

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLARKSVILLE, ARKANSAS HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF CITY HALL ON JANUARY 12, 2026, AT 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT AND PRESIDING: Mayor David Rieder, City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Venson, and City Attorney Clay McCall.

Council Members PRESENT: Patrick Baker, Eddie Bradley, Eddie King, Rob Risinger, Christel Thompson, and Robert Thompson.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Council Member Patrick Baker and seconded by Council Member Eddie King.

Vote aye: Council Members Baker, Bradley, King, Risinger, Christel Thompson, Robert Thompson.

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Council Member Christel Thompson and seconded by Council Member Rob Risinger.

Vote aye: Council Members Baker, Bradley, King, Risinger, Christel Thompson, Robert Thompson.

ORDINANCE 2026 BUDGET

Mayor Rieder presented the ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AND ADOPTING FOR THE CITY OF CLARKSVILLE, ARKANSAS, A BUDGET FOR THE TWELVE (12) MONTHS BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026, AND TO APPROPRIATE RESOURCES AND USES FOR EVERY EXPENDITURE ITEM AND OPERATING FUND; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Clerk Venson read the ordinance in its entirety. Council Member King asked if the budget included a .60/ hour raise. Clerk Venson stated yes. After no further discussion a motion to suspend the rules and place on its second reading was made by Council Member Bradley and seconded by Council Member Baker.

Vote aye: Council Members Baker, Bradley, King, Risinger, C Thompson, R Thompson.

Clerk Venson read the ordinance by title. A motion to suspend the rules and place on its third reading was made by Council Member Robert Thompson and seconded by Council Member Baker.

Vote aye: Council Members Baker, Bradley, King, Risinger, C Thompson, R Thompson.

Clerk Venson read the ordinance by title. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Council Member Bradley and seconded by Council Member Baker.

Vote aye: Council Members Baker, Bradley, King, Risinger, C Thompson, R Thompson.

A motion that an emergency exists was made by Council Member King and seconded by Council Member Robert Thompson.

Vote aye: Council Members Baker, Bradley, King, Risinger, C Thompson, R Thompson.

Ordinance 26-989 passed 6-0

ORDINANCE REZONING TYSON PROPERTY

Mayor Rieder presented the ORDINANCE ADJUSTING AND AMENDING THE ZONING MAP FOR THE CITY OF CLARKSVILLE, ARKANSAS. Clerk Venson read the ordinance in its entirety. City Engineer Morgan Barrett stated the planning commission had reviewed a request by River Valley Animal Foods. They are planning an upgrade and investment to their current site. The property had to be rezoned for this. Mayor Rieder stated this is the Tyson plant on Market Street. Council Member Risinger asked why the emergency clause, and Mayor Rieder stated so they can get started. The Council agreed to let Marvel Anderson speak on this item. She stated her concern with the smell from the plant. A motion to suspend the rules and place on its second reading was made by Council Member Bradley and seconded by Council Member Risinger.

Vote aye: Council Members Baker, Bradley, King, Risinger, C Thompson, R Thompson.

Clerk Venson read the ordinance by title. A motion to suspend rules and place on its third reading was made by Council Member Robert Thompson and seconded by Council Member King.

Vote aye: Council Members Baker, Bradley, King, Risinger, C Thompson, R Thompson.

Clerk Venson read the ordinance by title. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Council Member Bradley and seconded by Council Member Baker.

Vote aye: Council Members Baker, Bradley, King, Risinger, C Thompson, R Thompson.

A motion that an emergency exists was made by Council Member King and was seconded by Council Member Baker.

Vote aye: Council Members Baker, Bradley, King, Risinger, C Thompson, R Thompson.

Ordinance 26-990 passed 6-0

Expense from Fire Maintenance for Auto Extrication Equipment - \$72,295.00

Wynette Holland stated this will be used to replace existing extrication equipment and will come from the Fire Maintenance Fund. Council Member Baker recused himself due to his position on the fire department. A motion to approve was made by Council Member Robert Thompson and was seconded by Council Member Risinger.

Vote aye: Council Members Bradley, King, Risinger, C Thompson, R Thompson

Abstain: Council Member Baker.

RESOLUTION FOR FEDERAL SURPLUS PROPERTY

Mayor Rieder presented the RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REVIVING THE STATE-RUN FEDERAL SURPLUS PROPERTY PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE STATE OF ARKANSAS. Clerk Venson read the resolution in its entirety. Mayor Rieder stated several city departments used the Federal Surplus Program and smaller communities depended on the equipment that they could get there. This resolution will be sent to the Municipal League and the Governor. A motion to pass the resolution was made by Council Member King and was seconded by Council Member Robert Thompson.

Vote aye: Council Members Baker, Bradley, King, Risinger, C Thompson, R Thompson.

Resolution 26-1136 passed: 6-0

CCU COMMISSION NOMINATION

Mayor Rieder stated that Commissioner Ethan Powell's term was up and he was recommending reappointing him to another term. Motion to approve the nomination was made by Council Member Risinger and seconded by Council Member Baker.

Vote aye: Council Members Baker, Bradley, King, Risinger, C Thompson, R Thompson.

Reports

A & P Committee Chairman Eddie King resigned from the committee. Council Member Robert Thompson was approved to fill the vacancy.

Chamber Director Hannah Dunson reported on the City and Downtown Revitalization Grant Program. It was a \$100,000.00 investment and funded 6 projects that resulted in \$252,303.54 in upgrades.

Police Chief David Smothers gave the monthly police and drone report. He presented to the Council a copy of the 911 budget requested from last month's meeting. Council Member King asked if the shooting range was done and Chief Smothers stated it is being used but still needs some work with the road and drainage.

Airport Chairman Steve Fisher reported the need to update the terminal. He has a grant they can apply for that has to be turned in this week. A motion for Mayor Rieder to sign the grant application was made by Council Member Risinger and seconded by Council Member Baker.

Vote aye: Council Member Baker, Bradley, King, Risinger, C Thompson, R Thompson.

Fire Chief Jason Weaver submitted the monthly fire report.

Street/Parks Director Stanley Edgmon submitted reports. Mayor Rieder noted the Multipurpose Building set a record the past weekend with a tournament and he stated this helps the whole community when the visitors spend money in their businesses. Edgmon stated the new roof was almost done on the Multipurpose Building's insurance claim and work will start in February on the Aquatic roof replacement.

Recycle Center submitted the monthly report. Mayor Rieder stated the need for volunteers to work Saturday shifts at the Recycle Center.

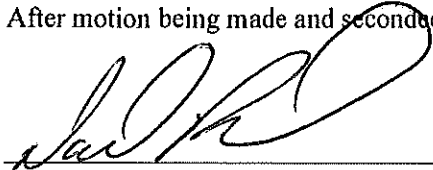
Animal Control Officer Wade Bell submitted the monthly report.

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Advertising & Promotion Chairman Eddie King noted there will be a meeting on January 21, 2026.

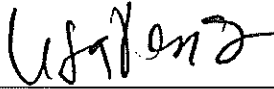
City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Venson submitted the monthly Treasurer's Report, Budget Comparison and Disbursements, and Bond Statements.

After motion being made and seconded the meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.



Mayor David Rieder

ATTEST:



City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Venson