



**CLARKSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL SESSION
JANUARY 14, 2013**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

A special session of the Clarksville City Council was called to order by Mayor Kim McMillan on Monday, January 14, 2013, at 4:40 p.m. in City Council Chambers, 106 Public Square, Clarksville, Tennessee.

A prayer was offered by Councilman Wallace Redd; the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman David Allen.

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Nick Steward (1), Deanna McLaughlin (2), James Lewis, Mayor Pro Tem (3), Wallace Redd (4), Marc Harris (6), Geno Grubbs (7), David Allen (8), Joel Wallace (9), Bill Summers (10), Kaye Jones (11), Jeff Burkhart (12)

ABSENT: Valerie Guzman (5)

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Councilman Lewis made a motion to appointment Bill Harpel to the Clarksville Housing Authority, January 2013 through September 2016. The motion was seconded by Councilman Steward. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Allen, Burkhart, Grubbs, Harris, Jones, Lewis, McLaughlin, Redd, Steward, Summers, Wallace

The motion unanimously passed.

HUMAN RESOURCES

ORDINANCE 59-2012-13 (First Reading) Amending the Official Code relative to voluntary demotion

Councilman Burkhart made a motion to adopt this ordinance on first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Redd. Mayor McMillan said a recent decision made by the Court of Appeals required this action. City Attorney Lance Baker said the current language in the City Code addressed only non-disciplinary

demotions and said the amendment would give the Director of Human Resources and Department Heads more flexibility to place a voluntarily demoted employee in the appropriate position. Following discussion, Councilman Redd called for the question. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman McLaughlin. A voice vote was taken; the motion to cease discussion passed without objection. The following vote on the original motion was recorded:

AYE: Grubbs, Harris, Jones, Lewis, McLaughlin, Redd, Steward, Summers, Wallace

NAY: Allen, Burkhart

The motion to adopt this ordinance on first reading passed.

ORDINANCE 60-2012-13 (First Reading) Amending the Official Code relative to human resources, employee due process, and probationary employees, and drug and alcohol disciplinary process

Councilman Redd made a motion to adopt this ordinance on first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Steward. Mr. Baker reviewed the proposed changes to the existing language in the City Code. Councilman Burkhart made a motion to change “may” to “shall” in proposed new Section 1.5-1504(e) relative to mandatory drug/alcohol screen tests. The motion was seconded by Councilman Allen. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Allen, Burkhart, Harris, Jones, McLaughlin, Summers

NAY: Grubbs, Lewis, Redd, Steward, Wallace

Councilman Burkhart’s amendment passed. Councilman Redd called for the question. The motion was seconded by Councilman Steward. A voice vote was taken; the motion to cease discussion passed without objection. The following vote on the original motion was recorded:

AYE: Grubbs, Harris, Jones, Lewis, McLaughlin, Redd, Steward, Summers, Wallace

NAY: Allen, Burkhart

The motion to adopt this ordinance on first reading as amended passed.

ETHICS POLICY

Mayor McMillan announced a tentative date of January 29th for a special session to consider amendments to the current ethics policy.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:56 p.m.