



**CLARKSVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL SESSION  
JUNE 20, 2019**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A special session of the Clarksville City Council was called to order by Mayor Joe Pitts on Thursday, June 20, 2019, at 4:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers, 106 Public Square, Clarksville, Tennessee.

A prayer was offered by Pastor Mark Totten, Grace Bible Church, guest of Council Lady Stacey Streetman. Mayor Pitts asked everyone to remember the family of Street Department employee Joe Reeves who passed away suddenly. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Tim Chandler.

**ATTENDANCE**

**PRESENT:** Richard Garrett (Ward 1), Vondell Richmond (Ward 2), Ron Erb (Ward 3), Tim Chandler (Ward 4) Valerie Guzman (Ward 5), Wanda Smith (Ward 6), Travis Holleman (Ward 7), Jeff Henley (Ward 9), Stacey Streetman (Ward 10), Gary Norris (Ward 11), Jeff Burkhart (12)

**ABSENT:** David Allen, Mayor Pro Tem (Ward 8)

**RESOLUTION OF HONOR**

**RESOLUTION 64-2019-20 Honoring Councilman Bill Powers**

The City Clerk read this resolution. Councilman Chandler made a motion to adopt this resolution. The motion was seconded by Council Lady Streetman. The following vote was recorded:

**AYE:** Burkhart, Chandler, Erb, Garrett, Guzman, Henley, Holleman, Norris, Pitts, Richmond, Smith, Streetman

Senator Powers said the City of Clarksville was fortunate to have Gary Norris as a member of the City Council representing Ward 11. He thanked the City Council for their public service and said “good government begins with good people.”

#### APPOINTMENT OF FIRE CHIEF

#### **RESOLUTION 65-2018-19** Ratifying the Mayor’s appointment of the Chief of the Clarksville Fire Department

Mayor Pitts recognized and thanked members of the search committee who were in attendance. He said Freddie Montgomery served in the United States Army and had a record of consistent leadership as Chief of the Hopkinsville, Kentucky Fire Department. There was no objection to recess to hear from Chief Montgomery.

Chief Montgomery said he had been with the City of Hopkinsville for twenty five years, five of which he served as Fire Chief. He recognized his wife, Pricilla. He said he has a passion for fire service and wants firefighters to love their job and be a part of a department that is connected to and invested in the community.

Councillady Streetman made a motion to revert to special session; there was no objection. Councilman Burkhart made a motion to adopt this resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilman Henley. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Burkhart, Chandler, Erb, Garrett, Guzman, Henley, Holleman, Norris, Pitts, Richmond, Smith, Streetman

The motion to adopt this resolution passed.

#### TRC/EDC

#### **ORDINANCE 55-2018-19** (First Reading; Postponed June 6) Amending the Official Code pertaining to the designation of the District Management Corporation from the Two Rivers Company to the Economic Development Council

The recommendation of the Finance Committee was for approval. First Reading of this ordinance was postponed June 6, 2019, to allow the Economic Development Council Board of Directors to review and approve this legislation. Councilman Burkhart made a motion to adopt this ordinance on first reading. The motion was seconded by Councillady Streetman. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Burkhart, Chandler, Erb, Garrett, Guzman, Henley, Holleman, Norris, Pitts, Richmond, Smith, Streetman

The motion to adopt this ordinance on first reading passed.

#### FY20 BUDGETS: SECOND READING

**ORDINANCE 70-2018-19** Amending the FY19 Operating and Capital Budget and adopting the FY20 Operating and Capital Budget for CDE Lightband

Councilman Burkhart made a motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Chandler. There was no discussion. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Burkhart, Chandler, Erb, Garrett, Guzman, Henley, Holleman, Norris, Pitts, Richmond, Smith, Streetman

The motion to adopt the FY20 CDE Lightband Budget on second reading passed.

**ORDINANCE 71-2018-19** Amending the FY19 Operating and Capital Budget and adopting the FY20 Operating and Capital Budget for Clarksville Gas & Water Department

Councilady Guzman made a motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Richmond. There was no discussion. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Burkhart, Chandler, Erb, Garrett, Guzman, Henley, Holleman, Norris, Pitts, Richmond, Smith, Streetman

The motion to adopt the FY20 Clarksville Gas & Water Budget on second reading passed.

**ORDINANCE 72-2018-19** Amending the FY19 Budget and approving the FY20 Annual Action Plan and Budget and authorizing application for Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership Funds

Councillady Streetman made a motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Henley. There was no discussion. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Burkhart, Chandler, Erb, Garrett, Guzman, Henley, Holleman, Norris, Pitts, Richmond, Smith, Streetman

The motion to adopt the FY20 Community Development Budget on second reading passed.

**ORDINANCE 73-2018-19** Amending the FY19 Budget and adopting the FY20 Operating Budget for FY20 for the City of Clarksville Internal Service Funds

Councilman Burkhart made a motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Henley. There was no discussion. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Burkhart, Chandler, Erb, Garrett, Guzman, Henley, Holleman, Norris, Pitts, Richmond, Smith, Streetman

The motion to adopt the FY20 Internal Service Fund Budget on second reading passed.

**ORDINANCE 74-2018-19** Amending the FY19 Budget and establishing the FY20 Operating Budget for Clarksville Parking Commission (A Proprietary Fund)

Councilman Burkhart made a motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Erb. There was no discussion. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Burkhart, Chandler, Erb, Garrett, Guzman, Henley, Holleman, Norris, Pitts, Richmond, Smith, Streetman

The motion to adopt the FY20 Parking Commission Budget on second reading passed.

**ORDINANCE 75-2018-19** Amending the FY19 Operating and Capital Budget and adopting the FY20 Operating and Capital Budget for Clarksville Transit System

Councilwoman Smith made a motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Garrett. There was no discussion. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Burkhart, Chandler, Erb, Garrett, Guzman, Henley, Holleman, Norris, Pitts, Richmond, Smith, Streetman

The motion to adopt the FY20 Clarksville Transit System Budget on second reading passed.

Mayor Pitts recognized Paul Nelson who had been named Interim Director of CTS upon the retirement of Director Arthur Bing.

**ORDINANCE 76-2018-19** Amending the FY19 Operating and Capital Budget and adopting the FY20 Operating and Capital Budget for City of Clarksville Governmental Funds, and adopting the Tax Rate for Fiscal Year June 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020

Mayor Pitts made a motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Henley.

Councillady Guzman made a motion to amend this ordinance by transferring \$83,275 from FY19 to FY20 Parks & Recreation budget to complete the Smith Pool demolition project. The motion was seconded by Councilman Burkhart. The following vote was recorded:

AYE: Burkhart, Chandler, Erb, Garrett, Guzman, Henley, Holleman, Norris, Pitts, Richmond, Smith, Streetman

Councillady Guzman's amendment passed. In response to Councillady Smith's question, Mayor Pitts said the Certified Tax Rate had not yet been determined by the Montgomery County Assessor of Property. He said the FY20 General Government Budget had a zero net increase and the actual property tax rate would be established by separate ordinance when the CTR is received. The following vote on the main motion as amended was recorded:

AYE: Burkhart, Chandler, Erb, Garrett, Guzman, Henley, Holleman, Norris, Pitts, Richmond, Smith, Streetman

The motion to adopt the FY20 General Government Budget on second reading as amended passed.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillady Streetman invited everyone to the Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours hosted by Clarksville Parks & Recreation at the Wilma Rudolph Event Center following the special session.

Councilman Chandler expressed appreciation to Mayor Pitts and the staff of Finance & Revenue for a smooth budget process.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.