

8 MINUTES OF A WORK SESSION OF THE CLARKSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON MARCH 15, 2022

A work session of the Clarksville Town Council was called to order on March 15, 2022 at 8:12 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, Tim Hauber, Aaron Stonecipher, Jennifer Voignier, Karen Henderson, Mike Mustain, and John Gilkey.

Update on the Beat the Heat Program

Bronte Murrell, Heat Relief Coordinator, came before the Council to give an update on the Beat the Heat Program. Ms. Murrell presented a brief overview of the program, stating statistics, energy costs, health issues and the impact on vulnerable populations. Ms. Murrell further stated the Town has 42 extreme heat events per year, and that will more than double by the 2050's. Ms. Murrell stated the objective is to understand how the Clarksville Community is impacted and the need to develop both short and long term strategies.

Ms. Murrell advised the Town is in Phase 3 of Phase 5 of the Program, where she is currently developing a Heat Management Strategy and working with local emergency management agencies to develop a response protocol. Also, there will be public community meetings hosted to share the results of the strategy and received feedback from the public.

Presentation on the Town Council Redistricting Process

Planning Director, Jacob Arbital, came before the Council to present the process of Redistricting for the Town. Mr. Arbital stated with the release of the 2020 Census Data, the Council must review and update Council District lines. This action must occur every 10 years due to district based voting.

The process of redistricting is completed via the passage of an Ordinance, with a deadline adoption date of November 8, 2022. Once the Ordinance has been adopted, it must be filed with the Circuit Court Clerk not later than 30 days after the adoption date.

Mr. Arbital stated there are several parameters to be followed when redistricting:

1. Be contiguous, except when impossible
2. Be reasonably compact in shape; this can be determined by reviewing if districts are tightly packed versus spread out or have jagged borders
3. Lines should generally not cross County precinct boundaries or census block lines. Town districts may cross precinct lines if necessary to accomplish the next parameter;
4. Should contain, as nearly as possible, equal population

Further discussion was held regarding the determining the district size, achieving ideal population across all districts, using a 10% rule of thumb for the deviation statistic. Mr. Arbital gave further information regarding the Town's population, (22,333) and the ideal district population, (4467). Mr. Arbital suggested the establishment of a redistricting working committee. Consensus of the Council was to create a committee consisting of Staff and a College Professor. The committee would report back to the Council during the 3-5 month process during Council work sessions, (minimum of 2).

Adjournment... There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the March 15, 2022 work session of the Clarksville Town Council adjourned at 9:10 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 5th day of April 2022

Ryan Ramsey, President,
Clarksville Town Council