

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE CLARKSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL HELD
ON DECEMBER 01, 2014**

A regular meeting of the Clarksville Town Council was called to order on December 01, 2014, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Clarksville Municipal Center Administration Building by Council President Bob Polston who chaired the meeting.

Council members present: Bob Polston, Paul Kraft, John Gilkey, Bob Popp, Tim Hauber, and Paul Fetter. Absent: Don Tetley. Also present at the meeting Clerk Treasurer, Robert Leuthart, Town Attorney Chris Sturgeon, Fire Chief Tom Upton, Police Assistant Chief David Kirby for Chief Mark Palmer, Street Superintendent Brad Cummings, Director of Stormwater Tom Clevidence, Wastewater Superintendent Mike Otto, Planning Consultant Sharon Wilson, Parks Superintendent Brian Kaluzny, Building Commissioner Ilpo Majuri, Administrative Assistant Anita Elliott-Neeld, Project Coordinator Brittany Montgomery, and Deputy Clerk Sherry Lockard.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Council Member Kraft made a motion to approve the minutes of the 11/3/14 regular meeting and the 11/3/14 work session. Council Member Popp seconded the motion and was carried by a 6-0 vote. Council Member Hauber made a motion to approve the minutes of the 11/17/14 regular meeting and the 11/17/14 work session. Council Member Popp seconded the motion and was carried by a 5-0 vote, with Council Member Gilkey abstaining due to not attending that meeting.

Public Comments...

-Tom Deark, Brookwood Drive, Clarksville, IN. Mr. Deark commented on and agreed with Mr. Popp's statements from the last meeting regarding voter turnout. Mr. Deark stated that voter turnout is low because people don't think their vote counts, voters are disenchanting and disheartened and if nothing is done, voter turnout will not improve. Mr. Deark stated that district voting is an option that could possibly make a difference. Mr. Deark stated that change requires action and if district voting in Clarksville were to be implemented, it needs to be done now, before the end of the year. Mr. Deark stated that the Council has an option to make a difference.

-David Thompson, 13 Sunset Drive, Clarksville, IN. Mr. Thompson stated that the Clarksville Police has been shown lately in the news in a negative light, but Mr. Thompson stated he believes the Clarksville Police are doing everything they can to make the citizens of Clarksville safe.

-John Kruger, 1809 Beechwood Drive, Clarksville, IN. Mr. Kruger stated that he agrees with Mr. Deark's earlier statements regarding district voting. Mr. Kruger then stated he knew Councilman Polston had a lot on his plate but after 2 years he asked President Polston his view on district voting. President Polston advised that he was still undecided due to the fact that he was prepared to send out a mailer to residents, (at his cost) to ask their opinion, but did not send the mailer out as he was told that whatever the results were, they wouldn't accurately be reported. Mr. Kruger then asked if he could poll each council member to get their stand on district voting. President Polston looked at the other council members and no one replied with a yea, so the consensus was no.

Approval of Proceeding to next step for Property Acquisition of CSX Property... Town Attorney Chris Sturgeon advised that 2014-R-08, the resolution confirming the acquisition of CSX property in the amount of \$51,500, was the first step of this process. The next step is Remonstrances and/or public comments. Russell White asked what the purchase amount was and Attorney Sturgeon advised \$51,500.00. There being no other comments from the public, Attorney Sturgeon requested permission to confirm purchase amount and proceed to the next step in the process. Council Member Popp made a motion to approve amount of \$51,500.00 and proceed with the next step of the process. Council Member Gilkey seconded the motion and was carried by a 6-0 vote.

Approval of Three (3) Change Orders regarding the paving contracts with Gohmann Construction...

Street Commissioner Brad Cummings advised he has 3 change orders, all reductions, for the paving projects completed this year. (1) Change Order #1 was for a reduction in the sum of \$24,690.35 (2) Change Order #2 is for a reduction in the amount of \$47,170.23 (3) Change Order #3 is for a reduction in the amount of \$19,628.10, for a total savings of \$91,488.68. Commissioner Cummings requested approval of contract deductions. Council Member Kraft made a motion to approve all 3 reductions for the 3 change orders. Council Member Fetter seconded the motion and was carried by a 6-0 vote.

Discussion of Road Closures on S. Clark... Project Coordinator Brittany Montgomery presented a map with the upcoming road closures on and in the area of S. Clark Blvd. Council Member Hauber questioned why the time frame went from two (2) weeks to 50 days. Ms. Montgomery replied that was partly due to a miscalculation, and partly due to the inclement weather. So an additional 2 weeks were added for weather delays, but may not be needed and the remaining additional time was previously miscalculated. Council Member Hauber advised that Newman is not a good road to re-route a lot of traffic. Ms. Montgomery advised this was the best option per the Street Dept. and the safest option because that main line must be put in down the entire road. At this time, Ms. Montgomery advised maybe we should table this issue and have a meeting. After further discussion, it was decided to put a sign stating that only local traffic be allowed on Newman.

Council Comments

-Council Member Gilkey stated he didn't think there's enough support on this council to pass district voting, but went on record as supporting district voting and that it should be a campaign issue.

-Council Member Fetter hoped all had a Happy Thanksgiving and agrees with Council Member Gilkey regarding the district voting.

-Council Member Hauber advised he was in favor of district voting for the obvious reasons stated.

-Council Member Popp stated he doesn't believe that elected officials understand the consequences of low voter turnout. Mr. Popp stated he only heard one candidate speak about the low voter turnout, and that was Sheriff Elect Jamey Noel. Mr. Popp also stated that we celebrate Thanksgiving this one particular day due to one President, who declared/proclaimed that Thanksgiving would be on the last Thursday of the month. Mr. Popp advised he wasn't going to reveal the answer but hinted it was the President that delivered the Gettysburg Address and made the proclamation in 1863...now you know the rest of the story.

-President Polston stated Clarksville is both Legislative and Executive branches combined and if district voting were to occur, then people would only be able to choose 3 council members instead of seven. It would be sad if you elected the President in this manner by using only a fifth of the population.

Approval of Claims... Accounts payable registers presented for approval consisted of Town current claims in the amount of \$324,064.86, Town pre-approved claims issued 11/18/2017 through 12/1/2014 in the amount of \$729,285.67, Town and Wastewater/Stormwater utility gross payroll ending 11/23/14 in the amount of \$333,769.05, Wastewater/Stormwater utility current claims in the amount of \$13,333.46, Wastewater/Stormwater utility prewritten claims in the amount of \$121,043.57, and Amended Bond Claims from the 11/17/14 meeting to the amount of \$710,369.61. Council Member Kraft made a motion to approve claims registers presented. Council Member Fetter seconded the motion and was carried by a 6-0 unanimous vote.

Adjournment... There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Council Member Gilkey made a motion to adjourn, Council Member Hauber seconded the motion and was carried by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 P.M.

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

Minutes approved by the Clarksville Town Council
on the 17th day of December 2014

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

Bob Polston, President,
Clarksville Town Council

