



**CLARKSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL SESSION
MAY 16, 2013**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

A special session of the Clarksville City Council was called to order by Mayor Kim McMillan on Thursday, May 16, 2013, at 4:35 p.m. in City Council Chambers, 106 Public Square, Clarksville, Tennessee.

A prayer was offered by Councilman David Allen; the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilwoman Deanna McLaughlin.

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Nick Steward (1), Deanna McLaughlin (2), James Lewis, Mayor Pro Tem (3), Wallace Redd (4), Valerie Guzman (5; left at 5:45 p.m.), Marc Harris (6), Geno Grubbs (7), David Allen (8; left at 6:00 p.m.), Joel Wallace (9), Bill Summers (10), Kaye Jones (11; left at 6:30 p.m.), Jeff Burkhart (12)

FLOOD DISASTER RECOVERY CLAIM

City Attorney Lance Baker introduced Attorney Jessie Ziegler of Bass, Berry & Sims. Ms. Ziegler briefed the Council on the status of the City's appeal of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's denial of the City's \$40,000,000 disaster recovery claim following the May 2010 flood, specifically for the wastewater treatment plant reconstruction.

RESOLUTION 51-2012-13 Seeking assistance from Congressional representatives for flood disaster relief

Councilman Steward made a motion to adopt this resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman McLaughlin. The following vote was recorded:

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

The motion to adopt this resolution unanimously passed.

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

RESOLUTION 50-2012-13 Authorizing an interlocal contract with the Tennessee Department of Corrections for radio communications

Councilman Steward made a motion to adopt this resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilman Grubbs. Mr. Baker said approval and execution of this contract would be the last requirement to proceed with radio communications upgrade. After discussion, Councilman Allen called for the question. The question was seconded by Councilman Allen. A voice vote was taken; the motion to cease discussion passed without objection. The following vote on the original motion was recorded:

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

The motion to adopt this resolution passed.

DRANE STREET PUMP STATION

RESOLUTION 49-2012-13 Authorizing an interlocal contract for construction, operation, and maintenance of the Drane Street grinder pump station

Councilman Grubbs made a motion to adopt this resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilman Redd. The following vote was recorded:

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

The motion to adopt this resolution passed.

TYLERTOWN ROAD DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

ORDINANCE 81-2012-13 (First Reading) Authorizing acquisition of property on Tylertown Road for Woodstock Subdivision drainage improvements

Mayor McMillan said additional information and review were needed before action was taken on this project. Councilman Steward made a motion to postpone this ordinance indefinitely. The motion was seconded by Councilman Grubbs. The following vote was taken:

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

The motion to postpone action on this ordinance passed.

FY14 BUDGETS

BUILDING & CODES

There were no questions or discussion.

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There were no questions or discussion.

CITY COURT

In response to Councilwoman McLaughlin's inquiry about the appropriation of \$12,000 for credit card fees, Interim Finance Director Debbie Frazier said credit card fees cannot be passed on to the consumer.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

There were no questions or discussion.

DEBT SERVICE

City Attorney Lance Baker said an amendment would be in order to state salary savings may be used beyond debt service to pay additional principle.

In response to Councilman Summer's question, Mrs. Frazier said \$7 million of the \$12 million bond issue is for the radio communications system.

FINANCE & PARKING

In response to Councilman Summers' question, Mrs. Frazier said additional resource officers were needed for school system for FY13.

FIRE & RESCUE

Councilman Burkhart felt the location for the new station was not ideal because it was on the state line and he expressed concern about the need for a station at Exit 8 in accordance with Industrial Board agreement.

GAS & WATER

There were no questions or discussion.

LEGAL

In response to Councilman Summers' question, Human Resources Director Will Wyatt said the new H.R. analyst will continually evaluate all positions, including the city attorney and staff.

PARKS & RECREATION

In response to Councilman Allen's question regarding pay increases for part-time employees, Tonya Vaden said aquatics staff will receive an increase this year, the summer program staff received an increase last year, and the community center staff pay was increased in 2009. Councilwoman McLaughlin asked for a review of all part-time salaries.

Parks Director Mark Tummons highlighted the dock relocation and excursion boat project. In response to Councilman Harris' concern about funding for Pettus Park, Mr. Tummons said upgrades will be made in yearly phases

POLICE

In response to Councilman Harris' question, Police Chief Al Ansley said drug fund disbursements are made in accordance with state and federal mandates.

STREET

There were no questions or discussion.

TRANSIT

There were no questions or discussion.

TWO RIVERS CORPORATION

In response to Councilman Summers' question, Phil Walker said the total budget would fund salary and benefits for a director.

WELLNESS CENTER

At the beginning of the budget discussion, Mayor McMillan recognized Care Here representatives who shared information regarding the recently established city employee wellness center. There were no questions asked of the representatives.

Mrs. Frazier said the health fund does not have guidelines, but it follows city accounting policies. Councilman Summers asked why the wellness center was not considered as a capital project and why council approval was not considered. Mrs. Frazier said the project was created under Human Resources. Purchasing Agent Robert Bryant said purchasing procedures were followed.

PROPOSED CHANGES

Mrs. Frazier said if there were no objections, she would make the following changes to be included for first reading:

- Delete \$10,500 for billboards-Legislative Budget (contracts had expired)
- Add \$5,000 for Train Depot door repair-Municipal Properties Budget

- Add \$1,975 for camera software and \$2,519 for additional fiber lines-Parks & Recreation Budget
- Change \$255,000 to \$340,000 for the Blueway land acquisition-Parks & Recreation Budget

There were no objections.

BUDGET SCHEDULE

The May 23rd special session for discussion of the budget was cancelled. First reading of the budget was scheduled for June 6th. The date for second reading of the budget would be determined.

MEETING DATES

Mr. Baker said he would draft appropriate legislation to change dates of regular sessions that fall on a holiday.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.