

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLARKSVILLE,  
ARKANSAS HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF CITY HALL ON DECEMBER 9, 2019 AT 6:00  
P.M.

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PRESENT AND PRESIDING: Mayor David Rieder and City Clerk/Treasurer Barbara Blackard.

ALDERMEN PRESENT: Eddie Bradley, Eddie King, Heather Johnston, Danna Schneider, Judy Weaver and Freeman Wish.

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

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

**2020 Budget**

Mayor Rieder introduced AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AND ADOPTING FOR THE CITY OF CLARKSVILLE, ARKANSAS, A BUDGET FOR THE TWELVE (12) MONTHS BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2020, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020, AND APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR EACH AND EVERY ITEM OF EXPENDITURE THEREIN PROVIDED FOR. The Clerk read the Ordinance. Alderman Schneider made a motion to approve the Ordinance which Alderman Wish seconded. The Mayor declared the Ordinance open for discussion. Upon the Clerk's calling the roll the following vote was recorded.

Vote aye: Aldermen Bradley, Johnston, King, Schneider, Weaver and Wish.  
Ordinance No. 19-832 passed 6-0.

**Ordinance to Amend 2.60**

Mayor Rieder introduced AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 2.60.01, 2.60.02, 2.60.4 AND 2.60.06 OF THE CITY OF CLARKSVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE. The Clerk read the Ordinance. Alderman King made a motion to approve the Ordinance which Alderman Weaver seconded. Upon the Clerk's calling the roll the following vote was recorded.

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

The Mayor declared the Ordinance open for discussion. After discussion Alderman King made a motion to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance in the third and final reading which Alderman Wish seconded. Upon the Clerk's calling the roll the following vote was recorded.

Vote aye: Aldermen Bradley, Johnston, King, Schneider, Weaver and Wish.  
Ordinance No. 19-833 passed 6-0.

**Discuss Drop Box**

Alderman Schneider requested the Drop Box be expanded to hold multiple years of Agendas. The cost for 3TB would be \$199. Alderman Schneider stated she goes back to the previous years to research information and would like 3 years information left in the Drop Box. The Mayor suggested posting to the Web Page and stated he would look at options. No action was taken.

**Resolution in support of Resolution 1018 of 2019**

Mayor Rieder introduced a Resolution in support of Resolution 1018 of 2019. The Clerk read the Resolution. Alderman Schneider made a motion to approve the Resolution which Alderman Weaver seconded. Alderman King voiced his objection to continuing the tax.

Vote aye: Aldermen Bradley, Johnston, Schneider, Weaver and Wish.

Vote nay: Alderman King.

Resolution No. 19-1078 passed.

**Ordinance to Waive Bid Requirements**

Mayor Rieder introduced AN ORDINANCE WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE PURCHASE OF A 2020 CHEVROLET TAHOE FOR THE CLARKSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT. The Clerk read the Ordinance. 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, Schneider, Weaver and Wish.  
Ordinance No. 19-834 passed 6-0.

Alderman Wish made a motion to approve the Emergency Clause which Alderman Bradley seconded.

Vote aye: Aldermen Bradley, Johnston, King, Schneider, Weaver and Wish.  
Emergency Clause passed 6-0.

#### **Ordinance to amend Zoning Codes**

Mayor Rieder introduced AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CLARKSVILLE, ARKANSAS. The Clerk read the Ordinance. Alderman King made a motion to approve the Ordinance which Alderman Weaver seconded.

Mayor Rieder declared the Ordinance open for discussion. Juliet Richey of Garver was present to answer any questions. Alderman King voiced his concerns on Section 7.8.4 Temporary signs Type 4: Sandwich Board Signs. 5) Placement: The sign shall be placed on private property or may be placed on a public or private sidewalk. The sign shall be placed such that sidewalk remains ADA compliant with at least five (5) feet of total sidewalk width clear of any obstructions. Alderman King stated that the sidewalks downtown were not five feet and this would not be possible. Sidewalks downtown are less than five feet but have been grandfathered into the zoning codes.

Vote aye: Aldermen Bradley, Johnston, King, Schneider, Weaver and Wish.  
Ordinance No. 19-835 passed 6-0.

Alderman Bradley made a motion to approve the Emergency Clause which Alderman Wish seconded.

Vote aye: Aldermen Bradley, Johnston, King, Schneider, Weaver and Wish.  
Emergency Clause passed 6-0.

#### **Recommendations of the Budget and Personnel Committees**

##### **Salary Schedule Engineer**

Mayor Rieder stated that a Salary Schedule had never been created for the City Engineer. The Personnel and Budget Committees had approved the Schedule submitted. Alderman Weaver made a motion to approve the Engineer Salary Schedule which Alderman Bradley seconded.

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

##### **Economic Developer & Salary Schedule**

Mayor Rieder presented the job description and Salary Schedule for an Economic Developer. Alderman Schneider stated she thought it would be in the City's best interest to remain with the Chamber for Economic Development and suggested that a joint meeting be held with the Council, Chamber and CREDO. Alderman Johnston asked what role CREDO would have if the position was moved to the City, she felt the Economic Developer should remain under the Chamber with CREDO overseeing the position. Alderman Johnston asked what the motivating factor was in moving the position. The Mayor stated the fact that we were an opportunity zone. Alderman Wish stated when CREDO was set up it was independent from the City because of the confidentiality. Since 2017 laws have been passed that now allow cities to have confidentiality with Economic Development. Several cities now have Economic Developers on staff. Alderman Schneider stated her concern was that a lot of developers did not want to work with elected officials. Alderman Weaver stated we were beating a dead horse and made a motion to approve the Economic Developer and Salary Schedule which Alderman King seconded.

Vote aye: Aldermen Bradley, King, Weaver and Wish.

Vote nay: Aldermen Johnston and Schneider.

Motion passed 4-2.

##### **Base increase for Administrative Asst. and Deputy Clerk**

Mayor Rieder presented the recommendation from the Personnel and Budget Committee for a \$2,000.00 increase of the base salary of the Administrative Asst. and Deputy Clerk.

Alderman Schneider made a motion to approve the increase of \$2,000.00 in the base of the Administrative Asst. and Deputy Clerk which Alderman Johnston seconded.  
Vote aye: Aldermen Bradley, Johnston, King, Schneider, Weaver and Wish.

**Pay Scale for MPB part time and Aquatic Part time employees**

Mayor Rieder presented the recommendation from the Personnel and Budget Committee to balance the pay scale of the Aquatic part time employees to be the same as the MPB part time employees. Alderman Weaver made a motion to approve the adjustment which Alderman Bradley seconded.  
Vote aye: Aldermen Bradley, Johnston, King, Schneider, Weaver and Wish.

**Roof Bids for 107 Main**

Alderman Weaver made a motion to accept the bid of \$20,400 for a new metal roof from Kropf which Alderman King seconded.  
Vote aye: Aldermen Bradley, Johnston, King, Schneider, Weaver and Wish.

**Animal Control Services**

Mayor Rieder presented the two bids received for Animal control for 2020. Upon discussion Shannon Lemly read a letter from the Johnson County Humane Society withdrawing their bid. After further discussion Alderman King suggested setting up a committee to create guidelines. Mayor Rieder appointed Alderman King, Johnston and Schneider to the committee to create guidelines for the Animal Control Services. Alderman King made a motion to approve the remaining bid for Animal Control which Alderman Weaver seconded.  
Vote aye: Aldermen Bradley, Johnston, King, Weaver and Wish.  
Vote nay: Alderman Schneider  
Motion passed 5 to 1.

**City Attorney Position**

Mayor Rieder stated that City Attorney Bruce Wilson would be retiring on December 31, 2019. Alderman Wish made a motion to authorize the Mayor to seek proposals for City Attorney which Alderman Johnston seconded.  
Vote aye: Aldermen Bradley, Johnston, King, Schneider, Weaver and Wish.

**Policy for Auxiliary Police Officers**

Police Chief Jeff Ross presented the Policy for Auxiliary Police Officers. Alderman Bradley made a motion to approve the Policy which Alderman Wish seconded.  
Vote aye: Aldermen Bradley, Johnston, King, Schneider, Weaver and Wish.

**Appointment of CCU Commissioner**

Mayor Rieder requested that Roderick Weaver be appointed to the Clarksville Connected Utility. Alderman Schneider stated that Crystal Thompson had a desire to stay on the Commission. Margo McCloud spoke in favor of keeping Crystal Thompson on the Commission because of her back ground with the Commission. Alderman King stated that the Mayor actually makes the recommendation. Alderman Wish made a motion to appoint Roderick Weaver to the Clarksville Connected Utility Commission which Alderman Bradley seconded.  
Vote aye: Aldermen Bradley, King, Schneider and Wish.  
Vote nay: Alderman Johnston.  
Alderman Weaver abstained. Motion passed.

**Reports**

**A & P**

Judy Weaver reported that the A & P Commission had approved funding Holiday on Ice.

**Airport**

Jim Looney stated the Airport Maintenance Hangar should have the final inspection next week.

Fire

Fire Chief Jim Looney submitted the monthly report (copy attached) and stated they had a total of 24 calls.

Economic Development

Jessica Gunn submitted the monthly report (copy attached). Mayor Rieder commented the Book idea for the Christmas Parade was a wonderful event. Jessica Gunn stated that they had received 9,000 books to handout.

Clarksville Connected Utility

John Lester submitted the monthly report (copy attached). Mr. Lester stated that CCU had hosted the Civil Air Patrol Group and toured the Solar and Fiber Network.

Parks

Robbie Miller reported that the Adult Softball league had finished and the Outdoor Volleyball court had been completed at the Aquatic Center.

Ian Elliott reported the Ice-Skating Rink would be delivered this week. An additional Pickle Ball court would be striped at the Multi-Purpose Building.

Police

Chief Jeff Ross gave the monthly report (copy attached). Chief Ross thanked the Street Department and Parks for helping with traffic during the parade. The K-9 should finish tracking school this week. All new sirens should be installed on the school campus this week.

Street

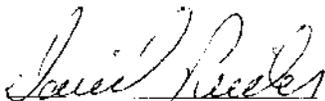
Morgan Barrett reported that the status of the Country Club project was unchanged at this time. Still waiting on the Corp of Engineers. He is currently working on the Grant Application for the Levee.

Stanley Edgemon apologized for Market Street stating he was hoping to have the contractor come back and redo the job before the end of the year. The asphalt on Delsie to Massengale had been removed and was currently gravel.

Treasurer

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

After motion being made and seconded the meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.



Mayor David Rieder

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk/Treasurer Barbara Blackard