

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 21, 2022

The Clarksville Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 21st, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were Vice-Mayor Bruce Woerner, Chris Clarke, Carolyn Hite, Robert Dennis, and Tammy Mulchi. Mayor Kevin Allgood and Council member Danny Pittard were absent. Staff Members present were Town Manager Jeff Jones, Treasurer/Clerk Tara Murphy, and Officer Brent Inscore.

Call to Order

Vice-Mayor Bruce Woerner called the meeting to order and provided the invocation.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the May 23rd, 2022 meeting were approved with no additions, deletions, or corrections with a motion by Council member Mulchi, seconded by Council member Clarke, and approved by all.

The minutes of the June 9th, 2022 joint Planning Commission and Town Council meeting were approved with no additions, deletions, or corrections with a motion by Council member Mulchi, seconded by Council member Hite, and approved by all.

The minutes of the June 9th, 2022 special meeting were approved with no additions, deletions, or corrections with a motion by Council member Hite, seconded by Council member Mulchi, and approved by all.

Presentation of List of Vendors Paid

The list of vendors paid for May 2022 was presented to Council. Council member Clarke motioned to approve the list of vendors paid for May 2022, seconded by Council member Mulchi, and approved by all.

Presentation of the Financial Statements

The April 2022 financial statements were presented to Council. Council member Clarke motioned to approve the April financial statements, seconded by Council member Dennis, and approved by all.

The May 2022 financial statements were presented to Council. Council member Clarke motioned to approve the May 2022 financial statements, seconded by Council member Hite, and approved by all.

Tourism Update – Tina Morgan – Mecklenburg County Tourism

Tina Morgan from the Mecklenburg County Tourism office updated Council on the Tourism efforts in Mecklenburg County. She stated that there were over 300,000 visitors to the parks in the county and the county ranked 1st in spending for lodging. She stated that Mecklenburg County ranked in the top 5 of the least impacted by COVID for visitation to the area due to the outdoor resources and being rural. Ms. Morgan informed Council that the tourism office received some ARPA funds and she wants to use the funds to hold events in each town. Ms. Morgan presented information on a potential event for Clarksville, an Urban Slide; a 1,000 ft. slide that will be placed on Virginia Avenue from 3rd Street down to 2nd Street. Town Manager Jones stated that they proposed to hold this event next year in June or August. Council member Clarke expressed his interest in the 2-day Urban Slide event. Vice-Mayor Woerner stated that Council gives verbal support of this proposed event.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Presentation of Town Operation Reports

The Town Operations report was presented to Council.

Town Manager Jones stated that the Russell Stover water tank was serviced starting May 31st, drained, washed and refilled by Thursday, June 3rd. He informed Council that a raw water pump at the water intake is not working properly and needs to be replaced. Town Manager Jones stated that the cost to replace is \$65,000 and the job will take about 4 days to complete. He stated that in order to replace the raw water pump, an allocation is needed from Water Fund balance for \$65,000. Council member Mulchi motioned to appropriate \$65,000 from Water fund balance to replace the raw water pump, seconded by Council member Hite, and approved by all.

Town Manager Jones stated that there have been several incidents lately involving sewer lines that a sewer camera would have helped tremendously in determining the problem with the line. He stated that the department used to have a sewer camera for this purpose and would like to procure another camera at this time. He stated that the camera can go into the lines to determine what the stoppage is as well as it is equipped with a tracing device to mark the lines. He stated that the cost of the camera is \$12,759 and an appropriation from Sewer fund contingency is needed to purchase the camera. Council member Hite motioned to appropriate \$12,759 from Sewer fund contingency, seconded by Council member Clarke, and approved by all.

Presentation of the Police Activity Report

The Police Activity Report was presented to Council.

Officer Brent Inscore informed Council that Off. Robert Becher completed the Intoxilizer class so he can now read and give DUI results to the court. He stated that the Lake Life Live and the Cruise In went well and had a good crowd and no incidents. He stated that the Lion's Club hosted the Scavenger Hunt that lasted about 2 hours and all of the children were accompanied by an adult. Town Manager Jones thanked the Police Department for all of their help during the events.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Planning Commission Update

Town Manager Jones stated that the PC will start meeting on July 11th to discuss short term rentals as well as the update to the comprehensive plan and other current projects.

Sewer Plant Improvement Project Update

Town Manager Jones stated that the staff received the specifications and drawings today, but have not been able to review them. He stated there were some quality control recommendations to redraw in the plans. He stated that these plans have been shared with Rural Development. He stated that this process brings the Town closer to bidding the work by late August with construction to begin in October.

Update Search Grant – Water Plant Expansion

Town Manager Jones stated that Dewberry continues to work on the PER and Rural Development is reviewing the work. He stated that the staff and the Microsoft team toured the Water Plant. He stated that they are going to have a conditional assessment done by Dewberry on the existing Water Plant. He stated that Microsoft has contractors looking at the water and sewer lines to measure the thickness of the lines. Council member Dennis asked who Dewberry would be working for in terms of the assessment. Town Manager Jones stated that Dewberry will be working for Microsoft for the conditional assessment.

Planters Warehouse Update

Town Manager Jones stated that the contractor is having some compaction issues and is talking to the engineers to see if the process can be changed.

Financial Software Implementation Update

Town Manager Jones stated that the next phase is on permits, miscellaneous accounts receivable and business licenses and the staff is working with them to set up training dates in July.

Upcoming Events

Town Manager Jones presented the 2022 events schedule and also the road closure schedule for the events. He stated that the Lake Life Live and Cruise In will be July 2nd as well as the Clarksville Community Players are having the youth theater workshop that weekend. He stated that the July 4th parade will be that Monday and then Lake Fest July 15-16th. He stated that now the rides for Lake Fest will be behind Wells Fargo. Town Manager Jones stated that the Clarksville Players will have the children's theater workshop on the weekend of July 23rd.

Smart Scale Project Update

Town Manager Jones stated that the staff had a meeting with Southside Planning District Commission and they are working on the application trying to enhance the score. He stated that it helps that Microsoft is included in the window of influence. He stated that the application is due August 1st.

Property Maintenance

Town Manager Jones informed Council that notices regarding property maintenance have been sent out to the property owners. He stated that some have complied and the staff will continue to monitor this.

Approval of the Budget 2022-2023

Town Manager Jeff Jones stated that the 2022-2023 Budget has been presented and the public hearings held. He asked if Council had any other questions before voting on the approval of the budget.

Council member Mulchi motioned to approve the 2022-2023 Budget as presented, seconded by Council member Hite, and approved by all.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Kevin Allgood, Mayor

Tara Murphy, Treasurer/Clerk