

MINUTES OF MEETING OF
THE CLARKSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON MARCH 17, 2020

A meeting of the Clarksville Town Council was called to order on March 17, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. in the meeting room of the Clarksville Municipal Center Administration Building by Council President Ryan Ramsey, who chaired the meeting.

Council members present: Ryan Ramsey, John Gilkey, Karen Henderson, Jennifer Voignier, Tim Hauber and Mike Mustain. Absent: Aaron Stonecipher

Invocation: Council Member Tim Hauber

Recognition of the Clarksville Parks Department was postponed to a later date, to be determined.

Public Comments:

James R. McClure, 1006 Hazelwood Court, Clarksville, IN. Mr. McClure thanked the Town for continuing to have public meetings. Mr. McClure stated he doesn't think government buildings should shut down because they are here to serve the public. Mr. McClure commented on essential government employees, stating if they aren't essential during this time, are they essential at all?

Public Hearing: Additional Appropriation

A public hearing was duly advertised for Additional Appropriations regarding the LOIT Fund, the Cumulative Fire Fund, the EPA Brownfields Grant Fund, and the BMR Phase 1 Project. Mr. McClure asked where the money was coming from to fund the Additional Appropriations requested. Deputy Clerk Sherry Lockard advised the LOIT Fund and the Cumulative Fire Fund had the cash on hand to fund the additional appropriations, and the other two funds were Federal Reimbursement Programs where we expend the funds and request reimbursement. No further comments were made.

Consent Agenda:

-Approval of the Town Current & Pre-written, WW/SW Current & Pre-written. WW/SW Bonds, BAN and Payroll.

-Minutes of the Town Council Regular Meeting, Work Sessions, and Executive Session held on March 3, 2020.

-Council Member Gilkey made a motion to approve Consent Agenda. Council member Voignier seconded the motion and it was carried by 6-0 vote.

Ordinance 2020-BUD-02 Additional Appropriation for LOIT, Cumulative Fire, Brownfields Grant, and BMR Phase I

Town Manager Baity advised a duly advertised public hearing was held earlier for the Additional Appropriations, and detailed information was given as to the distribution of these funds. For the first reading, Council Member Voignier made a motion to approve 2020-BUD-02. Council Member Gilkey seconded the motion and was carried by a 6-0 vote. For the second reading, Council Member Voignier made a motion to approve 2020-BUD-02. Council Member Gilkey seconded the motion and was carried by a 6-0 vote.

Ordinance 2020-G-01 Naming Town Manager as Safety Director

Ordinance 2020-G-01, adds Safety Director to the list of duties of the Town Manager. For the first reading, Council Member Mustain made a motion to approve 2020-G-01, naming Town Manager Baity as Safety Director. Council Member Gilkey seconded the motion and was carried by 6-0 vote. For the second reading, Council Member Mustain made a motion to approve 2020-G-01, naming Town Manager Baity as Safety Director. Council Member Gilkey seconded the motion and was carried by 6-0 vote.

Rejection of Sweeper Bids

Public Works developed bid specifications for a new street sweeper. Bids ranged for \$286,000.00 to 340,000.00. After bids were opened, it was determined by Staff the specifications were limiting and only manufacturer could meet all the bid requirements, meaning two of the three bids did not meet the requirements. Legal Counsel advised specifications should

be rewritten to remove the limiting factors and then re-advertise the bid request. The first step in this process is to reject the bids, which requires Council action. Council Member Voignier made a motion to reject the submitted bids. Council Member Hauber seconded the motion and was carried by a 6-0 vote.

Approval of Funding for Town Sponsored Events

The Town budget includes funding available for Town Sponsored Events. Discussion was held at the previous work session. After consideration, Staff recommends Council approve the following amounts for Town Sponsored Events: Memorial Day: \$2250.00, Independence Day: \$3500.00, ClarkFest: \$20,000.00, Veteran's Day: \$2250.00, and One Southern IN: \$ 12,000.00. Council Member Gilkey made a motion to approve the requested funding amounts for Town Sponsored events. Council Member Henderson seconded the motion and was carried by a 6-0 vote.

Approval of Ordinance 2020-B-02, Refunding the 2013 and 2014 Sewage Works Bonds

In mid-2019, Staff began working with Baker Tilly to determine whether the 2013 and 2014 Bonds were eligible for refunding, (refinancing), at a lower rate. The Town's current bond rating is AA-, which is seen as very positive for bond buyers and will support the anticipated savings. At the October 1, 2019 Work Session, staff presented information outlining the process, time frame and potential savings. After further discussion, Council directed staff to proceed. The projected savings at that time was 3.5 million dollars. With the recent changes in the market, the savings have now increased to 4.3 million dollars. Ordinance 2020-B-02, amends Ordinance 2019-B-02, authorized the refunding of the bonds in two series, instead of one. The refunding process to be used is called "forward delivery", where bonds are priced with a yield premium to compensate investors for the illiquidity of their investment during the forward period and for committing funds to be used to purchase the bonds on the future delivery date. The 2013 Bonds will be refunded in October and the 2014 Bonds will be refunded in May. The refunding will only include original debt and no additional money is being borrowed, while the original term of the bonds is being extended by one year to equalize annual payments. For the first reading, Council Member Gilkey made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-B-02. Council Member Voignier seconded the motion and was carried by a 6-0 vote. For the second reading, Council Member Gilkey made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-B-02. Council Member Voignier seconded the motion and was carried by a 6-0 vote.

Approval of Resolution 2020-R-10, a Resolution Waiving Certain Procedures and Formalities during Covid-19 Disaster Emergency

Resolution 2020-R-10, Waiving Certain Procedures and Formalities during COVID-19, including the performance of public work, entering into contracts, incurring of obligations, employment of workers, use of volunteers, rental of equipment, purchase and distribution of supplies, materials and facilities, and appropriation of expenditure of public funds. Before waiving procedures and formalities, written or verbal communication from Manager Baity to the Members of Council would occur. Council Member Mustain made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-R-10. Council Member Henderson seconded the motion and was carried by 6-0 vote.

Discussion was held regarding closing Town Hall to the public. All operations would remain in full force at this time. Consensus of the Council was to err on the side of employee and resident safety and to close the doors of Town Hall to the public. Further discussion was held regarding giving residents notice and a public release of detailed information with a start date to close and a date to re-visit the matter. Manager Baity and BoxCar will work on the details.

Adjournment... There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, a motion was made to adjourn by Council Member Gilkey, seconded by Council Member Voignier, and carried by a 6-0 vote. The March 17, 2020 meeting of the Clarksville Town Council adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

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

Robert P Leuthart, Clerk-Treasurer
Town of Clarksville

Minutes approved by the Clarksville Town Council on the 7th day of April, 2020

Ryan Ramsey, President, Clarksville Town Council