

The Clarion City Council met in regular session Tuesday April 4th, 2023, at 5:00pm in the Council Chambers with Mayor Rod Heiden presiding. Present were Council members Andy Young, Dan Hennigar, Shayne Hennigar, and Nick McOllough. Dave Flurer was absent. Also in attendance City Administrator Clint Middleton, City Attorney Chizek, Chief TerHark and PWD DeVries.

Mayor Heiden called the meeting to order and polled the council for any conflicts of interest with the agenda. There were three, D. Hennigar with fence permit and Young with liquor license and Insurance discussion. Mayor Heiden asked if there were any citizens to address the council, there were none.

Motioned by McOllough seconded by S. Hennigar to approve consent agenda consisting of Minutes-2023.03.21; Financial report- approve checks; Licenses/Permits- (Building, Liquor, Tobacco, Sign, Peddler, Street Closure) Liquor - Cobblestone Inn & Suites, Timbukbrü LLC; Sign - Hennigar Const.; Building -Nunclo; Street Closure - Truck Show. CD renewal for LIET and Perpetual Care to First Citizens for a 6 month rate at 4.79%. All Ayes. (Motion passed, Flurer – absent; D. Hennigar and Young - Conflicts).

Motioned by Young seconded by McOllough to open Public Hearing for Public Hearing on Submission of A CDBG Application – Clarion DTR Project – Phase 1, All Ayes. (Motion passed 4-0, Flurer - absent). Middleton read announcement:

- The City of Clarion is proposing to submit a Community Development Block Grant Application to the Iowa Economic Development Authority for Downtown Revitalization Grant Funds. The funds would be used for the construction of façade renovation/restoration on buildings located in the downtown business district. Total project costs are estimated at approximately \$1,096,936.00.
- The City is requesting \$601,452.00 in CDBG funds for the proposed project. In addition to the CDBG funds, the City is pledging \$495,484.00 in matching funds from a combination of City funds and participating property owners.
- The grant application will be submitted to the Iowa Economic Development Authority no later than April 30, 2023.
- The City is requesting \$601,452.00 in CDBG funds for the proposed project.
- Compliance with CDBG national objectives is met due to the proposed project activities being conducted in a blighted portion of the downtown area. The application is for Phase 1 of these improvements which includes the southern portion of the downtown or central business district bordered on the north by Central Avenue E, on the east by 1st Street SE and on the west by 1st Street SW.
- The proposed façade renovation/restoration activities will take place in the downtown portion of the business district, bordered on the north by Central Avenue E, on the east by 1st Street SE and on the west by 1st Street SW.
- The proposed project will not result in the displacement or relocation of any persons or businesses.
- Since this project will not result in the displacement or relocation of any persons or businesses, there are no plans being made to assist displaced persons.
- The nature of the proposed activities includes the construction of façade restoration/rehabilitation on buildings located in the downtown business district.

No public comments made. Motioned by Young seconded by S. Hennigar to close public hearing. All Ayes. (Motion passed 4-0, Flurer - absent).

Motioned by Young seconded by McOllough to approve Resolution (23-27) Determining Area to be Blighted. All Ayes. (Motion passed 4-1, Flurer - absent).

Motioned by McOllough seconded by D. Hennigar to approve Resolution (23-28) Committing Matching Funds. All Ayes. (Motion passed 4-1, Flurer - absent).

Motioned by Young seconded by S. Hennigar to approve Resolution (23-29) Endorsing and Authorizing Submission of A CDBG Application. All Ayes. (Motion passed 4-1, Flurer - absent).

It was pointed out that the city's long-time insurance agent could be attending his last meeting as our agent. Bud Young will be retiring after 40+ years of service to this community. Several wished Bud well and thanked him. His replacement Andy Young presented the insurance premium/deductible options the city needs to decide upon. Motioned by McOllough seconded by S. Hennigar to approve leaving the deductible at \$2,500. All Ayes. (Motion passed 3-0, Flurer – absent; Young - Conflict).

Motioned by McOllough seconded by S. Hennigar to approve Resolution (23-26) authorizing a Loan Agreement and providing for the issuance of a water revenue loan agreement anticipation project note. All Ayes. (Motion passed 4-1, Flurer - absent).

Motioned by D. Hennigar seconded by S. Hennigar to approve Resolution (23-17) approving pay request #7 with CEC for Daycare for \$41,003.30. All Ayes. (Motion passed 4-1, Flurer - absent).

Comments from the Council: DeVries commented that they have been demoing a mini-excavator and have the ability to receive a new model 3 months before FY24 at no extra cost, plan is to take advantage of that. Young commented on Senior Center activity, and also on purple hue LED lights in town. McOllough said there is a place to report the lights on the Mid-America website. Mayor Heiden thanked the Fire Department for the tour of their current small facilities after the last council meeting.

Motioned by McOllough seconded by S. Hennigar to adjourn. All Ayes. (Motion passed 4-0).

Respectfully Submitted,
Clint Middleton City Administrator

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Rod Heiden, Mayor