

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLARKSVILLE,
ARKANSAS HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF CITY HALL ON FEBRUARY 08, 2016 AT
6:00 P.M.

PRESENT AND PRESIDING: Mayor Mark Simpson, City Clerk/Treasurer Barbara Blackard and City Attorney Bruce Wilson.

ALDERMEN PRESENT: Edward Bradley, Heather Johnston, Eddie King, John Kluthe, Danna Schneider and Freeman Wish.

Alderman King made a motion to approve the Agenda which Alderman Schneider seconded.
Vote aye: Aldermen Bradley, Johnston, King, Kluthe, Schneider and Wish.

Alderman Schneider made a motion to approve the minutes which Alderman Johnston seconded.
Vote aye: Aldermen Bradley, Johnston, King, Kluthe, Schneider and Wish.

OLD BUSINESS

Alston Youth Center

Alderman Schneider reviewed the costs estimate to repair the Alston Youth Center and suggested going forward with the grant application. Alderman Kluthe stated that once the City accepted money from the Arkansas Historical Preservation that the integrity of the building would have to be maintained. The expense of fixing the building was no longer justified by the grant. Alderman Schneider suggested going ahead with the Grant Application to see if the City would receive a grant. The Grant would not have to be accepted. The building is located in an R-2 zone and restrictions would apply as to what could be built in that zone. The building is a Historical building on the Historical Register the grant fund would be a 2 to 1 match that would seal the building from any further leakage. There would not be grant funds available to build a new building. Alderman King suggested using the area for a parking lot stating the University of the Ozarks could use the area during special events. Alderman Kluthe stated we needed to make the area nice that the Armory was a Historical Building but repairing it would not improve the area, the building looked like a fort. Alderman King made a motion to tear down the building and build a parking lot. Motion died due to lack of a second. Alderman Schneider stated you would be able to see the City Garage if the building was removed. Mark Hodge stated from the audience that any building is worth saving. If it were for public use it would not be feasible to repair the building. Alderman King stated he was concerned with the Boxing Clubs safety the electrical and plumbing both need to be repaired. Mayor Simpson stated it would take \$962,000.00 to 1.2 million to get the building usable for public use. Alderman Johnston stated she was not prepared to vote on tearing the building down at this time. Morgan Barrett stated that to apply for the grant plans would have to be developed the fee would be 10 percent of the \$105,000.00 to \$110,000.00 for the roof. The estimate just to get the building water proof would be \$210,000.00 to \$220,000.00 range. Alderman Kluthe made a motion to recant the previous action of the council to apply for the grant. Motion died due to lack of a second. Alderman Schneider stated that the deadline for the grant was approaching and the Application would need to be completed. Alderman Kluthe then made another motion to withdraw any intent of applying for the Grant. Alderman Johnston seconded the motion.

Vote aye: Aldermen Bradley, Johnston, Kluthe and Wish.

Vote nay: Aldermen King and Schneider.

Motion passed 4-2.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor's State of the City Report was submitted.

Request for vehicles for Parks and Recycle Center

Tom Cogan submitted cost for a half ton truck for the Parks Department and a 1 ton dump truck for the Recycle Center total cost for both would be \$50,123.00. Alderman Kluthe made a motion to approve the \$50,123.00 from reserve funds and adjust the 2016 Budget to reflect the expenditure which Alderman Bradley seconded.

Vote aye: Aldermen Bradley, Johnston, King, Kluthe, Schneider and Wish.

Budget Adjustments

City Clerk/Treasurer Barbara Blackard submitted the following 2015 Budget Adjustment:

General Fund - Clarksville Light and Water monthly statement reimbursement \$282,028.00

IT-Computer Expense \$10,500.00, Pension Contributions \$9,000.00 Travel – Admin. \$1,500.00 and Police Department Jail Expense \$35,000.00. The 2015 Project that were not completed and carried over to 2016 are: Community Projects - Airport Apron Rehabilitation \$200,000.00 and the Comprehensive Plan \$79,083.00. Street Improvements – Cherry Street Improvements \$25,000.00 and Palmer Road Completion \$105,290.00. Alderman King made a motion to approve the Budget Adjustments for 2015 and 2016 which Alderman Schneider seconded.

Vote aye: Aldermen Bradley, Johnston, King, Kluthe, Schneider and Wish.

REPORTS

Advertising and Promotion

Deborah Sisson A & P Chairman submitted the funding report from the Clarksville Advertising & Promotion Commission (copy attached).

Economic Development

Travis Stephens submitted the Economic Development Report (copy attached).

Fire Department

Fire Chief Clark Gray submitted the monthly Fire Report (copy attached).

Light & Water

John Lester reported on the recent meeting on the Pipe Line and submitted the monthly report (copy attached).

Parks

Tom Cogan submitted the Parks Department monthly report (copy attached).

Planning and Zoning

Police

Chief Kevin Weathers submitted the monthly report (copy attached).

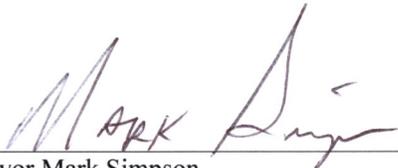
Street/Engineer

City Engineer Morgan Barrett submitted the monthly report (copy attached).

Treasurer

City Clerk/Treasurer Barbara Blackard submitted the Treasurer's Report, Budget Comparison, Disbursements and the Bond Activity Summary.

After motion being made and seconded the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.



Mayor Mark Simpson

ATTEST:



City Clerk/Treasurer Barbara Blackard