

MINUTES OF MEETING OF
THE CLARKSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON MAY 5, 2020

A meeting of the Clarksville Town Council was called to order on May 5, 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, Karen Henderson, Tim Hauber and Mike Mustain. In compliance with Governor Holcomb's Executive Orders for Coronavirus 19, the Town Council is offering teleconferencing. Present via teleconferencing: Jennifer Voignier, Aaron Stonecipher and John Gilkey

Invocation: Pastor Russ Livers of First Southern Baptist Church

Public Comments:

-Bill Hayden, 356 Arlington Avenue, Clarksville, IN. Mr. Hayden came before the Council to inform them of the dangerous situation at the end of Depauw Avenue, where there is a drainage ditch and a large drop off, with no sign or barrier. Council President Ramsey referred Mr. Hayden to speak with Manager Baity regarding the situation.

-Karen Steerman, 356 Arlington Avenue, Clarksville, IN. Ms. Steerman came before the Council requesting the alley behind her home should be closed. Ms. Steerman advised traffic goes through there too fast and that hypodermic needles have been found. Manager Baity and Public Works Director Cummings will meet regarding this issue and get back with the Council.

-Joseph Spurgeon came before the Council to introduce himself as a Pastor and advise that he is looking to move his Church to Clarksville. Mr. Spurgeon also stated that chickens should be allowed in Town to help with food shortages.

-Richard Poe, 35 W. Stansifer Avenue, (Safe Harbor Church), Clarksville, IN. Mr. Poe came before the Council regarding the Bell Tower on the property of the Church. Mr. Poe advised the school corporation is supposed to remove it, but since no deadline was entered into the agreement, nothing has been done up to this point. Mr. Poe asked if the Town could possibly intervene and maybe do something useful with the Bell Tower.

-Nancy Kelly, 402 W. Arlington, Clarksville, IN, came before the Council and also spoke about the alley behind Arlington. Ms. Kelly stated the alley should be closed to traffic, but still available to the children who enjoy riding their bikes through there.

Public Hearing:

A public hearing was held to consider additional appropriations in excess of the budget for FY 2020 for the Community Crossing Grants of 2019 and 2020. The public notice was duly published in accordance with Indiana Code. No one from the public came forward with comments for or against the additional appropriation.

Consent Agenda:

-Approval of Funding for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library was removed from the Consent Agenda for a separate vote.

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

-Minutes of the Town Council Regular Meeting and Work Session, and Executive Session held on April 21, 2020.

Council Member Hauber made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Gilkey seconded the motion and was carried by unanimous vote.

Approval of Funding for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library:

Discussion of Funding was held during previous work sessions of the Town Council. Staff recommends Council approve funding for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library in the amount of \$10,000.00 for 2020 and 2021, to be paid from the EDIT promotions budget. Council Member Gilkey made a motion to approve funding for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. Council Member Henderson seconded the motion and was carried by a 6-0-1 vote, with Council Member Stonecipher abstaining.

Approval of Ordinance 2020-BUD-03, Additional Appropriation for Community Crossing Grants received in 2019 and 2020

For the first reading, Council Member Gilkey made a motion to approve 2020-BUD-03. Council Member Mustain seconded the motion and was carried by unanimous vote. For the second reading, Council Member Gilkey made a motion to approve 2020-BUD-03. Council Member Mustain seconded the motion and was carried by unanimous vote.

Approval of Resolution 2020-R-16, Adopting a Build/Operate/Transfer Provision for Construction of Public Works Facility

Town Manager Baity gave a brief overview of the process of the BOT (Build/Operate/Transfer) provision. The RDC will be the developer of the project and handle the RFP/Q issuance and review, enter into all contracts with the chosen contractor and be the end owner of the facility. The Town Council must adopt the use of IC 5-23, which authorizes the build/operate/transfer process, authorize the RDC to release and evaluate the RFP/Q and enter into a contract for the completion of the Project. Council Member Voignier made a motion to approve 2020-R-16. Council Member Gilkey seconded the motion and was carried by unanimous vote.

Council Comments:

- Council Member Gilkey reiterated the loss to our community with Paul Kraft's passing.
- Council Member Stonecipher thanked Planning Director Arbital for keeping him in the loop with regards to new development in his district and hopes that the Plan Commission doesn't relax greenspace requirements on new development. Council Member Stonecipher also congratulated the department on the new permit program, SmartGov, that started in April.
- Council Member Hauber echoed Council Member Gilkey's statements regarding the loss of Paul Kraft.
- Council Member Henderson stated that Paul Kraft was a great man and will truly be missed.
- Council Member Mustain stated Paul Kraft will be missed as he was a gentleman, a scholar, a friend and a statesman and that Clarksville is a better place because of him. Council Member Mustain also stated that he'd like to see the tech parts of the meeting to continue, even after COVID-19 restrictions are lifted. Council Member Mustain also stated the Town received a \$250,000.00 CDBG grant to assist our businesses in the way of forgivable loans.

Town Manager Baity stated a plan to re-open will be announced soon, keeping the safety of employees at the forefront, while keeping a balance of work and safety in mind.

Adjournment... There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, a motion was made to adjourn by Council Member Henderson, seconded by Council Member Gilkey, and carried by unanimous vote. The May 5, 2020 meeting of the Clarksville Town Council adjourned at 7:41 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 19th day of May, 2020

Ryan Ramsey, President, Clarksville Town Council

