

The Clarion City Council met in regular session Tuesday June 20th, 2023, at 5:00pm in the Council Chambers with Mayor Pro-Tem Andy Young presiding. Present were Council members Dan Hennigar, Nick McOllough, and Dave Flurer. Shayne Hennigar was absent. Also in attendance City Administrator Clint Middleton, City Attorney Chizek, PWD DeVries and Asst. Chief Thompson.

Mayor Pro-Tem Young called the meeting to order and polled the council for any conflicts of interest with the agenda. There one, D. Hennigar with Peterson Pay Request. Mayor Pro-Tem Young asked if there were any citizens to address the council, there was one. Brad Schmidt from American Sanitation asked for the council to reconsider his garbage hauler permit that was denied last meeting. He wanted to clarify that he has no intention of coming to Clarion for residential purposes but only to fulfill the requests from commercial businesses asking him for dumpsters. McOllough motioned to add the permit onto the next meeting, seconded by Flurer (Motion passed 4-0).

Motioned by Flurer seconded by McOllough to approve consent agenda consisting of Minutes-2023.06.06; Financial report- approve checks; Licenses/Permits- (Building, Liquor, Tobacco, Sign, Peddler, Street Closure) Tobacco - Brothers Market, Sweet Water, Yes Way; Liquor - Variedades Hernandez LLC; Garbage Hauler - T&S Sanitation (Motion passed 4-0).

Motioned by D. Hennigar seconded by Flurer to approve Resolution (23-40) Public Works Wages & Benefits (Motion passed 4-1, S. Hennigar absent).

Motioned by D. Hennigar seconded by McOllough to approve Resolution (23-41) Full-time Wages & Benefits (Motion passed 4-1, S. Hennigar absent).

Motioned by Flurer seconded by McOllough to approve Resolution (23-42) Police Wages & Benefits (Motion passed 4-1, S. Hennigar absent).

Motioned by D. Hennigar seconded by McOllough to approve the Third/Final Reading of Ordinance 619 amending Chapter 91 - Water Meters (Motion passed 4-0).

Motioned by Flurer seconded by McOllough to accept and adopt the Third/Final Reading of Ordinance 619 amending Chapter 91 - Water Meters (Motion passed 4-0).

Nick Fredrickson of ISG was here to discuss and answer questions pertaining to the next three items.

Motioned by Flurer seconded by McOllough to approve Resolution (23-44) approving change order #1 with Peterson Construction for Water Treatment Facility (Motion passed 4-1, D. Hennigar absent).

Motioned by McOllough seconded by Flurer to approve Resolution (23-43) approving pay request #2 with Peterson for Water Treatment Plant for \$337,250.00 (Motion passed 3-1, S. Hennigar absent & D. Hennigar abstained).

Motioned by D. Hennigar seconded by Flurer to approve Resolution (23-45) approving pay request #5 with McKennis for Aspen Drive for \$219,922.62 (Motion passed 4-1, D. Hennigar absent).

Motioned by D. Hennigar seconded by Flurer to approve Resolution (23-46) Approving Grant Agreement with IEDA for Clarion Downtown Façade Project – Phase 1 adding Mayor Pro-tem as an additional approved signer (Motion passed 4-1, D. Hennigar absent).

Motioned by Flurer seconded by McOllough to approve Resolution (23-47) Approving Grant Administration Agreement with Simmering-Cory for Clarion Downtown Façade Project – Phase 1 (Motion passed 4-1, D. Hennigar absent).

Middleton informed the Council of a Board of Adjustment meeting that happened hours before this meeting. Both variances for garages were approved.

There were no objections to the first meeting in July to be moved to the 5th instead of the 4th. Same location and same time.

Middleton updated the council on the next stages of migrating away from our servers to the cloud. Also moving our gWorks (Payables, Receivables, Billing, Payroll) also moved to the cloud. This will be a process, but it hopefully will be done by the end of the calendar year. There will be some customers facing access so that our citizens will have better access to their account information, payments, and forms. It will be a process but well worth it when it is done. The transfer of the information over to the new system will cost \$1,000.00 and the new system will cost about \$3,000.00 more annually.

Comments from the Council: PWD DeVries informed us that the Emeral Ash Borer is in Clarion. There are 100+ Ash trees on city property that will be inspected and treated. DO NOT CALL City Hall, you will need to contact the DNR to find recommendations (515-281-5918). EMS Director Littlejohn commented that Festival weekend was busy for the ambulance service. In some cases, both ambulances were on separate calls simultaneously. Fireman Gangestad said they served over 750 people for pancakes. CDA President Anderson said investment letters have gone out, she is excited for people to “invest in Clarion.”

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Clint Middleton City Administrator

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Rod Heiden, Mayor