



**CLARKSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
JANUARY 6, 2015**

MINUTES

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Prior to the meeting, Charles Moreland asked for denial of a beer permit for the proposed night club to be located at the entrance to Meadows of Hearthstone Subdivision. Christine Piesyk had requested to speak regarding the same, but was not present.

CALL TO ORDER

The regular session of the Clarksville City Council was called to order by Mayor Kim McMillan on Tuesday, January 6, 2015 (rescheduled from January 1, 2015) in City Council Chambers, 106 Public Square, Clarksville, Tennessee. A prayer was offered by Councilman Wallace Redd; the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro Tem Joel Wallace.

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Richard Garrett (Ward 1), Deanna McLaughlin (Ward 2), James Lewis (Ward 3), Wallace Redd (Ward 4), Valerie Guzman (Ward 5), Wanda Smith (Ward 6), Geno Grubbs (Ward 7), David Allen (Ward 8), Joel Wallace, Mayor Pro Tem (Ward 9), Mike Alexander (Ward 10), Bill Powers (Ward 11), Jeff Burkhart (Ward 12)

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Chief Jeff Hughes, Second Vice President for the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police presented the Tennessee Law Enforcement Accreditation Award to Clarksville Police Department.

ZONING

ORDINANCE 37-2014-15 (First Reading) Amending the Zoning Ordinance and Map of the City of Clarksville, application of the Regional Planning Commission for zone change on portions of Capitol Hill Subdivision from R-3 Three Family Residential District to R-2D Two Family Residential District

The public hearing for this request was conducted on June 5, 2014, in conjunction with ORDINANCE 85-2013-14. The legal description for the R-2D parcels had been omitted in error. Councilman Grubbs made a motion to adopt this ordinance on first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Burkhart. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Alexander, Allen, Burkhart, Garrett, Grubbs, Guzman, Lewis, McLaughlin, Powers, Redd, Wallace

NAY: Smith

Following the Mayor's announcement of the vote; Councilwoman Smith said she had intended to vote "aye." The motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

All items in this portion of the agenda are considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Council and may be approved by one motion; however, a member of the Council may request that an item be removed for separate consideration under the appropriate committee report:

1. **ORDINANCE 32-2014-15** (Second Reading) Amending the Zoning Ordinance and Map of the City of Clarksville, application of Todd Morris Construction, Inc., for zone change on property at Ringgold Road and Timberline Way from R-4 Multiple Family Residential District to R-2 Single Family Residential District

2. **ORDINANCE 33-2014-15** (Second Reading) Amending the Official Code and the Zoning Ordinance relative to various amendments

3. Approval of Board Appointments:

Audit Committee: Wilbur Berry, Sonya Stewart – January 2015 through December 2016

Human Relations Commission: Jason Hodges, Alexandra Wills – January 2015 through June 2016

Madison Street Design Review Board: Cynthia Mitchell – January 2015 through April 2017

Museum Board: Sollie Fott, Carmen Reagan, Carol Daniels – January 2015 through December 2017

Natural Gas Acquisition Board: Mark Briggs, John Smith – January 2015 through December 2020

Regional Historic Zoning Commission: Marcia Williams – January 2015 through September 2017; Gail Longton – January 2015 through September 2016; Geno Grubbs – January 2015 through December 2019

Two Rivers Company – Ryan Bowie, Michael Dale, Allen Senseney - January 2015 through October 2017

4. Adoption of Minutes: Regular Session December 4th, Special Session December 4th, Special Session December 8th
Councilman Burkhart made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Redd. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Alexander, Allen, Burkhart, Garrett, Grubbs, Guzman, Lewis, McLaughlin, Powers, Redd, Smith, Wallace

The motion passed without objection.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

David Allen, Chair

Councilman Allen said the Office of Housing & Community Development, along with Buffalo Valley, would be conducting the annual "Point in Time Count" to determine the number of sheltered and unsheltered homeless individuals on a single night in January. These numbers are used to establish federal funding for local homeless assistance programs.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Joel Wallace, Chair

ORDINANCE 35-2014-15 (First Reading) Amending the FY15 Police Department Budget to accept a COPS grant for 14 new police officers

The recommendation of the Finance Committee was for approval of this ordinance. Councilman Wallace made a motion to adopt this ordinance on first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lewis. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Alexander, Allen, Burkhart, Garrett, Grubbs, Guzman, Lewis, McLaughlin, Powers, Redd, Smith, Wallace

The motion passed without objection.

ORDINANCE 36-2014-15 (First Reading) Waiving credit card collection fees for various departments of the City

The recommendation of the Finance Committee was for approval of this ordinance. Councilman Wallace made a motion to adopt this ordinance on first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lewis. Councilman Wallace said the State of Tennessee allows local governments to waive the requirement to collect credit and debit card processing and said this ordinance would codify fees that were already waived. Without objection, Finance Director Laurie Matta said City Court, Finance & Revenue, and Parking Authority do collect fees based on the type of service offered.

Councilwoman McLaughlin offered an amendment that would change the language in the proposed ordinance to establish a credit card fee policy for all city departments including CDE, Transit, and Gas & Water. The amendment required a fee equal to fees paid to financial institutions by the City, but would waive card fees for remote parking payments. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Garrett, McLaughlin

NAY: Alexander, Allen, Burkhart, Grubbs, Guzman, Lewis, Powers, Redd, Smith, Wallace

Councilwoman McLaughlin's amendment failed. The following vote on the original motion was recorded:

AYE: Alexander, Allen, Burkhart, Garrett, Grubbs, Guzman, Lewis, Powers, Redd, Smith, Wallace

NAY: McLaughlin

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

GAS & WATER COMMITTEE

Jeff Burkhart, Chair

Councilman Burkhart said the Gas & Water Department was preparing for predicted cold weather.

PARKS, RECREATION, GENERAL SERVICES

Wallace Redd, Chair

No department updates.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

(Building & Codes, Fire, Police)

Geno Grubbs, Chair

RESOLUTION 19-2014-15 Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with Fort Campbell Fire-Emergency Services for use of the City of Clarksville Public Safety Radio System

The recommendation of the Public Safety Committee was for approval of this resolution. Councilman Grubbs made a motion to adopt this resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wallace. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Alexander, Allen, Burkhart, Garrett, Grubbs, Guzman, Lewis, McLaughlin, Powers, Redd, Smith, Wallace

The motion to adopt this resolution passed.

Councilman Grubbs shared the following 2014 department statistics: Building & Codes Construction Division - 20,800 inspections; Building & Codes Enforcement Division – 4,133 cases; Building & Codes Abatement Division – 602 work orders; Building & Codes Administration – 829 single family permits; Clarksville Fire & Rescue – 11,374 emergency responses.

STREET COMMITTEE

James Lewis, Chair

Councilman Lewis said the Street Department completed 200 work orders during December.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Deanna McLaughlin

Councilwoman McLaughlin said Clarksville Transit System transported 61,713 passengers during the month of December. 301 passengers were transported during the “Warm Souls” event on Christmas Eve and 108 passengers were transported during the “Operation Safe Ride” event on New Year’s Eve.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 38-2014-15 (First Reading) Amending the Official Code relative to electronic traffic citation fee

Councilman Wallace made a motion to adopt this ordinance on first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Allen. Without objection, City Attorney Lance Baker recommended adding the definition of a traffic citation as defined in *Tennessee Code Annotated*. Councilman Wallace made a motion to substitute the language of the amended version as presented by the City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman McLaughlin. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Alexander, Allen, Burkhart, Garrett, Grubbs, Guzman, Lewis, McLaughlin, Powers, Redd, Smith, Wallace

The amendment passed. The following vote on the motion as amended was recorded:

AYE: Alexander, Allen, Burkhart, Garrett, Grubbs, Guzman, Lewis, McLaughlin, Powers, Redd, Smith, Wallace

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

RESOLUTION 20-2014-15 Expressing support for the maintenance of current troop levels at Fort Campbell and urging Congress to oppose any reductions

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

AYE: Alexander, Allen, Burkhart, Garrett, Grubbs, Guzman, Lewis, McLaughlin, McMillan, Powers, Redd, Smith, Wallace

The motion to adopt this resolution unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION 21-2014-15 Authorizing an interlocal agreement/lease with the Clarksville-Montgomery County Industrial Development Board and Montgomery County for construction of a fire protection facility and emergency medical services facility

Councilman Grubbs made a motion to adopt this resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilman Redd. Without objection, Mr. Baker said this resolution would make the Industrial Development Board a party in the agreement/lease. He said the amended lease would allow the City of Clarksville and Montgomery County to lease the property from the IDB during construction of the fire-emergency facility, and each parcel would be deeded to the City and County upon completion. Mr. Baker said the amended language also addressed procurement of builder's risk insurance. Councilman Wallace made a motion to substitute language in the resolution and lease. The motion was seconded by Councilman Redd. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Alexander, Allen, Burkhart, Garrett, Grubbs, Guzman, Lewis, McLaughlin, Powers, Redd, Smith, Wallace

The amendment passed. The following vote on the original motion as amended was recorded:

AYE: Alexander, Allen, Burkhart, Garrett, Grubbs, Guzman, Lewis, McLaughlin, McMillan, Powers, Redd, Smith, Wallace

The motion to adopt this resolution as amended passed.

RESOLUTION 22-2014-15 Amending **RESOLUTION 42-2013-14** adopted June 5, 2014, authorizing an interlocal contract with Montgomery County for construction of a fire protection facility and emergency medical services facility

On the advice of the City Attorney, Councilman Wallace made a motion to adopt this resolution. The motion was seconded Councilman Redd. Councilman Redd made a motion to postpone action indefinitely. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Guzman. A voice vote was taken; the motion passed without objection.

MAYOR AND STAFF REPORTS

Mayor McMillan invited the City Council and the public to attend the Fort Campbell Listening Tour on January 20th to show support for the military installation and discourage reductions of troops.

Mayor McMillan thanked those who attend the earlier Oath of Office Ceremony for their attendance and support.

Councilman Alexander thanked former Councilman Bill Summers, former Councilwoman Kaye Jones, former Councilman Marc Harris, and former Councilman Kip McNeill for their service.

Mayor McMillan distributed standing committee assignments to members of the City Council. She recognized Charlie Gentry, recently appointed at Chief of Administration.

Councilman Grubbs expressed his eagerness to serve a third and final term on the City Council.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.