

MINUTES OF A WORK SESSION OF THE CLARKSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON APRIL 7, 2020

A work session of the Clarksville Town Council was called to order on April 7, 2020 at 7:55 P.M. in the Executive Conference Room of the Clarksville Municipal Center Administration Building by Council President Ryan Ramsey who chaired the meeting.

Council members present: Ryan Ramsey, Tim Hauber, Mike Mustain, Karen Henderson, and Jennifer Voignier. Council member Stonecipher and Gilkey present via telephone.

Discussion Summer Sprinkling Discount

Discussion was held regarding the Summer Sprinkling Discount. Utility Director Montgomery gave a brief overview of the Summer Sprinkling Discount with regards to the rate study. Option discussed: (1) do nothing and go back to no summer sprinkling discount (2) keep it as we did in 2019 and work toward a phasing out resolution and (3) adding meters.

Staff Recommendation: If Council does not want to eliminate the discount program, then staff recommends keeping the discount program as is, and to update our ordinance regarding the program. Staff also agrees with modifying the Codes requiring all new irrigation systems to be permitted and to have separate meters. Discussion was also held regarding implementing a separate metering discount program, in which the Town would incur costs of the meters, staff to read meters on an annual basis, and it would add a cost of converting a part time employee to full time to help handle the extra duties associated with this.

Staff were directed to prepare action for the Council to keep the current discount program and then to follow-up with recommendations for changes to Codes and phasing in meters and phasing out discount program.

Discussion of Fencing of Pools

Discussion was held regarding the fencing of pools relating to Indiana Residential code and the Town Codes. The consensus of the Council is to follow State Code. Manager Baity added a side note that if a resident's insurance or HOA required a fence, then residents would have to follow the rules of the HOA and insurance requirements.

Staff recommendation: If the Council desires to align the Zoning Code with the Indiana Residential Building Code, the Council should direct the staff to initiate a text amendment through the Plan Commission and bring the change with a recommendation of the Town Council.

Consensus of the Council is to follow State Code. The Plan Commission will send a recommendation to the Council once they hold their meeting regarding this matter.

Discussion of Previous Council Action regarding Re-Zoning of 18 and 20 Lakeview Drive-Southern Indiana Realtors Association

Information has surfaced indicating the Realtors Association may not have disclosed all relative information to the Plan Commission and Town Council that may have been necessary in order for those Boards to deliberate on and make their respective decisions during the rezoning process. Staff were directed to prepare an Ordinance for consideration at a future meeting to rescind Ordinance 2020-Z-04.

Discussion of Health Insurance Renewal

Discussion was held regarding the Insurance Renewal. Regarding Vision, Life and Disability, we are embarking on year two of a two year policy, with our current rate guaranteed, thus no changes. Delta, our current dental provider, is proposing a one year renewal with nearly a 6% increase. The Town spent less in claims than on premiums over the last year, therefore Assured Partners will go back to Delta for a better offer. If no better offer is received, then the proposals will go out to the open market. Health Insurance premiums are expected to be 2-4% less, depending on options the Town chooses. The Insurance Committee will meet again next week to review the final proposals and bring a recommendation to the Council at the April 21st meeting.

Adjournment... There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, a motion was made to adjourn by Council Member Mustain, seconded by Council Member Voignier, and carried by a 7-0 vote, the April 7, 2020 work session of the Clarksville Town Council adjourned at 9:07 P.M.

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

Robert P Leuthart, Clerk-Treasurer
Of the Town of Clarksville, IN
Minutes approved by the Clarksville Town Council on the 21st day of April 2020

Ryan Ramsey, President,
Clarksville Town Council