

The Clarion City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 4:30 pm in council chambers with Mayor Duane Asbe presiding. Present were Council members Dave Maxheimer, Andy Young, Teresa Lancaster, Jim Williams, and Dan Hennigar. Also in attendance were DPW Jon DeVries and Chief of Police Steve Terhark.

Mayor Asbe called the meeting to order and polled the council for any conflicts with the agenda; no conflicts of interest were reported.

Motion by Lancaster, seconded by Williams to approve the agenda. Roll call: Young, Aye; Hennigar, Aye; Maxheimer, Aye; Lancaster, Aye; Williams, Aye. Motion passed.

Mayor Asbe inquired if there were any citizens present to address the Council. Peggy O'Neill reminded the council of Clarion Pride's clean-up at the Depot on Friday, October 18 from 8-3 and Saturday, October 18 from 8-11. The Council and Mayor expressed their appreciation for Clarion Pride's efforts to improve the community.

Motion by Lancaster, seconded by Williams, to approve the consent agenda: Minutes – October 1st, 2019; Liquor License: The Red Shed, Hearts & Flowers, The Whimsical Wine Trailer. Roll call: Young, Aye; Hennigar, Aye; Maxheimer, Aye; Lancaster, Aye; Williams, Aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Young, seconded by Hennigar to approve the second reading of an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Clarion, Iowa, 2009, by amending Chapter 65 pertaining to Stop or Yield Required. No citizens have filed remarks, and none were present with remarks. Roll call: Young, Aye; Hennigar, Aye; Maxheimer, Aye; Lancaster, Aye; Williams, Aye. Motion passed.

The council discussed a recommendation by the Public Safety committee to remove up to eight parking spaces from the downtown district to enhance visibility and safety at intersections. The matter was referred back to the committee for further review, and the Chief of Police and DPW were directed to contact affected business owners.

Ali Disney was present on behalf of the Clarion Chamber and Development to present designs and cost estimates for Highway 3 entry signs. The Council and Mayor expressed their appreciation for the Chamber's continued efforts to improve the signage throughout Clarion.

HR Committee Chair Maxheimer reported they are receiving and working through City Administrator applications.

Chief of Police Steve Terhark reported the department is receiving applications for the open officer position. The City received a written request from Che Hanson to extend the deadline for nuisance abatement at specified locations; no specific deadline was requested. The Council appreciated the progress to date, and the Mayor directed the Chief of Police to extend the date of abatement to no longer than December 1, 2019, including the vehicles and/or items at 1402 Central Ave E, items surrounding the building at 1407 Central Ave E, and items surrounding the dwelling at 1413 Central Ave E, with the understanding that no further extensions would be allowed.

DPW Jon DeVries reported the project at the airport is nearing completion. Grundman Hicks is pulling aerators from the waste water treatment plant to address known issues. Demolition on two abandoned homes now owned by the City will proceed according to the contractor's schedule.

The Mayor reported the Hotel/Motel Grant committee meeting will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 17, 2019.

Motion by Williams, seconded by Hennigar, to adjourn. All Ayes, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Ana Lozano, Deputy City Clerk

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Duane D. Asbe, Mayor