

*City of Clarksville*  
**Board of Alderman Meeting**  
**Thursday, September 17, 2026 @ 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:** South Ward Alderman Angi Grossnickle – present; North Ward Alderman Jerry Manfredonia – present, North Ward Alderman Sue Lindemann – present, South Ward Alderman Shirley Underwood – present, Mayor Jo Anne Smiley – present.

*Mayor Smiley stated: This is a Business meeting of the Board of Alderman of the City of Clarksville and is for these four elected officials to conduct legislative business of the City. You are welcome guests and you are invited to listen, without comment, unless called upon regarding a particular issue.*

**Audience Attendees:** 14

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

**Comments from the Public:**

- Nathalie Pettus addressed the Board with concerns regarding the black marks on Front Street. She was curious if they were going to be removed. Mayor Smiley advised that this will be discussed later in the meeting.
- Robbert Howland commented that there are a lot of properties in town that are needing attention. He would like to see residents trash cans placed back on their properties rather than out by the roads. He also asked about fire hydrants and if they have been flushed. Brandon Holland commented that the fire hydrants have been flushed by the fire department.
- Nathalie Pettus commented that the proposed “welcome to” signs have been submitted to MoDOT for approval. The sign on Hwy W at her property has started construction and hopes to be complete by Applefest.
- Tyler Johnson (late arrival) asked about the black marks on Front Street & Mayor Smiley repeated that it would be discussed later in the meeting.

**Minutes:**

- North Ward Alderman Sue Lindemann made a **motion to approve** the minutes of the Board of Alderman Public Hearing on 8-20-2026. North Ward Alderman Jerry Manfredonia seconded the motion. Discussion was allowed. The vote was called. Four Ayes received. Motion carried.
- North Ward Alderman Sue Lindemann made a **motion to approve** the minutes of the Board of Alderman meeting on 8-24-2026 with spelling corrections. South Ward Alderman Angi Grossnickle seconded the motion. Discussion was allowed. The vote was called. Four Ayes received. Motion carried.

**City Clerk / Finance:**

- The Board of Alderman reviewed the financial report for the month of August 2026. North Ward Alderman Sue Lindemann **made a motion** to approve the August 2026 financial report. South Ward Alderman Shirley Underwood seconded the motion. Discussion was allowed. The vote was called. Four Ayes received. Motion carried.

- South Ward Alderman Angi Grossnickle **made a motion** to approve the payment of bills as presented. South Ward Alderman Shirley Underwood seconded the motion. Discussion was allowed. Roll Call vote as follows: South Ward Alderman Angi Grossnickle – Aye, North Ward Alderman Jerry Manfredonia – Aye, North Ward Alderman Sue Lindemann – Aye, South Ward Alderman Shirley Underwood – Aye. Four Ayes received. Motion carried.

#### **Collector's Report:**

- The Board reviewed the Collector's report for the month of August 2026. South Ward Alderman Shirley Underwood made a **motion to approve** the Collector's report for August 2026. South Ward Alderman Angi Grossnickle seconded the motion. Discussion was allowed. The vote was called. Four Ayes received. Motion carried.

#### **Streets / Maintenance:**

- Streets are being maintained as needs arise & possible solutions are available.

#### **Water / Sewer:**

- Brandon Holland submitted a monthly water report for the Board's approval. In addition to the usage report, he stated the following:
  - Replaced 200 feet of water line on Kentucky Street due to a break
  - Fixed water leak in alley between North 3<sup>rd</sup> and North 4<sup>th</sup> Street
  - Softener A is repaired and backup is running
  - Installed new air compressor that controls all the valves on softener A and B
  - Repaired water leak on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street
  - Found water leak on Mississippi and repaired
- South Ward Alderman Angi Grossnickle **made a motion** to accept the monthly water report submitted by Brandon Holland. North Ward Alderman Sue Lindemann seconded the motion. Discussion was allowed. The vote was called. Four Ayes received. Motion carried.
- Mark Bross, Klingner and Associates, submitted the following report to the Board for review:
  - The sewer project is out for bid. Bid opening is October 7, 2026, at 2:00 pm at City Hall. CDBG funding is in place along with DNR funding.
- South Ward Alderman Angi Grossnickle **made a motion** to accept the report submitted by Mark Bross, Klingner and Associates. South Ward Alderman Shirley Underwood seconded the motion. Discussion was allowed. The vote was called. Four Ayes received. Motion carried.

#### **Committee Reports:**

- *Park Committee:*
  - Liza Trenholm submitted a report for the Park Committee for September 2026. The report was as follows:
    - = Could we use the City tax exempt certificate to purchase Poly Marek Sand and Soaker hoses for Bel Rose Park?
    - = Would we be able to get into the maintenance building to check and fix the Christmas wreaths? We are scheduled to check on all our decorations for the Christmas season on November 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.
    - = We have tentatively scheduled the annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Cookie Walk for Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> and time is to be determined.
    - = Thank you, Mayor Smiley and all the Alderman, for supporting the PARC Committee and everyone who lives in Clarksville.
  - South Ward Alderman Angi Grossnickle **made a motion** to accept the report from the Park Committee, allow the committee to use the City's tax-exempt letter for hose purchases and to coordinate with Roger for access to the maintenance building for decorations. North Ward Alderman Jerry Manfredonia seconded the motion. Discussion was allowed. The vote was called. Four Ayes received. Motion carried.

- *Historic Preservation Report:*

- Patrick Thayer addressed the Board with information that he will be resigning from the committee in the near future due to personal reasons.
- The Board reviewed minutes from two meetings of the committee, one for 7-11-2026 and one for 8-26-2026. The meeting on 7-11 was to specifically review Andrew Dial's report on the previous visit and have discussion. The meeting on 8-26 was to discuss the possibility of new members, advising new property owners of the rules and regulations of the Historic District, and to approve / deny three Certificates of Appropriateness submitted by Viola Hennekes. They are as follows:

= to place a webcam on the top of the building at 105A South 1<sup>st</sup> Street

*The recommendation of the committee is to approve this request*

= to paint the exterior of the building at 105A South 1<sup>st</sup> Street with blue, yellow and red colors

*The recommendation of the committee is to approve this request*

= to place a vintage Pepsi machine on the sidewalk in front of the building at 105A South 1<sup>st</sup> Street

*The recommendation of the committee is to deny this request*

After review and discussion of the Certificates of Appropriateness, the following motions were made:

= North Ward Alderman Sue Lindemann **made a motion** to approve the placement of the webcam on the roof of 105A South 1<sup>st</sup> Street for Viola Hennekes. North Ward Alderman Jerry Manfredonia seconded the motion. Discussion was allowed. The vote was called. Four Ayes received. Motion carried.

= North Ward Alderman Sue Lindemann **made a motion** to approve the exterior painting of the building at 105A South 1<sup>st</sup> Street for Viola Hennekes. South Ward Alderman Angi Grossnickle seconded the motion. Discussion was allowed. The vote was called. Four Ayes received. Motion carried.

= North Ward Alderman Sue Lindemann **made a motion** to DENY the placement of a vintage Pepsi machine on the sidewalk in front of the building located at 105A South 1<sup>st</sup> Street for Viola Hennekes. South Ward Alderman Shirley Underwood seconded the motion. Discussion was allowed. The vote was called. Four Ayes received. Motion carried.

- *Clarksville Task Force Committee:*

*Mayor Smiley stated the following before the committee report:*

*Thank you, representatives, from the Fact-Finding Commission for being here today. The creation of this Commission was purposeful and hopeful. We did not anticipate that you would find miracles at every turn because we are aware of the facts and the realities. However, we also know that eyesight beyond ours can be most helpful in the attempt to leave no search for answers unturned and no box unchecked.*

*Words taken from this year's Budget Message are clear:*

*While we recognize the financial constraints we face today, we also seek a Long-Term Financial Strategy as is highlighted by the establishment of the Fact-Finding Commission. A healthy strategy will guide the City toward financial stability and revenue sufficiency. With suggestions and advice from the Commission, the Board will then make decisions on key components of the strategy and determine the plan's final structure.*

*In other words, once more, the Board of Alderman reached out beyond their own thinking and experience for financial review and considered advice to move forward. Hopefully, with information from a critical study by this group in their hands, the elected officials will have an even greater sense of direction for decision making for the future of Clarksville.*

- John Andrews and Nathan Lilley were present to address the Board regarding questions, if any, at the previous Board meeting. The Board was asked to discuss and review information pertaining to the Task Force's findings that were concluded from the review of the City's current and past finances. The committee presented best and worst-case financial scenarios, along with a proposed open letter to the residents of the community about the findings. The committee will meet on 9-21-26 and decide if they are needed any further. They would like to see the Board and other groups in the community continue to work on the efforts started and follow through with some of the ideas. Mayor Smiley asked the Board to voice their opinions on the committee's findings. They are as follows:
  - = North Ward Alderman Sue Lindemann stated that she saw the work the committee did as positive and that their ideas aligned with that of the Board. She did have a concern about the proposal for the sales tax revue being anticipated at three million dollars and wondered where that would come from. She also stated that the open letter to the residents was more positive than the previous editions submitted.
  - = South Ward Alderman Shirley Underwood said if an open letter goes out, it needs to be positive.
  - = South Ward Alderman Angi Grossnickle mentioned that she did like the proposed open letter better than the others and it did have positive information in it. She also likes the idea of doing tours of the buildings that are for sale in town.
  - = North Ward Alderman Jerry Manfredonia said that the information to the residents does not need to be sugar coated and to let people know that the Board does acknowledge the issues that persist. He believes the City is on a positive path and that should be talked about.
- Nathan and John mentioned that both the best and worst-case scenarios need to be researched in detail. They have a list of "champions" that could possibly help with the research, if the Board would like to contact and follow up with. There are no definite solutions and not one person can do any of this alone.
- North Ward Alderman Sue Lindemann **made a motion** to accept the presentation of the best and worst-case scenarios submitted by the Task Force Committee and review in further detail. South Ward Alderman Angi Grossnickle seconded the motion. Discussion was allowed. Roll Call vote as follows: South Ward Alderman Angi Grossnickle – Aye, North Ward Alderman Jerry Manfredonia – Aye, North Ward Alderman Sue Lindemann – Aye, South Ward Alderman Shirley Underwood – Aye. Four Ayes received. Motion carried.

*Note: Mayor Smiley mentioned that this Task Force has been healthy for the City and these commission members will continue to be a valuable resource in the future.*

### **Mayor's Report:**

*My report today is with regard to the questions and suggestions made during the last meeting in which I asked you to consider several items and bring your thoughts for discussion and decisions.*

- 1) *I have asked for your response regarding the status of the Front Street issue and the burning tire markings.*
  - == North Ward Alderman Sue Lindemann asked if the police have named the people who did it or just the owners. Mayor Smiley stated they have the owners of the vehicles and nothing more. Alderman Lindemann would like to see Mayor Smiley asked the Sheriff's Department to take further action on the owners of the vehicles. Mayor Smiley will contact them and also pursue solutions to remove the black marks.
- 2) *I have asked for your consideration and suggestions regarding maintenance for City Hall Roof and Front of Building and for roofing needs in Riverfront Park.*
  - == The Board members stated they had no suggestions for contractors for either project. John Andrews stated that they are working with a few contractors on the HCI buildings and he will get their information to the Mayor or City Hall.

- 3) *I have reported findings of Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments with regard to money for Streets in Clarksville and asked for your thinking as to solutions.*  
== Mayor Smiley stated that Mark Twain mentioned there is no money for at least five years in grants available for the City for streets and to consider gravel roads at this time. Alderman Lindemann would like to see other avenues of grants pursued, not just CDBG. Roger Dowell mentioned that the trash trucks and large construction vehicles don't help on any of the roads. Mayor Smiley mentioned that 6<sup>th</sup> Street needs to be a main focus for an emergency route.
- 4) *An additional responsibility which falls under your jurisdiction is the Visitor Center. Difficulty in finding those willing to be available on a schedule is great. However, as long as a center exists, it should certainly be open when there are events and numbers of guests in town as in Applefest and Eagle Days. Shirley is the representative of the Board, and I will invite her input at this time.*  
== Alderman Underwood responded that her schedule does not allow time to focus on the Visitor Center as it should be attended too. She also mentioned it is hard to find volunteers. Alderman Lindemann mentioned that she would volunteer for Applefest, if needed.
- 5) *I would be remiss not to mention again the Battery Farm, Solar Farm, and Data Center issue as it comes closer and closer to Pike County and our community. I again urge you to get the facts, attend meetings, and conferences with citizens from other counties and communities and decide for yourself where you stand.*

*In the goals and objectives suggested in our Master Plan, the description of a destination that conveys "community", "quality", and "authenticity" stands out to me, but I also like the description of an environment that is inviting, fun, safe, and exciting for all who visit. The rich history, culture and heritage of Clarksville is ours to build on the decisions we make must be supportive in every way.*

**Unfinished Business:** None.

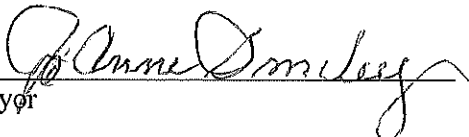
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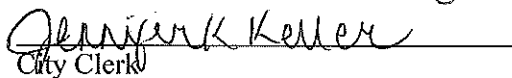
- The Board reviewed an application from the Corps of Engineers to reserve the Riverfront Park on Friday, October 9, 2026, for 4<sup>th</sup> grade education day. South Ward Alderman Angi Grossnickle **made a motion** to approve the application from the Corps of Engineers to reserve the Riverfront Park on Friday, October 9, 2026, for 4<sup>th</sup> grade education day. North Ward Alderman Sue Lindemann seconded the motion. Discussion was allowed. The vote was called. Four Ayes received. Motion carried.

**Announcements:**

- Board of Alderman Meeting: October 22, 2026, 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 Angi Grossnickle seconded the motion. The vote was called. Four Ayes received. Meeting adjourned.

  
Mayor

  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM