

MINUTES OF MEETING OF
THE CLARKSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 6, 2016

A meeting of the Clarksville Town Council was called to order on September 6, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. in the meeting room of the Clarksville Municipal Center Administration Building by Council President, Paul Fetter, who chaired the meeting.

Council members present: Paul Fetter, Tim Hauber, David Fisher, John Gilkey, David Worrall, Jennifer Voignier, and Aaron Stonecipher.

Invocation: Performed by Grant Belles, Emmaus Road Church.

ClarkFest 2016... Doug Fisher and Mickey Higdon gave a brief overview of itinerary of CLARKFEST 2016. Date: October 15, 2016 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at GATEWAY PARK, with the parade starting at 11:30 (staging area at St. Anthony's parking lot), car show starting at 10 a.m. with awards at 2:30 p.m. There will be a DJ, an inflatable zone for children, balloon animals, face painting and a climbing wall. There will also be various other booths and food vendors. If anyone would like to volunteer, please fill out volunteer form at <http://www.clarkfest.org> We hope to see everyone there!!

Public Comments:

-Mike Daniel, 8528 Plum Run Drive. Mr. Daniel stated he was against the access road/cut through near or on Westmont Dr.

-John Krueger, 1809 Beechlawn Drive. Mr. Krueger stated he was for the employee raises that have been up for discussion, and also stated that employees should pay for insurance. Mr. Krueger also asked if all steps had been taken to ensure district voting will occur next election.

-Joel Weber, 205 Rosewood Drive. Mr. Weber stated the county does a poor job at maintaining the area at Brown Station Way and Lewis & Clark Parkway. Mr. Weber asked if we could pressure the county to do a better job at the upkeep as this is a gateway into Clarksville.

-Council Member Gilkey stated the County received a grant and a portion of that will go toward Brown Station Way/Lewis & Clark area.

Approval of Minutes: Council Member Fisher made a motion to approve the minutes from the 8/15/16 regular meeting, work session, and Executive Session. Council Member Voignier seconded the motion and was carried by unanimous vote.

Discussion on Salary Increases for Department Heads... Director of Public Works, Brad Cummings, gave an overview of what was previously brought to council meetings. Town Manager Kevin Baity added additional information as requested by council. Discussion was held and Council Member John Gilkey made a motion to table this matter. Council Member Fisher seconded the motion and was carried by a 4-3 vote, with Council Members Stonecipher, Worrall and Fetter voting nay.

Ratification of Actions by Staff on Emergency Work for repairs on Clark Street Sanitary Sewer Collapse... Town Manager Kevin Baity presented council with the matter of the emergency work where staff and engineers determined the best and most responsible course of action was the CIPP lining. Town Manager Baity is requesting approval for action taken by staff and to authorize the signing of contracts with MAC (estimate at \$100,000.00) and Flynn Brothers (estimate at \$96,000.00). Discussion held. Council Member Hauber made a motion to approve action by staff and authorization to sign contracts. Council Member Stonecipher seconded the motion and was carried by unanimous vote.

Public Hearing for 2017 Budget... Town Attorney Chris Sturgeon announced the public hearing for the 2017 Budget, duly advertised on GATEWAY. Mr. Sturgeon asked if anyone from the public had any comments. Mr. John Krueger asked what the process was for preparing the budget. Council President Fetter advised that Department Heads met with their council liaisons to discuss and prepare budgets and that preparation had been going on since May of

2016. Mr. Jim Williams asked how long until the budget is adopted and was told budget adoption was set for two weeks from this night.

Request for Residential Parking on 313 Emily Avenue... Town Attorney Greg Fifer presented request for residential parking on 313 Emily Avenue. Mr. Fifer advised it came with an unfavorable recommendation from TRC. The resident appeared at the council meeting and requested to speak. Discussion was held and the resident is to appear at the TRC meeting to go through the process for the request of residential parking as he did not appear his scheduled meeting time.

Council Comments

-Council Member Hauber stated trees are to be replaced on Maple Ct. after construction is complete.

-Council Member Worrall thanked departments who worked on the sewer collapse.

-Council Member Fisher stated we need more work on the grass cutting issues in Town and advised if you see a stop light out to please advise the Town as we pay for them whether they work or not.

-Council Member Gilkey complimented Mr. Cummings for getting road milled at 65 & Eastern Blvd.

-Council Member Stonecipher- Insurance Committee: 1. "In our first 100 days in office, we saved taxpayers nearly \$500,000.00 a year in insurance costs. Having explained to our union employees that our current healthcare budget is set to double in less than a decade; and, though we are one of a dozen communities in Indiana that covers 100% of individual and/or family coverage, the time has come to modernize our benefits, so as to deliver better health outcomes to our employees, as well as better value for our taxpayers. On Friday September 16th, at 9 a.m., the insurance committee will discuss with our insurance agents potential avenues to curb costs and deliver more wellness. Implementing these changes will require consensus building with both employees and service unions, and I look forward to the dialogue. Redevelopment Commission: On August 23rd, the RDC voted unanimously to enter into a contract with MKSK to put the South Clarksville Redevelopment Plan into action. I want to commend Director Dylan Fisher on negotiating a contract that I believe will deliver great value to taxpayers. For the cost of a half-mile of new road, MKSK will organize 13 consultancy firms and 15 service disciplines from our region, putting in motion what will be an ambitious infrastructure plan that I believe will attract more than \$100 million dollars in private sector investment. Fire Department: I also want to commend our fire department for assisting with a structure fire in Sellersburg on August 18th, and for cooperating with Prosser Academy on educating the next generation of firefighters. Special Recognition: Thank you to Brittany Montgomery for her diligent work in helping to secure \$1 million in grant funding for the much-needed resurfacing of Veterans and Greentree, with improvements to Sam Gwin and Lombardy. On behalf of fellow taxpayers, thank you. I also want to thank Public Works for meeting with Floyd County engineers and surveyors to help tackle the detention issues for Deer Run and Cobblers Crossing. This is an issue that has been voiced by my constituents for years, and I am thrilled to see the dedicated work by our crews to move forward in partnership with our neighboring cities. Finally, I want to thank Building Commissioner Rick Barr for addressing an issue in my district that went unaddressed for 10 years by previous administrations, i.e. the neglect by developers to the entrance of Plum Creek. Thank you, Commissioner Barr for your persistence on this issue. Good Finances: The independent accounting firm, Umbaugh, recently reported that Clarksville has nearly 1.5x the minimum cash balance that is required to service its sewer bonds, all of which have been refinanced rates of less than 3%. As much as \$141 million in bonds, which were created by previous administrations, will be completely paid off in less than 18 years. We have much to be thankful for in terms of our finances."

Approval of Claims: Accounts payable registers presented for approval consisted of Town current claims in the amount of \$332,714.31, Town pre-approved claims issued through 09/19/2016 in the amount of \$794,745.83, Wastewater/Stormwater utility current claims in the amount of \$133,559.83, Wastewater/Stormwater utility prewritten claims in the amount of \$62,311.73, SW Bond Register in the amount of \$446,524.05, WW Bond Register in the amount of \$10,793.88, and payroll for week ending 08/14/2016 in the amount of \$361,396.19, and week ending 08/28/2016 in the amount of \$443,659.23. Council Member Fisher made a motion to approve claims registers presented. Council Hauber seconded the motion and passed with a 6-0-1 vote with Council Member Stonecipher abstaining from the vote.

Adjournment... There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, on a motion made by Council Member Fisher, seconded by Council Member Gilkey, and carried by unanimous vote, the September 6, 2016 meeting of the Clarksville Town Council adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

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

Minutes approved by the Clarksville Town Council
on the 19 day of September ,
2016.

Robert P Leuthart, Clerk-Treasurer
Of the Town of Clarksville, IN

Paul Fetter, President,
Clarksville Town Council