

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLARKSVILLE,  
ARKANSAS HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF CITY HALL ON FEBRUARY 10, 2020 AT  
6:00 P.M.

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PRESENT AND PRESIDING: Mayor David Rieder, City Clerk/Treasurer Barbara Blackard and City Attorney Clayton McCall.

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

ALDERMEN ABSENT: Heather Johnston.

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

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

**Council Meeting Rules**

Mayor Rieder presented the 2020 Rules Governing Conduct. Alderman Schneider stated that we should remove II) No member shall speak more than twice or for more than ten (10) minutes continuously to any one question, except that one or more additional periods of ten (10) minutes may be granted by a majority consent. The reading of papers desired by any member shall be read by themselves or by the city clerk within the member's time limitation unless permission for the clerk to read such paper outside the time limitations is granted by a majority. Expressed her concern for changing the meeting time to 5:30 stating people who get off work at 5 need time to grab something to eat before attending the meeting and requested the meeting remain at 6:00 p.m. Voiced her concerns for I) Each appointed commission president or chairman will conduct formal briefings of their respective departments to the council at the city council meetings. Department leaders or Managers will be required to provide all substantiating documentation as required by current rules either hand delivered or unloaded into the Dropbox for record. Alderman Schneider stated she felt that all commission presidents should be present along with department heads and that the General Manager of Clarksville Connected Utilities should give the report not the chairman of the commissioners. Stated her concerns Under Conduct of Spectators and Preservation of Order C) When the council determines a public purpose exists, the council may allow a period of public comment at each council meeting. The comment period may be no more than 3 minutes per speaker and must be scheduled by the citizen's elected representative a minimum of 3 days prior to the council meeting. All council members will be notified of the speaker and the topic(s) to be discussed prior to being allowed to speak. Alderman Schneider asked if the rules would be brought back next month with the corrections. Mayor Rieder suggested approving the Rules with the changes. Alderman Schneider made a motion to approve the Council Meeting Rules with the following changes:

**Rules Governing Conduct**

A) change the time from 5:30 to 6.

I) A Commission member will conduct formal briefings of their respective departments to the council at the city council meetings. Department Heads will continue to submit reports as well as attend council meetings. Committee reports will be added to the Agenda.

**Conduct of Spectators and Preservation of Order**

C) Insert the word "per" to read: The comment period may be no more than 3 minutes per speaker and must be scheduled by the citizen's elected representative a minimum of 3 days prior to the council meeting.

D) Insert "raise hand" to read: During periods set aside for public discussion of any nature, any person desiring to speak shall raise their hand to be called upon by the presiding officer.

**Requests to be Placed on the City Council Agenda**

Parties that wish to speak or present information must be sponsored by a council member or the mayor.

Alderman Wish seconded the motion. Upon the Clerk's calling the roll the following vote was recorded:

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

#### **Chamber Contract**

Mayor Rieder presented the Chamber Contract and requested Executive Director Jessica Gunn review the changes in red with the council. Alderman King asked where the \$150,000.00 for the previous year had been spent Jessica stated most of it had gone towards the salary for the Economic Developer. Prior year

funds that were in surplus were set aside for Economic Development studies or the purchase of land to bring in more industry. Alderman Wish stated the Chamber Board had restricted the surplus funds to be used only for Economic Development studies or the purchase of land and buildings. Alderman Weaver stated that any funds that were not spent should be returned to the City. Alderman King stated he thought the Chamber should have to appear before the Budget Committee. After reviewing the contract, it was decided the City Attorney and Jessica Gunn would make the recommended changes to the contract and resubmit. If necessary, a special meeting would be held to approve the contract. Alderman King made a motion to table the Chamber Contract which Alderman Bradley seconded.

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

#### **Discuss Feral Cat Catch and Release Program**

Alderman Schneider stated that Feral Cats had been discussed at the meeting with the new Animal Control provider Charles Earls. The Feral Cats would be trapped as in the past and requested that \$2,500.00 be appropriated. Alderman Schneider made a motion to appropriate \$2,500.00 from Community Projects for the Feral Cat Program to be disbursed as needed which Alderman Wish seconded.

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

#### **Census Briefing**

Mike Rodenberry Partnership Specialist for the 2020 Census spoke to the Council about the importance of a correct count. April 1<sup>st</sup> will be Census Day. You may submit your information by mail, phone or internet.

#### **Resolution to certify participation in the tax back program**

Mayor Rieder presented the Resolution to certify participation in the tax back program for Tyson Foods. The Clerk read the Resolution. Alderman King made a motion to approve the Resolution which Alderman Wish seconded.

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

Resolution No. 20-1080 passed 5-0.

#### **Resolution for Levee Federal Grant**

Mayor Rieder presented the Resolution for Levee Federal Grant. The Clerk read the Resolution. Alderman Wish made a motion to approve the Resolution which Alderman Bradley seconded.

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

Resolution No. 20-1081 passed 5-0.

#### **Mayor's State of the City Report**

Mayor Rieder presented the State of the City Report. No questions or comments were received.

#### **Personnel Committee Recommendation**

##### **Update Personnel Policy**

The Personnel Policy was reviewed. Alderman Weaver made a motion to approve the updated Personnel Policy which Alderman Schneider seconded.

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

##### **Delete/Adjust Position on the Pay Scale**

The Pay Scale recommendations were reviewed. Alderman King made a motion to approve the adjustments which Alderman Wish seconded.

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

**Budget Committee Recommendations**

**Country Club Road Bid**

The Bids for Country Club Road were reviewed by the Council. Alderman Weaver made a motion to approve the low Bid of \$429,353.00 which Alderman Bradley seconded.

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

Alderman Wish made a motion to approve \$450,000.00 from the Street Improvement Fund to be used for the Country Club Road improvements which Alderman Bradley seconded.

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

**Airport Extension Engineer Contract**

The contract with Garver for the Airport Extension was reviewed. Alderman Wish made a motion to approve the Agreement for Engineer Services in the amount of \$79,000.00 and adjust the Economic Development Fund budget for the expenditure. Alderman King seconded the motion.

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

**Stage-Architect Contract**

Mayor Rieder presented the Contract for the Architectural and Engineering design services for the park pavilion. Alderman Weaver made a motion to approve the Contract and appropriate the estimated cost of \$7,830.00 from the Community Projects Fund. Alderman Wish seconded the motion.

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

**Application for State Grant for Levee**

Mayor Rieder presented the Application for the State Grant for the Levee. Alderman Wish made a motion to approve applying for the Grant which Alderman Bradley seconded.

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

**Equipment for Aquatic Center**

Aquatic Director Ian Elliott presented the list of equipment for the Exercise room at the Aquatic Center. Alderman Bradley made a motion to approve up to \$35,000.00 from the Aquatic Maintenance Fund for the exercise equipment which Alderman Weaver seconded.

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

**Budget Adjustment Ordinance to adjust 2019 and 2020 Budgets**

Mayor Rieder introduced an Ordinance to be entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2019 BUDGETS FOR THE CITY OF CLARKSVILLE, ARKANSAS. The Clerk read the Ordinance the first time in its entirety. Alderman Weaver made a motion to suspend the rules and the Ordinance be placed on its second reading. Alderman King seconded.

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

The Clerk read the Ordinance the second time and the Mayor declared the Ordinance open for discussion.

Alderman Wish then moved that the rules be further suspended and the Ordinance be placed on its third and final reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Weaver.

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

The Clerk read the Ordinance the third and final time. The Mayor declared the Ordinance open for discussion. On the clerk's calling the roll, the following vote was recorded:

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

Ordinance No. 20-839

**Appoint Mike Dorsey to the U of O Facilities Board**

Mayor Rieder presented the resignation of Terri Stumbaugh from the Public Facilities Board and requested she be replaced with Mike Dorsey the Johnson County Hospital CEO. Alderman King made a motion to appoint Mike Dorsey to the U of O Facilities Board which Alderman Bradley seconded.

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

**An Ordinance to allow ordinances to be read by title only**

Mayor Rieder introduced an Ordinance to be entitled: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ORDINANCES TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY. The clerk read the Ordinance the first time in its entirety. The Mayor declared the Ordinance open for discussion. Alderman Wish made a motion to approve the Ordinance which Alderman Weaver seconded. Alderman Schneider stated she would prefer the Ordinance be read at least once. Alderman Wish and Weaver withdrew their motions. Alderman Schneider then made a motion to table and redraft the Ordinance which Alderman Wish seconded.

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

**Reports**

Copy of submitted reports are attached.

After motion being made and seconded the meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.



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Mayor David Rieder

ATTEST:



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City Clerk/Treasurer Barbara Blackard