

**CITY OF CLARKSVILLE
CITY COUNCIL DEPARTMENT MEETING
May 18, 2026**

The Clarksville City Council met in regular session on May 18, 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, Ruth Saulsbury and David Kelm. City employees present were: Molly Bohlen, City Clerk, Jared Brunner, Maintenance Supt., Kristin Clark, librarian and Chief Mackey. Members of the public present were: Jackson Knudson, Fehr-Graham and Amy Barnett.

Motion Reints, Kelm to approve agenda for May 18, 2026. Ayes: Reints, Hoerman, Saulsbury, Voss, Kelm. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Mayor Opens Public Hearing for Proposed Contract Documents (plans, specifications, and form of contract) and estimated cost of Church Street Improvements.

Motion Kelm, Hoerman to approve Opening Public Hearing at 6:30 pm. Ayes: Reints, Hoerman, Saulsbury, Voss, Kelm. Nays: None. Absent: None.

No Written/Oral Comments for or against Church Street Improvement Project were received. Hoerman questioned if something could be done with the potholes on Church Street while waiting for the project to start as they are becoming quite large. Brunner states that he could fill will some rock to even out. Jackson of Fehr-Graham states that they did receive 4 very close bids for the project. Their recommendation would be to go with Mehmert Tiling with bid of \$544,444.44. Jared states that he has spoken with Mehmert Tiling on the phone and also some businesses that have worked with them. Those businesses report being satisfied with the work that was completed. Jackson states the same he has worked with Mehmert's on projects and spoke highly of them.

Mayor declared Public Hearing closed.

Motion Voss, Kelm to close the Public Hearing. Ayes: Reints, Hoerman, Saulsbury, Voss, Kelm. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Kelm, Hoerman to award Mehmert Tiling Contract for the Church Street Water Main Replacement Project. Ayes: Reints, Hoerman, Saulsbury, Voss, Kelm. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Saulsbury provided update on Battery Plant in Minnesota that would effect the Shell Rock River in portions of Butler County. She states that it is continuing to move along, however a decision will be made in July regarding if they obtain the approval required to move forward with the project.

Motion Reints, Voss to approve Consent Agenda of: April Monthly Expenditures & Reports, Minutes from 05/04/2026, Dollar General Liquor License and Casey's Tobacco License. Ayes: Reints, Hoerman, Saulsbury, Voss, Kelm. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Department Head Updates: Library: presented upcoming events including Pioneer Days featuring the Willy Fokkena writing contest and registration for the Summer Reading Program has opened up. Some of the highlighted events hosted recently were: Annual Bar Hop and the BMX biking Stunt Show in collaboration with Greene & Allison.

Fire Department: Update provided to Clerk by Ryan McCully, Fire Chief. McCully states that the fire hydrants will be flushed this week.

Police Chief provided report with calls totaling 76 in April. He states that they have delivered some nuisance vehicle paperwork in the last few days.

Maintenance: Building Permits: Adams Averhoff, 208 S. Washington St. wanting to add concrete to front yard, new sidewalk and gravel from sidewalk to the roadway.

Motion Saulsbury, Reints to approve building permit as presented by Maintenance. Ayes: Reints, Hoerman, Saulsbury, Voss, Kelm. Nays: None. Absent: None.

William Forry, 202 W Poisal St.; wanting to put up a dog fence made of black wire with steel posts. Maintenance concern is that he is not sure where his pins were at.

Motion Kelm, Reints to not approve Forry's permit until he has located his pins. Ayes: Reints, Hoerman, Saulsbury, Voss, Kelm. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Casjen Siems, 220 S. Mather St.; He is planning to remove a small shed and construct a 35'x 24' detached garage to the property.

Motion Kelm, Hoerman to approve Siems building permit as presented by Maintenance. Ayes: Reints, Hoerman, Saulsbury, Voss, Kelm. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Ryan Norton, 122 W Superior St.; adding storage container to property by driveway.

Motion Kelm, Saulsbury to deny Norton's building permit and provide 30 days for him to move off the property. Ayes: Reints, Hoerman, Saulsbury, Kelm. Nays: Voss. Absent: None.

Motion Saulsbury, Reints to approve payment to Fehr-Graham for engineering fees in the amount of \$23,800 for the Church Street Project. Ayes: Reints, Hoerman, Saulsbury, Voss, Kelm. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Volunteer Park: Clerk states that the climate controlled container with the AED is now at the ball diamonds. The AED was added to the unit today. The procedures have been shared with emergency personnel, staff, coaches and volunteers that would be at the ball diamond. This was made possible through an anonymous donation and is greatly appreciated.

Scrap Metal Bin Discussion with Amy Barnett representing the Booster Club present. Barnett states that they would like the bin moved from current location to by the recycling center. Council discusses if the Booster club would be willing to pay for concrete to go under the bin. Barnett states that Booster Club would be willing to help get the concrete poured. Barry states that cameras should be installed, Barnett echoed in agreement. Barnett states that they had far less problems with the cameras.

Motion Reints, Saulsbury to approve moving the scrap metal bin to the recycling center with Booster Club paying for the concrete pad. Ayes: Reints, Hoerman, Saulsbury, Voss, Kelm. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Main Street Parking Discussion. Reints expresses concern over tenants parking along Main Street stating that the Ordinance reads that the landlord is to provide 2 off street parking spots for each tenant. There are ongoing issues with several individuals. Council discusses how to remedy the issue whether it be

Ordinance changes or adding signage. Mackey states that he needs something that is enforceable. Clerk will do research on what surrounding towns have in place and bring to Council at next meeting.

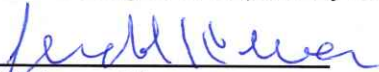
Motion Reints, Saulsbury to approve Mayor attending Nuisance Abatement Conference in Des Moines on May 21 for the cost of \$80. Ayes: Reints, Hoerman, Saulsbury, Voss, Kelm. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Kelm, Hoerman to approve Resolution 26-11 Employee Wages for FY 2026-2027. RCV/Ayes: Reints, Hoerman, Saulsbury, Voss, Kelm. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Saulsbury, Voss to approve road closure for Pioneer Days. Ayes: Reints, Hoerman, Saulsbury, Voss, Kelm. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Kelm, Reints to approve Resolution 26-12 Approving Mayor and City Clerk to sign loan documents for the Fire Truck. RCV/Ayes: Reints, Hoerman, Saulsbury, Voss, Kelm. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Voss, Saulsbury to adjourn the regular City Council Meeting at 7:48 p.m. Ayes: Reints, Saulsbury, Hoerman, Voss, Kelm. Nays: None. Absent: None.



Jerald Heuer, Mayor

Attest: 

Molly Bohlen, City Clerk