

## MINUTES OF A WORK SESSION OF THE CLARKSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON NOVEMBER 04, 2013

A work session of the Clarksville Town Council was called to order on November 04, 2013, at 7:29 P.M. in the executive conference room of the Clarksville Municipal Center Administration Building by Council President Bob Polston who chaired the meeting.

Council members present: Bob Polston, Paul Kraft, Donald Tetley, Bob Popp, Paul Fetter, Tim Hauber, and John Gilkey. Council Members Absent: None. Also present at the meeting: Town Attorney Chris Sturgeon, Clerk Treasurer Robert Leuthart, Director of Stormwater Tom Clevidence, Administrative Assistant Patricia Fraser, Street Commissioner Brad Cummings, Redevelopment Director Nick Lawrence, Police Chief Mark Palmer, and Deputy Clerk Treasurer Sherry Lockard.

Nevil Blakemoor gave a presentation of the Centennial Festival of Riverboats, occurring October 14 –October 18, 2014, in celebration of the Belle of Louisville turning 100 years old. Mr. Blakemoor requested the Council to consider making a donation to the Festival fund, which will have a positive economic impact on our community. No vote was taken at this time.

Street Commissioner Brad Cummings presented to council three items that the Street Department would like to purchase, with budgeted money. (1) A Grapple Truck, with an estimated cost of \$125,000.00. This piece of equipment can take the place of a backhoe and a dump truck. Commissioner Cummings advised this would be purchased from the LR&S fund and he has the funds to make the purchase. (2) North Plant Yard Waste Removal; Commissioner Cummings sent out RFQ's to six (6) companies, and Goodman Construction came in at the low bid with \$16,285.00. (3) Dump Body for 2001 International Dump Truck. Commissioner Cummings advised the current condition of this dump body is not road ready. Mr. Cummings advised the truck is in very good condition other than the dump body, and if the body is replaced, it will add an additional 6-10 years of use. Commissioner Cummings advised this truck would be kept inside as much as possible and the estimated cost is \$30,000.00, in lieu of purchasing a whole new unit at a cost of \$125,000.00. RFQ's will be sent out this week. Commissioner Cummings advised he would bring all three (3) requests to a formal council meeting.

**Request for Funds from EDIT for Plum Creek Project Approved...** Redevelopment Director Nick Lawrence presented to council a request for engineering funds to be paid from the EDIT fund for Plum Creek Stabilization Project, in the sum of \$8750.00. Discussion was held. (See Hart's Surveying handout). After discussion, Council Member Bob Popp made a motion to approve request. Council Member Kraft seconded the motion and was carried by unanimous vote.

-Mr. Jim Kenney of the Search Committee for Town Manager appeared before the council asking for direction as to what the committee should focus on. Council President Polston made a statement saying that he felt this situation was being rushed into and would like to take a step back to evaluate. Council President Polston then asked if other council members had any further comments to make. Council Member Kraft advised he has never liked the idea of having a town manager because he feels like the council was elected to do a job and they should do it. Council Member Gilkey commented that this council unanimously approved the recommendations that the search committee presented to them and feels that we should follow through with hiring a town manager. Council Member Popp commented that he felt each and every one of our department heads were doing a fantastic job and that we should have faith in the process we have. Council Member Popp advised that this was taking away too much time and effort from the council and their job as councilmen and need to move forward. Council Member Popp made a motion to discontinue the search committee. Council Member Kraft seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-3, with Council Members Popp, Kraft, Tetley and Polston voting Aye to discontinue the search committee while Council Members Hauber, Gilkey and Fetter voted Nay, to keep the committee.

**Adjournment**... There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

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

Minutes approved by the Clarksville Town Council  
on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2013

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Robert P. Leuthart, Clerk-Treasurer  
Town of Clarksville, IN

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Bob Polston, President,  
Clarksville Town Council