

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE CLARKSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL HELD
ON DECEMBER 15, 2014**

A regular meeting of the Clarksville Town Council was called to order on December 15, 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, Don Tetley, Bob Popp, Tim Hauber, and Paul Fetter. Also present at the meeting Clerk Treasurer, Robert Leuthart, Town Attorney Chris Sturgeon, Town Attorney Rebecca Lockard, Fire Chief Tom Upton, Police Chief Mark Palmer, Street Superintendent Brad Cummings, Director of Stormwater Tom Clevidence, Project Coordinator Brittany Montgomery for Wastewater Superintendent Mike Otto, Planning Consultant Sharon Wilson, Parks Superintendent Brian Kaluzny, Building Commissioner Ipo Majuri, Administrative Assistant Anita Elliott-Neeld, Redevelopment Director Nick Lawrence, and Deputy Clerk Sherry Lockard.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Council Member Kraft made a motion to approve the minutes of the 12/01/14 regular meeting and the 12/01/14 work session. Council Member Popp seconded the motion and was carried by a 7-0 vote.

Public Comments...

-David Thompson, 13 Sunset Drive, Clarksville, IN. Mr. Thompson asked the board to consider compulsory voting, asking that all citizens vote or be fined. Mr. Thompson stated that something has to be done to people to vote and do their civic duty as Americans should.

-Jim Williams, 2424 Addmore Lane, Clarksville, IN. Kudos to the Chief of Police for getting the simulator for training purposes and to bring Clarksville up to date on technology that will improve safety of officers and citizens.

-John Kruger, 1819 Beechlawn Drive, Clarksville, IN. Mr. Kruger asked for a correction/addition to the December 01, 2014 meeting minutes. Deputy Clerk Treasurer Sherry Lockard advised the correction had been included in the approved minutes.

Rick Barr, 2304 Plum Woods, Clarksville, IN. Mr. Barr reiterated he was on the steering committee and stated that while Clarksville is not poorly run, a town manager could enhance the Town and would like all to keep an open mind about hiring someone for this position.

Approval of 2014-S-10, Salary Ordinance for Elected Officials... Town Attorney Chris Sturgeon presented ordinance 2014-S-10, a salary ordinance fixing the compensation of elected officials for the Town of Clarksville for the year 2015. There were no increases in elected officials' salaries from the prior year. For the first reading, Council Member Popp made a motion to pass the elected officials salary ordinance, without an increase. Council Member Tetley seconded the motion and was carried by unanimous vote, 7-0. For the second reading, Council Member Popp made a motion to pass the elected officials salary ordinance, without an increase. Council Member Tetley seconded the motion and was carried by unanimous vote, 7-0.

Approval of 2014-S-09, Salary Ordinance for appointed Members of Boards and Commissions... Town Attorney Chris Sturgeon presented ordinance 2014-S-09, a salary ordinance fixing the compensation for appointed members of boards and commissions for the Town of Clarksville for the year 2015. For the first reading, Council Member Gilkey made a motion to pass 2014-S-09, commissions and board's salary ordinance. Council Member Fetter seconded the motion and was carried by unanimous vote, 7-0. For the second reading, Council Member Gilkey made a motion to pass 2014-S-09, commissions and board's salary ordinance. Council Member Fetter seconded the motion and was carried by unanimous vote, 7-0.

Approval of 2014-S-11, Salary Ordinance for Town non contract employees and Firefighters... Town Attorney Chris Sturgeon presented ordinance 2014-S-11, salary ordinance for non-contract employees with a 970.00 annual increase, and for Firefighters with a 900.00 annual increase. Mr. Sturgeon noted that the Police Officers salary ordinance is not included on this ordinance and an amended ordinance including the Police Officers will be submitted at a later date. Discussion was held. Council Member Popp noted that the Fire Chief and the Police Chief used to be the same amount and that the Fire Chief salary should be bumped up to be the same as the Police Chief's. It was noted that the change in the two Chief's salaries came about when the Town was given a percentage raise based upon years of service. Council Member Gilkey stated that it should be a fixed base for future policy. Council Member Hauber advised the reason the Police Officers are not included on this ordinance is because the contract details had not yet been settled as far as the raise coming in a lump sum or added to the officer's base salary. Council Member Popp then asked if non-contract employees getting a raise that the union employees get on the next raise, and Council Member Tetley advised that the Firefighters gave up their Specialty Pay in order to get this raise. For the first reading, Council Member Popp made a motion to pass 2014-S-11, salary ordinance for non-contract Town employees (with an annual increase of \$970.00) and the Firefighters (with an annual increase of \$900.00), with no change for the Police Officers at this time. Council Member Tetley seconded the motion and was carried by unanimous vote, 7-0. For the second reading, Council Member Popp made a motion to pass 2014-S-11, salary ordinance for non-contract Town employees (with an annual increase of \$970.00) and the Firefighters (with an annual increase of \$900.00), with no change for the Police Officers at this time. Council Member Tetley seconded the motion and was carried by unanimous vote, 7-0.

Approval of Contract with Rumpke... Town Attorney Chris Sturgeon presented a contract with Rumpke, that is set to expire on December 31, 2014 and has one more renewable option for a period of one year. Council Member Kraft made a motion to extend and renew contract with Rumpke for one more year. Council Member Fetter seconded the motion and was carried by unanimous vote, 7-0.

Approval of 2014-BUD-13, a transfer ordinance for appropriated monies within various funds and departments... Town Attorney Chris Sturgeon presented ordinance 2014-BUD-13, an ordinance transferring funded appropriations from one budget classification to another. For the first reading, Council Member Kraft made a motion to approve ordinance 2014-BUD-13. Council Member Gilkey seconded the motion and was carried by unanimous vote. For the second reading, Council Member Kraft made a motion to approve ordinance 2014-BUD-13. Council Member Gilkey seconded the motion and was carried by unanimous vote.

Approval of 2014-Z-09, an ordinance amending the Town of Clarksville Comprehensive Plan... Town Attorney Rebecca Lockard presented ordinance 2014-Z-09, an ordinance amending the Town's Comprehensive Plan. The Plan Commission gave a favorable recommendation at its December 3rd meeting and hereby recommends that the Comprehensive Plan-Clarks Landing be amended from Exhibit A to Exhibit B, which shall include "Building 44". For the first reading, Council Member Gilkey made a motion to approve ordinance 2014-Z-09. Council Member Hauber seconded the motion and was carried by unanimous vote. For the second reading, Council Member Gilkey made a motion to approve ordinance 2014-Z-09. Council Member Hauber seconded the motion and was carried by unanimous vote.

Resignation Letter of Judge Mickey Weber... Clerk Treasurer Bob Leuthart advised he received the letter of resignation from Judge Mickey Weber, effective December 31, 2014.

Council Comments

Mr. Popp: Mr. Popp stated that the Town had a town manager during the years of 1967-1979, Alden Moore, and feels now that the time is right for Clarksville to have a town manager, if the council wants one. Mr. Popp also stated that if the Town wants an elected Mayor, then local officials will need to work with the State Legislators to get this process started.

-Mr. Gilkey stated that he wished Mr. Popp had been at the meetings that were previously held regarding the hiring of a town manager. Mr. Gilkey advised that there was a great deal of research completed by that committee, only to be told that the position of town manager was not needed and that the committee was disbanded. Mr. Gilkey stated that Mr. Popp seems to think the Town doesn't have the money to pay for a town manager, but through a review of the budget, the money is there. Mr. Gilkey stated he's not sure he agrees with how it should be done,

because of the work that's been completed, but applauds Mr. Popp for his view on this, just not how it was presented.

-Mr. Polston: Mr. Polston stated that there never was a committee to find a town manager, only a committee to determine if Clarksville should remain a Town or become a city, and that the hiring of a town manager was sprung on the council.

-Mr. Fetter: Mr. Fetter advised that the City/Town Committee met for 9 months and advised that the effectiveness of Towns with managers were better than those without one. Mr. Fetter advised he formed a committee to hire a town manager and it was passed by council then disbanded.

Mr. Popp: Mr. Popp stated we can look forward or backward, do we want a town manager or not? The money is there, but it's always a trade-off, as savings depends on how you look at it. If we use the money for one thing, it can't be used for another. Some want to do less work, for the same pay.

Motion to Hire a Town Manager... Mr. Popp stated that the Council should select a town manager, using the winners of the primary election as the selection committee, with a deadline of September 21, 2015 to submit a name for a January 1, 2016 hire date. Discussion was held. Council Member Hauber stated that this plan has not been discussed by council and it needs to be done by agreement of this council and stated that we should table this matter until further notice and discuss this issue at a work session. Council Member Kraft then seconded Mr. Popp's motion to hire a town manager using the process stated above. Motion passed 4-3, with Council Members Gilkey, Fetter and Hauber voting NAY.

-Mr. Gilkey: Mr. Gilkey again stated that he supports the concept of a town manager, but not plan on how to do it.

-Mr. Fetter: Agreed with Mr. Gilkey and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

-Mr. Hauber: Mr. Hauber stated that he was taken aback and left speechless and that he was not happy about how this was done. Mr. Hauber wished everyone a Merry Christmas, find the true meaning of Christmas and pass it on.

-Mr. Tetley: Mr. Tetley wished everyone a Merry Christmas and advised he had been at that same deli in Sydney days before the hostage crisis that came about over there.

-Mr. Popp: Mr. Popp stated that Saturday was 12/13/14, and it will be a very long time before you have consecutive dates again. Mr. Popp wished all a Happy Holiday and to help someone else have a Happy Holiday.

It was noted there would be no need for a special meeting on Tuesday, but Deputy Clerk Sherry Lockard advised there would be a special meeting on the 29th of December for final transfers and temporary loans.

Approval of Claims... Accounts payable registers presented for approval consisted of Town current claims in the amount of \$264,458.74, Town pre-approved claims issued 12/2/2014 through 12/15/2014 in the amount of \$388,465.57, Town and Wastewater/Stormwater utility gross payroll ending 12/07/2014 in the amount of \$495,911.00, Wastewater/Stormwater utility current claims in the amount of \$711,399.67, Wastewater/Stormwater utility prewritten claims in the amount of \$117,891.60, and WW Bond Claims in the amount of \$621,199.84, and SW Bond Claims in the amount of \$441,128.07. Council Member Kraft made a motion to approve claims registers presented. Council Member Fetter seconded the motion and was carried by unanimous vote.

Adjournment... There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Council Member Kraft made a motion to adjourn, Council Member Fetter seconded the motion and was carried by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 P.M.

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

Minutes approved by the Clarksville Town Council
on the 20th day of January 2015

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

Bob Polston, President,
Clarksville Town Council

