

The Clarion City Council met in regular session Tuesday April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 5:00pm in the Council Chambers with Mayor Rod Heiden presiding. Present were Council members Andy Young, Shayne Hennigar, Dave Flurer, and Nick McOllough. Dan Hennigar was absent. Also in attendance City Administrator Clint Middleton, City Attorney Chizek, and PWD DeVries.

Mayor Heiden called the meeting to order and polled the council for any conflicts of interest with the agenda. There were none. Mayor Heiden asked if there were any citizens to address the council, there were none.

Motioned by Flurer seconded by McOllough to approve consent agenda consisting of Minutes-2023.04.04; Financial report- approve checks; Licenses/Permits- (Building, Liquor, Tobacco, Sign, Peddler, Street Closure) Street Closure - Fuel, Festival in the Park. All Ayes. (Motion passed 4-0, D. Hennigar – absent).

Motioned by McOllough seconded by S. Hennigar to approve Resolution (23-30) Submitting Grant Application for Region V (STBG). All Ayes. (Motion passed 4-1, D. Hennigar - absent). This is for the South portion of 2<sup>nd</sup> St SW, from tracks to edge of town.

Motioned by Flurer seconded by S. Hennigar to approve Hotel Motel Grant Committee recommendations. All Ayes. (Motion passed 4-1, D. Hennigar - absent). Recommendation is for: Heartland Museum, AED (defibrillator), \$1,000.00; Weis Auto Repair, Building and Road Sign, \$1,900.00; Riveter Nutrition & Rustic Raven, Backlit Sign, \$900.00; Hennigar Construction, Business Sign, \$2,500.00

Discussion was had on the topic of Utility deposits for new accounts. Currently the deposits are \$75.00 for “owner” and \$100.00 for “renter.” Information was shared that current deposits do not cover the costs of accounts that are held in default if the account is terminated without notice (someone just leaves town). We have the ability to register that loss to their SSN to hopefully get that back. There has been over \$25,000.00 in default over the past 5 years. Eagle Grove is at \$250 deposit. Goldfield and Belmond will be looking into theirs as well (going up to \$150-\$200). It was suggested we move forward in drawing up the ordinance change to double both of our current deposits.

Comments from the Council: Middleton commented that the pre-construction meeting for the WTP will be on Friday. Flurer asked for directions in response for dust control. Young commented on progress being made on the old Coast-to-coast building. Asked to investigate signage for being a sister city to Junik, Kosovo. Commented on storm sewer intake openings (DeVries) and Rental Housing Assistance exterior parameters (Kist).

Motioned by S. Hennigar seconded by Flurer to go into Closed Session under the Iowa Code chapter 21.5(k). To discuss information contained in records in the custody of a governmental body that are confidential records pursuant to section 22.7, subsection 50. All Ayes. (Motion passed 4-0). Motioned by Young seconded by McOllough to go out of Closed Session. All Ayes. (Motion passed 4-0). No action taken.

Motioned by Young seconded by Flurer to adjourn. All Ayes. (Motion passed 4-0).

Respectfully Submitted,  
Clint Middleton City Administrator

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Rod Heiden, Mayor