the legality of having a record of variance on file so that if this comes up again then it can be referenced. Mike Diesburg spoke up and states so this is not a big deal?

Mayor Declares Public Hearing closed.

Motion Sherburne, Doty to approve closing the Public Hearing. Ayes: Doty, Reints, Kielman, Saulsbury, and Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Sherburne, Saulsbury to approve Special Permit for Variance of 18.6 foot setback at 124 N. Baughman St. RCV/Ayes: Doty, Reints, Kielman, Saulsbury, and Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Sherburne states that he did some checking with the State on pre-fab houses and states that there are different rules with bringing them to towns. Kielman has received several complaints on ATV/UTV/4 wheelers being driven around on City property. Mackey states he thought this was taken care of, but will address it again. Saulsbury gives update on the Glenville battery plant. Court proceedings are taking place trying to stop the building going up on the Shell Rock River, but sounds like they continue to try moving forward. Saulsbury will provide updates as they become available.

Mayor Topics: Mayor has received a few complaint on Nuisance Properties and is working to resolve. Heuer states that the City of Allison has reached out wondering about a partnership for Nuisance Properties and inspections. Heuer would like to pursue options with this. Doty states that Clarksville has previously tried a partnership and didn't work out real well.

Motion Kielman, Reints to approve Consent Agenda of: October Monthly Expenditures & Reports and Minutes from 11/03/2025. Ayes: Doty, Reints, Kielman, Saulsbury, and Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Department Head Updates: Library: provided building safety updates, holiday happenings, and upcoming events including Images of Christmas, Tiny Tree Display and Open House events. Clark provided Annual Report that was submitted to the State Library which included the statistics of how many people utilized the library which was close to 17,000 people in one year.

Fire Chief: McCully shared updates including a new member of the department, Nathan Moon as a junior firefighter and discussed the decision to hire a grant writer for upcoming application process including looking into new Air Pack equipment as theirs is becoming outdated. Cost of Air Packs per unit is \$10,000 and they would need 12 units.

Motion Sherburne, Reints to approve Nathan Moon as New Member of Fire Department. Ayes: Doty, Reints, Kielman, Saulsbury, and Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Ambulance: Miller provided updates with new officers effective in January, new members of the crew and purchases. Updated Officer list was provided to Council. PTAC unit needs to be replaced as it is a unit that provided climate room control in the office and is not currently working. Bill Wallin was present to conduct a demo of new monitor for the ambulance which was purchased using donation money from Susan Dreesman & family, as well as private donations.

Motion Sherburne, Kielman to approve Alex Long and Karen Miller as New Members of Ambulance Crew. Ayes: Doty, Reints, Kielman, Saulsbury, and Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion Reints, Sherburne to approve purchase of new PTAC unit to replace broken one. Ayes: Doty, Reints, Kielman, Saulsbury, and Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: None. Police Chief provided report with calls totaling 96 for October.

Maintenance: Building Permits:

- Michelle Hovenga: 314 S. Main St.; wanting to move a trailer on the property while the inside of their home is being repaired following a recent fire. Motion Sherburne, Doty to approve the temporary placement of trailer on property while home is repaired following fire. Ayes: Doty, Reints, Kielman, Saulsbury, and Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: None.
- 2. Taran Sherburne: 219 E. Vine St.; wanting to put temp. shed up for dogs since other was damaged by fire. Motion Kielman, Reints to approve the temporary shed for dogs as presented by Maintenance. Ayes: Doty, Reints, Kielman, and Saulsbury.. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: Sherburne due to conflict of interest.

Fuel Barrel update by Brunner. He was able to check with an additional company on the Fuel monitoring system. It would cost between \$4-\$5000 to monitor the usage and a \$23/month charge for the cloud. Motion Sherburne, Kielman to approve the purchase/lease of the fuel barrels as well as the monitoring system at cost of between \$4-\$5000. Ayes: Doty, Reints, Kielman, Saulsbury, and Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Ice Rink Liner Discussion. Heuer feels that the liner needs to be pulled out, set up and see how much use that it gets this year. Maintenance states that there were some small pinholes in the liner but not sure what the condition is currently. City has been approached by volunteers willing to help put it up. Saulsbury also suggests checking with the school regarding science class helping as they are looking for community projects to help with.

Location of Temporary Stop Sign Placement discussed. It has been discussed at the intersection of North Elizabeth and West Slimmer to be a location that has been complained about. Motion Reints, Sherburne to place temporary stop sign at N. Elizabeth & W. Slimmer on the north/south

intersection. Ayes: Doty, Reints, Kielman, Saulsbury, and Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Church Street Update: Brunner states that holes were drilled in the road at different locations at the direction of Ted Hoodjer to see what type of soil is under the road. This resulted in mostly clay being found. This would help with the amount of gravel needed to complete the road repair after the water lines are replaced. Bruce Hoodjer was able to provide suggestions on how to get the road to drain better without having storm intakes on the road. Council are in agreement that they would like to continue to move forward with this project.

Motion Sherburne, Kielman to continue moving forward with Church Street project. Ayes: Doty, Reints, Kielman, Saulsbury, and Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Reints, Kielman to approve donation to Clarksville Food Pantry for Holiday Meals in the amount of \$1600.00 to help benefit the residents of Clarksville. Ayes: Doty, Reints, Kielman, Saulsbury, and Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Sherburne, Kielman to approve Annual Exam Report presented by Larry Pump on 11/03/2025. Ayes: Doty, Reints, Kielman, Saulsbury, and Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Clerk provided updates on upcoming meetings, obligations that may impact the hours that City Hall is open during the day.

Motion Doty, Sherburne to adjourn the regular City Council Meeting at 7:35 p.m. Ayes: Doty, Reints, Kielman, Saulsbury, and Sherburne. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Jerald Heuer, Mayor

Attest: Molly Bohlen, City Clerk