

MINUTES OF A REORGANIZATION MEETING OF  
THE CLARKSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD ON JANUARY 5, 2015

A meeting of the Clarksville Town Council was called to order on January 5, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. in the meeting room of the Clarksville Municipal Center Administration Building by Clerk Treasurer, Robert Leuthart, 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: Clerk-Treasurer Robert Leuthart, Fire Chief Tom Upton, Chief of Police Mark Palmer, Street Commissioner Brad Cummings, Director of Engineering and Stormwater Tom Clevidence, Wastewater Superintendent Mike Otto, Town Attorney Rebecca Lockard, Project Coordinator Brittany Montgomery, Planning Consultant Sharon Wilson, Parks Superintendent Brian Kaluzny, Building Inspector Ilpo Majuri, Council Administrative Assistant Anita Neeld, Redevelopment Director Nick Lawrence, Deputy Clerk Sherry Lockard.

**Election of Council Officers for One-Year Terms...** With Clerk-Treasurer Robert Leuthart conducting the meeting at the request of previous council president Bob Polston during the nomination and election of a council president to serve in 2015, Council Member Fetter nominated Tim Hauber for the office of council president for 2015, Council Member Tetley nominated Bob Polston, and Council Member Hauber nominated Paul Fetter. For Council Member Fetter, the vote was 3-4, with council members Fetter, Gilkey and Hauber voting yea. For Council Member Polston, the vote was 4-3, with Council Members Popp, Tetley, Polston and Kraft voting yea. For Council Member Hauber, the vote was 2-5, with Council Members Fetter, and Hauber voting yea. Council President Polston resumed the chair.

Council Member Kraft nominated Bob Popp for the office of council vice president of the Council for 2015. There being no other nominations, Council Member Popp was elected vice president of the Council for 2015 with a 6-0-1, vote, with Council Member Gilkey abstaining.

Council Member Popp nominated Donald Tetley for the office of council secretary for 2015. There were no other nominations for this office and Council Member Tetley was elected secretary by unanimous vote.

**Appointment of Department Liaisons to One-Year Terms...** Council President Bob Polston announced his appointments of department liaisons for 2015, appointing Council Member Tim Hauber as Police Department liaison, Council Member Tetley as Fire Department liaison, Council Member Fetter as liaison to the Street Department, Council Member Polston as liaison to the Parks Department, Council Member Kraft as liaison to the Building Commission, Council Member Popp as liaison to the Planning Department, Council Member Gilkey as liaison to the Wastewater Department, and Council President Bob Polston as liaison to the Stormwater Department.

**Appointment of Department Heads and Assistants to One-Year Term...** Council Member Hauber nominated Mark Palmer for the position of Police Chief and David Kirby for the position of Assistant Police Chief for 2015. There were no other nominations for the positions of police chief and assistant police chief. Mark Palmer and David Kirby were approved by unanimous vote.

Council Member Tetley nominated Tom Upton for the position of Fire Chief for 2015, James Hendricks for the position of Assistant Chief, and Brent Wilson for the position of Fire Inspector. There were no other nominations for the positions of Fire Chief, Asst. Chief or Fire Inspector. Tom Upton, James Hendricks and Brent Wilson were approved by unanimous vote.

Council Member Fetter nominated Bradley Cummings for appointment to the position of Street Commissioner for 2015. There were no other nominations for the position of Street Commissioner. Brad Cummings was approved by unanimous vote. Council Member Fetter nominated Mike Huff to the position of Asst. Street Commissioner. Council Member Kraft nominated Donnie Hansford to the position of Asst. Street Commissioner. A vote was taken and Donnie Hansford was approved by a 4-3 vote as Asst. Street Commissioner, with Council Members Popp, Kraft, Tetley, and Polston voting yea for Hansford and Council Members Fetter, Hauber and Gilkey voting yea for Huff for Asst. Street Commissioner.

Council Member Fetter nominated Brittany Montgomery as Assistant to the Street Dept. for the year 2015. There were no other nominations for the position of Assistant to the Street Dept. Brittany Montgomery was approved by unanimous vote.

Council Member Kraft nominated Ilpo Majuri for appointment to the position of Building Inspector for the year 2015. There were no other nominations for the position of Building Inspector. Ilpo Majuri was approved by unanimous vote.

Council Member Popp nominated Anita Neeld for appointment to the position of Council Administrative Assistant for the year 2015. There were no other nominations for the position of Administrative Assistant. Anita Neeld was approved by unanimous vote.

Council Member Popp nominated Tom Clevidence for appointment to the position of Engineer & Stormwater Director for the year 2015. There were no other nominations for the position of Engineer and Stormwater Director. Tom Clevidence was approved by unanimous vote.

Council Member Popp nominated Brittany Montgomery as Assistant to the Stormwater Dept. for the year 2015. There were no other nominations for the position of Assistant to the Stormwater Dept. Brittany Montgomery was approved by unanimous vote.

Council member Popp nominated Sharon Wilson for appointment to the position of Planning Director for the year 2015. There were no other nominations for the position of Planning Director. Sharon Wilson was approved by unanimous vote.

Council Member Popp nominated Nicholas Lawrence for appointment to the position of Redevelopment Director for the year 2015. There were no other nominations for the position of Redevelopment Director. Nick Lawrence was approved by unanimous vote.

Council Member John Gilkey nominated Mike Otto for appointment to the position of Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent for the year 2015. There were no other nominations for the position of Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent. Mike Otto was approved by unanimous vote.

Council Member Gilkey nominated Brittany Montgomery as Assistant to the Wastewater Treatment Dept. for the year 2015. There were no other nominations for the position of Assistant to the Wastewater Treatment Dept. Brittany Montgomery was approved by unanimous vote.

**Appointments to Plan Commission...** The council having three appointments to the Plan Commission of elected or appointed officials or employees of the Town, Council member Popp nominated Council Member Kraft, John Gilkey and Tim Hauber to serve a one-year term on the Plan Commission. There were no other nominations for these positions. The appointments were approved by unanimous vote. Council President Polston appointed Sharon Handy and Donald Sloan as members of the Plan Commission from 2015-2018.

**Appointments to Building Commission...** Council President Polston named citizen appointment to the Building Commission- Charles King (2015-2017). The nomination was approved by unanimous vote.

**Appointments to Redevelopment Commission for One-Year Term...** Council President Bob Polston announced his appointments of Council Members Bob Polston, Bob Popp and Don Tetley to the Redevelopment Commission for one-year term of office. The appointments were approved by unanimous vote. Council Member Tetley nominated Paul Fetter and Doug Fisher as remaining two members to be appointed by council. Fetter and Fisher were approved by unanimous vote.

**Appointment of Police, Fire & Safety Commission for Three-Year Term...** Council Member Hauber nominated Lester Allen to a three-year term on the Police, Fire & Safety Commission. There were no other nominations for an appointment to the Police, Fire & Safety Commission. The nomination was approved by unanimous vote.

**Appointments to Parks and Recreation Board for Four-Year Term...** Council member Hauber nominated Jim Baird to a four-year term on the Parks and Recreation Board. Council Member Kraft nominated James Zimmerman to a four year term on the Parks and Recreation Board. James Zimmerman was approved by a 5-2 vote, with Hauber and Fetter voting for Baird.

**Appointments to Historic Preservation Commission for Three-Year Term** ... Council President Bob Polston announced his appointment of Karen Wilson and Jane Sarles to the Historical Preservation Commission for a three-year term of office. The nominations were approved by unanimous vote.

**Appointments to Insurance Review Committee for One-Year Term**... Council Member Popp nominated Council Member Paul Kraft, Council Member Paul Fetter, Council Member Hauber, Doug Fisher and Dale Curry to a one-year term to the Town's Insurance Review Committee. Council Member Hauber nominated Tom Deark to the Insurance Review Committee for one year term. Council Member Hauber declined his nomination to the committee. After the vote, Council Members Kraft and Fetter and citizens Fisher and Curry were approved by unanimous vote.

**Appointment to Economic Development Commission for Four-Year Term**...Council Member Fetter nominated Doug Fisher. Nomination was approved by unanimous vote.

**Appointments of Liaisons to Boards and Commissions for One-Year Terms by Council President**... Council President Bob Polston named Paul Fetter as his appointment for a one-year term liaison to the Beautification Committee.

Council President Bob Polston named Council Member Don Tetley as his appointment for a one-year term as liaison to the Clarksville Historical Society.

Council President Bob Polston named Council Member Tim Hauber as his appointment for a one-year term as liaison of the Thunder Over Louisville Committee.

Council President Bob Polston named Council Member Paul Kraft as his appointment for a one-year term as liaison of the Flood Control District.

Council President Bob Polston named himself and Nick Lawrence as his appointment for a one-year term as liaison to the Technical Review Committee.

Council President Bob Polston named Council Member Gilkey as his appointment for a one-year term as liaison to Sister Cities.

**Appointments to Board of Zoning Appeals**...Council President Bob Polston announces his appointments of Sharon Handy and Brian Jenkins to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a four year term, 2015-2018.

**Appointments to Wage Determination Committee**... Council President Polston nominates Tom Clevidence and Greg Johnson to the Wage Determination Committee. Nominations were approved by unanimous vote.

**Appointment to River Hills Economic Development**... Council President Polston nominates Brittany Montgomery as appointment of River Hills Economic Development Comm. Nomination was approved by unanimous vote.

**Appointment to Interpretive Center Corp.** ... Council Member Popp nominates Don Tetley, Shirley Bell, and Russell White to the Interpretive Center Corp. Nominations were approved by unanimous vote.

### **Public Comments**

-Jim Kenney, 1141 Centralia Court, Clarksville, IN. Mr. Kenney stated he was here as a citizen. Mr. Kenney advised that timing is everything and that he applauds that now is considered the right time for hiring a town manager. Mr. Kenney stated this is a good thing if the Town hires a capable candidate. Mr. Kenney stated that rather than discussing the flawed process, the council should consider working jointly while treating each other with respect and disclosing to each other all matters that are to be voted on at a meeting. If this council does not come together with a common vision, it will continue its dysfunction. As citizens of Clarksville, we should demand cooperation and collaboration from the Council.

-David Thompson, 13 Sunset Drive, Clarksville, IN. Mr. Thompson advised he did not want a town manager because he doesn't want someone who is hired or appointed to run the Town, he would like to see Clarksville have a Mayor. Mr. Thompson thinks the citizens should choose who runs the Town through the election process.

**Approval of Attorney Contracts for Legal Services...** Town Attorney Rebecca Lockard requested approval of attorney contracts for herself and Chris Sturgeon. Ms. Lockard advised there is no increase in any fees within the contract. Council Member Fetter made a motion to approve contracts for Attorney Lockard and Attorney Sturgeon. Council Member Tetley seconded the motion and was carried by unanimous vote.

**Approval of contract for Terri Dattillo to Record and Transcribe meeting minutes...** Town Attorney Rebecca Lockard presented a contract for Terri Dattillo for recording and transcribing meeting minutes at the same rate as previous year, \$75.00 per meeting. Council Member Kraft made a motion to approve the contract. Council Member Gilkey seconded the motion and was carried by unanimous vote.

**Approval of contract for Rex Lockard as Site Inspector and Code Enforcement...** Town Attorney Rebecca Lockard presented a contract for Rex Lockard for site inspections and code enforcement at the same rate as previous year, \$20.00/hour. Council Member Popp made a motion to approve the contract. Council Member Kraft seconded the motion and was carried by unanimous vote.

**Approval of Renewal of Contract with Jacobi Oil Service...** Town Attorney Rebecca Lockard presented contract with Jacobi Oil Service, for the last year of one year renewable option. Council Member Fetter made a motion to approve contract for one more year. Council Member Gilkey seconded the motion and was carried by unanimous vote.

**Approval of 2015-S-01, salary ordinance amending 2014-S-11, adding the Police Officer's increase into the salary ordinance...** Town Attorney Rebecca Lockard presented Salary Ordinance 2015-S-01, amending ordinance 2014-S-11, with the amendment being the addition of the police officer's increase approved in the FOP contract. For the first reading, Council Member Hauber made a motion to approve 2015-S-01. Council Member Fetter seconded the motion and was carried by unanimous vote. For the second reading, Council Member Hauber made a motion to approve 2015-S-01. Council Member Fetter seconded the motion and was carried by unanimous vote.

**Approval of Claims...** Accounts payable registers presented for approval consisted of Town current claims in the amount of \$549,700.03, Town pre-approved claims issued in the amount of \$1,086,222.94, and Town, Wastewater/Stormwater utility gross payroll ending 12/21/2014 in the amount of \$361,856.43, Wastewater/Stormwater utility pre-approved claims issued in the amount of \$4,908.75, Wastewater/Stormwater utility current claims in the amount of \$20,316.31. A motion was made by Council Member Kraft to approve the accounts payable registers presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gilkey and was carried by unanimous vote, 7-0.

#### **Council Comments**

-Mr. Popp told Mr. Thompson he was missed at the last council meeting and advised if the Council would like to have a Mayor then that could be accomplished by the year 2020, or at the latest in the year 2024, but this process would need to start soon if this is what is wanted.

-Mr. Fetter thanked all that came out this evening to the meeting.

**Adjournment...** There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, on a motion made by Council Member Kraft, seconded by Council Member Fetter, and carried by unanimous vote, the January 5, 2015 meeting of the Clarksville Town Council adjourned at 7:46 P.M.

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

Minutes approved by the Clarksville Town Council  
on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of January 2015.

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

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Bob Polston, President,  
Clarksville Town Council

