

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
THE CLARKSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON OCTOBER 18, 2010
FOR THE PURPOSE OF
CONDUCTING A PUBLIC HEARING
ON THE PROPOSED 2011 BUDGET

A meeting of the Clarksville Town Council was called to order on October 18, 2010, at 6:30 P.M. in the meeting room of the Clarksville Municipal Center Administration Building by Council President Greg Isgrigg, who chaired the meeting.

Council members present: Greg Isgrigg, Paul Kraft, Vicki Appleby, Raymond Richert, Don Tetley, Bop Popp, and David Fisher. Council members absent: None. Also present at the meeting: Clerk-Treasurer Gary Hall, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Anita Neeld, and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Roberta McLemore.

Public Hearing on Proposed 2010 Budget... Council President Greg Isgrigg announced that pursuant to proper notice a public hearing was scheduled to be held at this time regarding the Town's proposed 2011 budget.

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Roberta McLemore reported that the 2011 budget had been advertised using the amounts of estimated needs submitted by the department heads, and that based on the requested appropriations and the estimated revenues submitted at the time of advertising, the 2011 budget would require in the area of ten million dollars more in property tax revenues than the estimated maximum levy is expected to bring in for the Town's property-tax supported funds.

Council President Isgrigg called for questions or comments from the public. Mr. Tom DeArk announced he would like to offer some comments, stating specifically that he was not voicing any objections to the budget, only general statements. Mr. DeArk stated that obviously the Town cannot spend dollars it doesn't have, and the Town's advertised budget is showing that it will be asking to spend a lot more than it expects to receive. Mr. DeArk commented that because fewer revenues will be received from the state than in the past, the council be proactive, study the numbers, consider the needs of the Town and trim the budget to be more realistic.

Mrs. McLemore reported that as usual requests submitted by most departments for supplies, services, and capital outlays include what are sometimes considered wish-list items, but the departments are asked to report their actual needs regarding capital expenditures so the council will be aware of these needs even if they cannot be funded from the departments' operating budgets. Mrs. McLemore reported that because at this time the General, Firefighting and Parks & Recreation Funds of the Town are needed almost exclusively for Category 1, 2 and 3 expenditures consisting of wages and benefits, supplies, and other services and charges needed for operation, it is recommended that capital projects and equipment requests be reduced prior to budget adoption in tax-supported funds and that the council continue to meet regarding the budget needs and to consider how capital needs of the departments can be funded, including the possibility of developing a five-or-more years capital needs plan for departments and the use cumulative funds as possible financing sources. Mrs. McLemore pointed out that the non-property-tax-supported Motor Vehicle Highway, Local Law Enforcement Continuing Education and P.U.F. Funds have insufficient projected revenues to support the requested appropriations for 2011, and stated that routine budget procedures require a reduction in the amount of appropriations requested prior to budget adoption and presentation of the budget requests to the Department of Local Government Finance so that the amount needing to be levied at the time of adoption is reduced to zero. Mrs. McLemore also advised that it may be necessary to shift some wage and benefits currently being paid from the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund to the Street Department budget in the General Fund.

Mrs. McLemore reported that a 3% increase had been used for projecting 2011 personal service categories, noting that this percentage could be adjusted at the council's pleasure, along with appropriations for benefits dependent on salary levels.

Following discussion, Council President Isgrigg announced that a budget meeting with department heads would be held on October 21st at 7:00 P.M.

Adjournment... There being no further questions or comments coming before the council at this time regarding the proposed 2011 budget, on a motion made by Council Member Kraft, seconded by Council Member Appleby and unanimously carried, the October 18, 2010 public hearing on the proposed 2011 budget was duly adjourned.

Minutes prepared by the Clerk-Treasurer of the
Town of Clarksville, Indiana

Minutes approved by the Clarksville Town Council
on the _____ day of
_____, 20____.

Gary P. Hall, Clerk-Treasurer
of the Town of Clarksville, Indiana

Gregory L. Isgrigg, President
Clarksville Town Council