

**CITY OF CLARKSVILLE
CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING
February 2, 2026**

The Clarksville City Council met in regular session on February 2, 2026 in the City Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Jerald Heuer presiding and Council Members: Jessi Reints, Jeremy Hoerman, Wesley Voss, and David Kelm. Absent: Ruth Saulsbury. City employees present were: Molly Bohlen, City Clerk, Jared Brunner, Maintenance Supt., and Chief Mackey. Members of the public present: Lucas Elsbernd, Fehr-Graham Engineering and Mark Crawford, Crawford Engineering.

Motion Reints, Kelm to approve Agenda for February 2, 2026. Ayes: Reints, Hoerman, Voss, Kelm. Nays: None. Absent: Saulsbury.

Clerk states that resident stopped in and wondered about water rates and if we were to do a Public Hearing. Clerk informed Council that we did do a Public Hearing along with 3 readings of Ordinance change in 2025 prior to new council members being voted in and this change was effective on January 1, 2026.

Mayor Topics:

1. Appoint City Clerk: Ordinance is not clear on the timeline for how often Clerk is to be appointed. Motion Reints, Voss to re-appoint Molly Bohlen as City Clerk. Ayes: Reints, Hoerman, Voss, Kelm. Nays: None. Absent: Saulsbury.
2. Update on Nuisance Properties: Heuer updated on Rob Skillen's property giving him until April 1st to have property cleaned up and agreeing to provide updates on progress every 2 weeks. Heuer gave update on property owned by Wordes and rented to Hovenga. Heuer is speaking with Attorney regarding this property and pursuing Municipal Infraction.
3. Discussion and Abatement of Properties: Heuer states there are some houses around town that are sitting idle without progress. He states that he has spoke with Garretson's whose house was struck by lightening in 2021. Garretson's provided update that they are getting estimates on tearing house down in the Spring. Other properties are the following: 313 E. Superior, 503 S. Adams, and 903 S. Main all are empty and Heuer will be looking at options on how to proceed. Heuer asks Council for their thoughts. Council agrees that this is worth pursuing. Mackey and Heuer state that they have attempted to have conversations with the property owner and it ends in them being screamed at.
4. Home Industry/Home Occupation Application Discussion: Heuer states that a permit has been drafted. Clerk may have to add a few contingencies onto the permit for "no impact" home occupations and will have attorney look at the permit for approval, then will bring back to Council for review.

Motion Reints, Voss to approve consent agenda including January Financial Reports & Claims, Minutes (01/19/2026), Lynch-Dallas Attorney Rate Increase and Safety Deposit Box Rental Rate Change. Ayes: Reints, Hoerman, Voss, Kelm. Nays: None. Absent: Saulsbury

Motion Kelm, Hoerman to approve advertising and hiring of seasonal mowing position. Ayes: Reints, Hoerman, Voss, Kelm. Nays: None. Absent: Saulsbury

Discussion of adding licensing and inspection of rental properties to Ordinances. Heuer states that he has spoke with an inspector regarding coming to town and completing the inspections. The inspector states for what the city might need done it would be more cost effective to keep the process in house. He recommends having a checklist when inspecting the rental and then posting that the inspection had been completed. The rentals would be on a 3 year rotation for complete inspections. Brunner also stated that Tripoli was in the process of implementing this process. Hoerman questioned if the trailer court would be included in this new inspection process also. Council feels this is something that they would like to proceed with.

Motion Kelm, Hoerman to approve Henry Vance leasing land for farm use at 705 W Superior St. Ayes: Reints, Hoerman, Voss, Kelm. Nays: None. Absent: Saulsbury. Clerk will contact Attorney to draft new lease agreement.

Motion Reints, Voss to approve contribution to Clarksville Commercial Club to benefit the residents of Clarksville. Ayes: Reints, Hoerman, Voss, Kelm. Nays: None. Absent: Saulsbury.

Church Street Discussion: Council and Maintenance had some questions regarding the estimates for the Project. Lucas stated that the numbers are preliminary pricing for budgeting purposes and once you move to the design part then the pricing may increase/decrease during that time period. Heuer provided his opinion on both companies. Council questioned timeline on beginning the project for a completion in the Fall. Both companies state that they would get started as soon as a decision was made.

Motion Kelm, Voss to table decision on Church Street Project until next meeting in February. Ayes: Reints, Hoerman, Voss, Kelm. Nays: None. Absent: Saulsbury.

Clerk provided update on Budget information to Council. Explained debt service and levy rate to Council and Mayor, as well as provided next steps in the budgeting process.

Motion Voss, Kelm to adjourn regular City Council meeting at 7:21 pm. Ayes: Reints, Hoerman, Voss, Kelm. Nays: None. Absent: Saulsbury.


Jerald Heuer
Mayor


Attest: Molly Bohlen, City Clerk