

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLARKSVILLE,
ARKANSAS HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF CITY HALL ON MAY 13, 2019 AT 6:00 P.M.

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

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

Alderman Weaver made a motion to approve the Agenda with the deletion of item c. which Alderman Bradley seconded.

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

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance – Raise for Retirees

Mayor Rieder introduced an Ordinance to enact a cost of living adjustment for those receiving retirement benefits from the City retirement plan. Alderman Schneider made a motion to approve the Ordinance which Alderman Weaver seconded.

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

Ordinance No. 19-816.

Rules and Regulations for Wrecker Rotation

Police Chief Jeff Ross reviewed the new regulations with the council and stated this would replace the current Policy. Alderman King stated his concern with 3. J. 1 Fencing shall be adequate to reasonably secure the storage facility and prevent unauthorized entrance. The wrecker service shall maintain a sufficient amount of insurance to cover loss or damage to stored vehicles or property. Alderman Weaver made a motion to approve the Rules and Regulations with the deletion of 3. J. 1 which Alderman Wish seconded.

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

Appoint Jimmy Walker to replace Gene Raible on the Parks Board

The Mayor praised Gene Raible for his many years of service on the Clarksville Parks Board. Alderman Johnston made a motion to appoint Jimmy Walker to replace Gene Raible which Alderman Weaver seconded.

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

Ordinance to amend Zoning Codes

Mayor Rieder introduced an Ordinance to be entitled: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CLARKSVILLE, ARKANSAS. Alderman King requested the Ordinance be read at three separate meetings to give the citizens ample opportunity to review the changes to the current Zoning Codes. After discussion Alderman Bradley made a motion of end discussion which Alderman Weaver seconded. The following vote was recorded:

Vote aye: Alderman Bradley, Weaver and Wish.

Vote nay: Alderman Johnston, King and Schneider

Vote failed 3-3.

After further discussion Alderman King stated that the public should be thoroughly notified before an emergency clause is enacted. Alderman Wish suggested taking each section and approving each individual section. Alderman Schneider stated that very few people actually show up at public hearings and that she did agree that people should have the opportunity to discuss and to have public input. Alderman Wish made a motion to approve the first reading of the Ordinance which Alderman Bradley seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Fire Equipment Donation to Rural Fire Departments

Fire Chief Jim Looney stated the Fire Department had purchased new cylinders and suggested donating the old ones to the Rural Fire Departments. Alderman King made a motion to donate the equipment to the Rural Fire Departments which Alderman Bradley seconded.

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

Raymond Limbrick – address street issues

Mr. Limbrick was not present Mayor Rieder stated that children at Play signs were now up.

Harve Taylor – Express Appreciation

Harve Taylor presented a Memorial Plaza Dedication Program to each council member and expressed his appreciation to all the city employees who helped make the Memorial Plaza possible and the Mayor for donating the flag.

Discuss 100% Renewable Energy Policy

Bill Halter of Scenic Hill Solar commended the city of Clarksville for being in the fore front of Solar Energy. The city of Clarksville has received the Trend Setter Award and saving money in Government Award. Mr. Halter reviewed the proposed locations of the new solar fields and suggested doing a learning center on solar energy. The City of Clarksville would be the first city to achieve 100 percent renewable energy for all governmental operations. Alderman Wish made a motion to proceed with the location details to be worked out which Alderman Bradley seconded.

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

Reports

A & P

Judy Weaver reported that the A & P Commission had awarded \$2,500 to Lightning on Ludwig Hydroplane Boat Races, \$5,000.00 to the Mr. Bass of Arkansas Tournament and \$8,200.00 for the Johnson County Peach Festival Association. Alderman King commended Judy Weaver for the excellent job that she does on running the A & P commission meetings.

Airport

Bryan Burnett reported that the Airport had received a 2.7 million dollar grant for runway rehabilitation. The estimated cost to extend the runway 500 feet would be approximately \$885,000.00. A state grant to help fund the extension would be applied for.

Fire

Fire Chief Jim Looney submitted the monthly report (copy attached) and reported that five new firemen had been hired.

Economic Development

Brian Eisele submitted the monthly report and requested input for new banners to be designed for downtown.

Light & Water

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

Parks

Robby Miller reported work was progressing on the new signs for the parks and all dug outs had been completed. Indoor soccer would begin at the Multi-Purpose building.

Holly Moore reported that Aqua Zumba had been a great success and reported they had 23 at the first class.

Police

Chief Jeff Ross gave the monthly report (copy attached).

Street

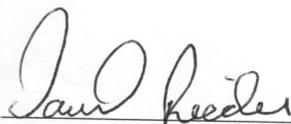
Stanley Edgemon reported they were currently working on Lucas Street and would begin asphaltting.

Morgan Barrett reported that there was a possibility of purchasing 10,000 credits for the wet land mitigation on Country Club Road so that work could begin. Morgan would meet with a structural engineer on the levy to design a free standing structure for the levy wall extension.

Treasurer

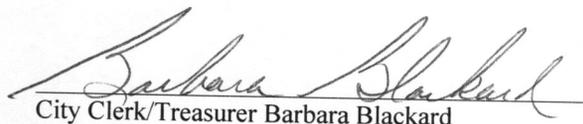
Treasurer's Report, Budget Comparison and Disbursements were submitted along with the financials.

After motion being made and seconded the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.



Mayor David Rieder

ATTEST:


City Clerk/Treasurer Barbara Blackard