

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLARKSVILLE,
ARKANSAS HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF CITY HALL ON MARCH 21, 2016 AT 6:00
P.M.

PRESENT AND PRESIDING: Mayor Mark Simpson and City Clerk/Treasurer Barbara Blackard.

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

Alderman Wish made a motion to approve the Agenda which Alderman Schneider seconded.

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

Alderman King made a motion to approve the Minutes which Alderman Kluthe seconded.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Alston Youth Center

Pam Bishop Hamilton addressed the council and asked that the Recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission that no action be taken to destroy, alter, or change the current use of the Alston Youth Center, except to repair, until it can be determined how those changes would likely impact the neighborhood or fit into the Comprehensive Plan be considered. Pam Hamilton stated that the Building was not just a balance sheet but a multi faceted diamond.

Mark Hodges President of the Johnson County Historical Society stated that the Alston Youth Center was on the Historical Register and such a loss impacts the community and ask that the Planning and Zoning recommendation be upheld in that no action be taken to destroy the building.

Vanessa McKuin, President of the Preserve Arkansas stated that the building had been put on the endangered list by the Historical Society and was eligible for a grant to rehabilitate. She stated the building was worthy of preservation.

Francis McSwaim, Deputy Director of the State Historical Preservation, stated Clarksville was a beautiful town and that Economic Incentives would be available to help with this building. The 50% matching grant would be up to \$80,000.00 per cycle and does have a stipulation of a conservation easement. She stated no one ever regrets saving a historical building.

Paul Porter Conservation Easement Coordinator stated he would help with the Conservation Easement reviews stating needs and use change over time and things have to adapt to the Community.

Vicki Alston asked that the Planning & Zoning recommendation be considered and that no action be taken to destroy the building.

Mayor Simpson stated he had talked with the City Attorney and the City would be able to give the Alston Youth Center to the Historical Society. Mark Hodges responded that the Historical Society did not have the resources the City had to repair the building and maintain it.

Alderman Schneider ask that a committee be formed to work towards a goal for the Alston Youth Center. Mayor Simpson appointed Danna Schneider, Heather Johnston and Freeman Wish.

NEW BUSINESS

Antique Car Club - Roy Goodin

Roy Gooden stated the Antique Car show would be September 17 on the court square and requested that Fulton and Cravens Street be closed. Alderman Schneider made a motion to close Fulton and Cravens Street on September 17th for the Antique Car show which Alderman Wish seconded.

Vote aye: Aldermen Bradley, Johnston, King, Kluthe, Schneider and Wish.
Motion passed 6-0.

Request to Close Street – Spring Greening Festival – Jacob Gould

Mayor Simpson stated that the Spring Greening Celebration Committee would be holding the Spring Greening Celebration on April 23 from 7 am to 3 pm and requested that a portion of Cravens Street from Main Street to the U.S. Postal Service entrance be closed. Alderman Schneider made a motion to close Cravens street as requested on April 23rd which Alderman Bradley seconded.

Vote aye: Aldermen Bradley, Johnston, King, Kluthe, Schneider and Wish.
Motion passed 6-0.

Ordinance to waive bid requirements

Mayor Simpson introduced an Ordinance to be entitled: AN ORDINANCE WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS, CURBS AND DROP INLETS. The clerk read the Ordinance Mayor Simpson declared the Ordinance open for discussion. Alderman Wish made a motion to approve the Ordinance which Alderman Johnston seconded. Upon the clerk's calling the roll, the following vote was recorded:

Vote aye: Aldermen Bradley, Johnston, King, Kluthe, Schneider and Wish.
Ordinance No. 16-757 passed 6-0.

Alderman Wish made a motion to approve the emergency clause which Alderman Bradley seconded.

Vote aye: Aldermen Bradley, Johnston, King, Kluthe, Schneider and Wish.
Motion passed 6-0.

Ordinance to amend Subdivision Codes

Mayor Simpson introduced an Ordinance to be entitled: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CLARKSVILLE LAND SUBDIVISION AND DEVELOPMENT CODE. The clerk read the Ordinance Mayor Simpson declared the Ordinance open for discussion. Alderman Bradley made a motion to approve the Ordinance which Alderman Schneider seconded. Upon the clerk's calling the roll, the following vote was recorded:

Vote aye: Aldermen Bradley, Johnston, King, Kluthe, Schneider and Wish.
Ordinance No. 16-758 passed 6-0.

Alderman King made a motion to approve the emergency clause which Alderman Schneider seconded.

Vote aye: Aldermen Bradley, Johnston, King, Kluthe, Schneider and Wish.
Motion passed 6-0.

Ordinance for Special Permit for 318 S. Rogers

Mayor Simpson introduced an Ordinance to be entitled: ORDINANCE APPROVING A SPECIAL PERMIT REQUEST FOR THE CITY OF CLARKSVILLE, ARKANSAS. The clerk read the Ordinance Mayor Simpson declared the Ordinance open for discussion. Alderman King made a motion to approve the Ordinance which Alderman Bradley seconded. Upon the clerk's calling the roll, the following vote was recorded:

Vote aye: Aldermen Bradley, Johnston, King, Kluthe, Schneider and Wish.
Ordinance No. 16-759 passed 6-0.

2016 Street Projects

City Engineer Morgan Barrett reviewed the 2016 Annual supply contract bids for Asphalt and Concrete. The 2016 Overlay projects were discussed and Morgan Barrett stated that the projected cost of \$1,100,266.88 would actually be cheaper with the new bid figures it would only be 1,000,000.00. Alderman King made a motion to accept the bids for Asphalt and Concrete and approve \$1,000,000.00 from Street Improvements to fund the 2016 Overlay Program as submitted. Alderman Bradley seconded the motion.

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

Adjust Budget for Hanes Brand Project

Clerk/Treasurer Barbara Blackard stated that the Hanes Brand Grant Project was complete in 2015 and the account was closed. The Administration funds of \$560.00 were received after the account was closed so the funds were put into the Community Projects account to disburse the final Administration Fees to West Central Arkansas Planning and Development. Alderman Wish made a motion to adjust the Community Projects Funds budget \$560.00 to allow for the disbursement which Alderman Schneider seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Adjust Budget for \$1,000.00 "Blue and You Foundation" Grant

Chief Kevin Weathers stated that the Clarksville Police Department had received a \$1,000.00 Grant from the "Blue and You Foundation" the money was used to replace the pads on the AED machines and to purchase latex free gloves. The Grant funds were placed in the Community Projects Fund for disbursement. Alderman Kluthe made a motion to adjust the Community Projects Fund \$1,000.00 for the "Blue and You Foundation" Grant which Alderman Bradley seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Adjust Budget to Police Department Vehicles

Chief Kevin Weathers stated that the Budget Committee had approved the purchase of two (2) 2016 Chevrolet Tahoe's on the State Contract. The purchase price of these vehicles will be \$33,573.00 each plus an additional \$10,000.00 for equipment for a total of \$43,573.00 per vehicle. Alderman King made a motion to approve \$87,146.00 from reserve funds to purchase the vehicles and adjust the General Fund account to reflect the expenditures. Alderman Kluthe seconded the motion.

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

Spring Clean Up

The annual Spring Clean-up will be held on April 11, 2016.

Fees for new meeting room at Aquatic Center

Mayor Simpson stated that the new meeting room at the Aquatic Center was complete and stated the proposed fee schedule would be \$30.00 per hour or a daily fee of \$120.00 if booked for the entire day. Alderman Schneider made a motion to approve the fee schedule of \$30.00 per hour and a daily fee of \$120.00 which Alderman Wish seconded.

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

Donation of disc golf baskets to city of Lamar

Mayor Simpson stated that the disc golf baskets in Cline Park had been replaced and suggested donating the old baskets to the City of Lamar. Alderman Kluthe made a motion to donate the old disc golf baskets to the City of Lamar which Alderman Bradley seconded.

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

Reports

Fire

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

Light & Water

Light & Water monthly report was submitted (copy attached).

Parks

Parks Department monthly report was submitted (copy attached).

Police

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

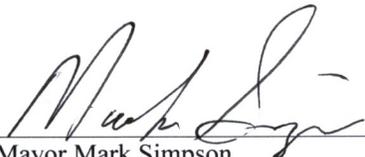
Street

Monthly report submitted (copy attached).

Treasurer

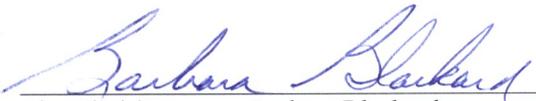
Treasurer's Report, Budget Comparison, Disbursements and the Bond Activity Summary were submitted along with the yearly financials.

After motion being made and seconded the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.



Mayor Mark Simpson

ATTEST:



City Clerk/Treasurer Barbara Blackard