City of Clarksville

Board of Alderman Meeting
Thursday, January 23, 2024 @ 2:00 PM
Community Room at City Hall – 111 Howard
Clarksville, MO. 63336
Approved

Call to Order: The Board of Alderman of the City of Clarksville met on the above date at 2:00 p.m. at the City Hall Meeting Room, Mayor Jo Anne Smiley presiding. Mayor Smiley called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: North Ward Alderman Sue Lindemann – present; North Ward Alderman Jerry Manfredonia – present, South Ward Alderman Angi Grossnickle – absent, South Ward Alderman Robbert Howland – present, Mayor Jo Anne Smiley – present.

Audience Attendees: 2

Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Smiley led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Comments from the Public: None.

Minutes:

- North Ward Alderman Sue Lindemann made a **motion to approve** the minutes of the Board of Alderman meeting with corrections on 12-23-2024. South Ward Alderman Robbert Howland seconded the motion. Discussion was allowed. The vote was called. Three Ayes received. Motion carried.

City Clerk / Finance:

- The Board of Alderman reviewed the financial report for the month of December 2024. North Ward Alderman Sue Lindemann **made a motion** to approve the December 2024 financial report. North Ward Alderman Jerry Manfredonia seconded the motion. Discussion was allowed. The vote was called. Three Ayes received. Motion carried.
- South Ward Alderman Robbert Howland **made a motion** to approve the payment of bills as presented. North Ward Alderman Sue Lindemann seconded the motion. Discussion was allowed. The vote was called. Three Ayes received. Motion carried.
  - Jerry Manfredonia, North Ward Alderman & Board representative to the Clarksville Volunteer Fire Department, reported that in meeting with a representative from the CVFD a decision has been made that future invoices for Fire Department expenses will be presented and explained to him before the request for payment at the City Board meeting. This decision provides Jerry with information to answer possible questions raised in the Board of Alderman meeting.
- The City's six-month financial statement has been placed in the "Pike County News" paper. This is for the period of July to December 2024.

Collector's Report:

- The December 2024 Collector's Report was submitted to the Board for approval. South Ward Alderman Robbert Howland **made a motion** to approve the Collector's Report for December 2024. North Ward Alderman Sue Lindemann seconded the motion. Discussion was allowed. The vote was called. Three Ayes received. Motion carried.

Streets / Maintenance:

- The City mowing contract was discussed for the year 2025-2026. The current contract is with Richie Holland at a price of $650 per month. He is willing to renew the contract for the same price if the Board approves. North Ward Alderman Sue Lindemann **made a motion** to accept the city mowing contract renewal from Richie Holland at $650 per month for the 2025-2026 year. North Ward Alderman Jerry Manfredonia seconded the motion. Discussion was allowed. The vote was called. Three Ayes received. Motion carried. (Grossnickle – Absent, Manfredonia – Aye, Lindemann – Aye, Howland – Aye)

Water / Sewer:

- The Board reviewed a monthly water report submitted by Brandon Holland for December 2024 – January 2025. North Ward Alderman Jerry Manfredonia **made a motion** to accept the water report for December 2024 - January 2025. South Ward Alderman Robbert Howland seconded the motion. Discussion was allowed. The vote was called. Three Ayes received. Motion carried.
  - Brandon also reported the following:
    + The Pump Shop was called to install three new floats at the south lift station.
    + A new meter was installed on Alley Street
    + DNR was here for a drinking water treatment inspection at the water plant. This is completed every three years.
    + Three meters had to be thawed due to the cold temperatures.
    + Repairs were completed on the furnace at the water plant. There were dead birds that had to be removed, and all filters were cleaned.
- Mark Bross, Klingner and Associates, reported the following:
  - *Sewer Line Outfall Project:* The current situation is that we are waiting on DNR to issue the construction permit for the sewer main. Once we have that, we can advertise for bids and work toward construction. DNR did move it to the public notice phase, which means we should get the construction permit in late January / February and then we can bid the project.
  - *Lift Stations:* I received a call from Mayor Smiley about issues with the lift station pumps. We received a copy of the estimate from the Pump Shop. I think the question is how the City plans to pay for it. We suggested reaching out to Mark Twain Council of Governments to see if some funding could be obtained for the work.

    North Ward Alderman Jerry Manfredonia **made a motion** to accept the report submitted from Mark Bross. North Ward Alderman Sue Lindemann seconded the motion. Discussion was allowed. The vote was called. Three Ayes received. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

- *Cemetery:*
  - Cemetery mowing was discussed for the year 2025-2026. Currently, the contract is held by Harrison Property Maintenance for $30,000.00. Mr. Harrison is willing to renew the contract for the upcoming year at the current price. South Ward Alderman Robbert Howland **made a motion** to renew the cemetery mowing contract with Harrison Property Maintenance at the price of $30,000.00 for the 2025-2026 year. North Ward Alderman Sue Lindemann seconded the motion. Discussion was allowed. The vote was called. Three Ayes received. (Grossnickle – Absent, Manfredonia – Aye, Lindemann – Aye, Howland – Aye)

Mayor's Report:

- Mayor Smiley addressed the Board with the following report:

  The New Year is under way and as leaders in the Clarksville Municipal Government, we are headed toward that item, always faced with dread, called budget time. In order to make it as easy as possible, it is important that you review your monthly financial reports and the approved budget for last year and see for yourself just where we stand. This will, I am sure, raise questions and Jennifer will certainly be ready and willing to share answers with you.

  Again and again, I am reminded that there are citizens who believe that monthly Board of Alderman meetings are closed. It seems difficult to clarify that these are business meetings, established by law, for the purpose of tending to the business of the City and conducted by the people elected by the citizens to do so. These meetings are a time for discussion and questioning of the business of the City by the members of the Board who are then responsible for making decisions. It is an open meeting, welcoming anyone interested in listening to and learning about the business of the City. A specified time for "comments from the public" is included in the agenda of each meeting, providing introduction of information for Board consideration. It is not a time for conversation with or questioning by the general public. This is not a Clarksville only manner of operation; it is how municipalities function.

  There are times when the Board does go into a closed session and when that happens, it is because the issue is required by law to be dealt with in a closed session. At the conclusion of that session, the outcome of the meeting is immediately announced.

  Elected board members are a conduit for concerns of the community. Committees are designed to serve as a valuable resource for hearing and dealing with the concerns of the citizens. Communication in writing presented to the Board for consideration is one of the most effective methods of getting to the heart of any issue.

City Projects Update:

- Invoice # 26 from Veenstra and Kimm has been submitted to the Board for approval in the amount of $38,744.69. North Ward Alderman Sue Lindemann **made a motion** to pay invoice # 26 in the amount of $38,744.69 from Veenstra and Kimm. North Ward Alderman Jerry Manfredonia seconded the motion. Discussion was allowed. Roll call vote as follows: South Ward Alderman Angi Grossnickle – Absent, North Ward Alderman Jerry Manfredonia – Aye, North Ward Alderman Sue Lindemann – Aye, South Ward Alderman Robbert Howland – Aye. Three Ayes received. Motion carried.
- Pay Estimate # 22 from Bleigh has been submitted to the Board for approval in the amount of $98,363.25. South Ward Alderman Robbert Howland **made a motion** to approve pay request # 22 from Bleigh Construction in the amount of $98,363.25. North Ward Alderman Sue Lindemann seconded the motion. Discussion was allowed. Roll call vote as follows: South Ward Alderman Angi Grossnickle – Absent, North Ward Alderman Jerry Manfredonia – Aye, North Ward Alderman Sue Lindemann – Aye, South Ward Alderman Robbert Howland – Aye. Three Ayes received. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

- The information pertaining to the court process/enforcement of fines will be tabled until the next Board meeting. City Attorney Robbert Guinness was unavailable to attend the meeting at this time.
- South Ward Alderman Robbert Howland spoke with Chief Josh Baker in Louisiana regarding the animal control officer assisting in Clarksville. The Board of Alderman in Louisiana will discuss the issue and Chief Baker will contact the City or Mr. Howland once that has been done. *Note: this is the same information as reported last month, nothing new has been received at this time.*

New Business: None.

Other items to come before the Board: None.

Announcements:

- Board of Alderman Meeting: February 20, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. in the City Hall Community Room.

North Ward Alderman Sue Lindemann made a **motion to adjourn** the meeting. South Ward Alderman Robbert Howland seconded the motion. The vote was called. Three Ayes received. Meeting adjourned.

Mayor

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM