

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING
OF THE TOWN OF CLARKSTON

August 1, 2023
7:00 P.M.

Town Council Meeting held at the Clarkston Town Hall, 50 South Main, Clarkston, UT

Attendance: Mayor N. Craig Hidalgo

Councilmembers: Dan Smith, McCall Stephensen,

Town Clerk: Kristi Hidalgo

Absent: Councilmembers: Mylind Fawcett, Shaun Kurek

Public Attendance: Julie Cook – Little Lambs Foundation for Kids, Mike Cook, June Glick, Stephen Ravsten

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hidalgo called the Clarkston Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember D. Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered Reverence to begin the meeting.

2. NEW BUSINESS

Little Lambs Foundation for Kids – Julie Cook – Julie Cook is the family advocate and community resource manager for the Little Lambs Foundation for Kids in Logan, Utah. She came before the Council to raise awareness about the organization. Mrs. Cook stated that Little Lambs Foundation for Kids is a non-profit organization that provide diapers and baby supplies to low-income families and comfort kits to children who are placed in foster care, entering emergency shelters and escaping domestic violence. Little Lambs Foundation for kids provides Utah children and families with basic necessities that they can't afford or otherwise do not have access to. Mrs. Cook said that September 18-24 has been designated National Diaper Need Awareness Week. At the last Town Council Meeting held July 18, 2023 Mayor Hidalgo signed a National Diaper Need Awareness Week Proclamation in support of this organization. Mrs. Cook stated that the proclamation is part of a nationwide declaration to spread awareness of diaper needs nationwide. Mrs. Cook explained that diaper need is defined by not having an adequate amount of clean diapers for babies during the day. In 2010 approximately 1/3 or 33% of children nationwide were in need of diapers. This year (2023) that number has increased to 47% of families in need of diapers. Almost 1 in 2 children are affected by diaper need. The Little Lambs Foundation for Kids in Logan is currently serving 450 -500 families every month. They serve all Cache County residents. Mrs. Cook explained the Teen Parent Program. If teen parents choose to stay in school the foundation will provide 100% of what that child needs while they are in school. They have had 17 parents

graduate from high school because of this program. Mrs. Cook concluded that they couldn't support all these families if it wasn't for the help and donations from all of the communities in Cache Valley. Mayor Hidalgo wondered where donation areas would be during the National Diaper Week Awareness Week. Mrs. Cook replied that if communities were interested in doing any diaper drives during that week the foundation would provide a collection bin and social media graphics and information for the town website.

Ordinance 23-06 "An Ordinance Amending Clarkston Town Code Title 11-1-10; Minor Subdivision Definition and Title 10-1-6 Structure and Temporary Structure Definitions"

The ordinance was tabled because it was determined that a public hearing should be held before approval and adoption of this ordinance.

Business License and Citizen Complaint – Mayor Hidalgo reported that he had received a citizen complaint from Stephen Ravsten against T and S Advanced Waste LLC. Mayor Hidalgo asked Stephen Ravsten to explain his concerns to the Council. Mr. Ravsten said that he wondered what the business license regulated on what can be developed or allowed on the property as far as trash environment. The dumpsters are kept up but there are a lot of them on the property and many times garbage is left in them waiting to be taken to the landfill. Mr. Ravsten reported that he had an unfriendly verbal exchange with the business owner and was uncomfortable with that at his age and felt as a senior citizen the need for physical and civic protection. Mr. Ravsten asked that the Council review how they are complying with business license regulations and what the perspective might be for the company to grow. Mayor Hidalgo advised Mr. Ravsten to notify law enforcement whenever he feels physically threatened by anyone. Clarkston Town has a contract with the Cache County Sheriff's Office and they will come out and help mitigate the situation. Mr. Ravsten wondered what number he would call for help with this type of situation. Mayor Hidalgo stated that he should call 911 or dispatch. Mayor Hidalgo stated that this individual has two business licenses with Clarkston Town, Eagles Trucking Corporation and T & S Advanced Waste LLC. The number of trucks he can have on the property was limited but the number of dumpsters allowed was not addressed. Mayor Hidalgo stated that the Council would address Mr. Ravsten's concerns before renewing the business licenses in 2024. Mayor Hidalgo thanked Mr. Ravsten for coming forward with his questions and concerns. The Council welcomes input from the citizens of Clarkston.

3. DEPARTMENTS

Mayor Hidalgo – Fire Department – Mayor Hidalgo had nothing to report.

National Night Out Against Crime – The 2023 National Night Out Against Crime will be held on August 21, 2023 at 7:00 pm. The Town Council will provide hotdogs, chips, cookies and drinks. The Clarkston Fire Department, Cache County Sheriff's Department, and the Life Flight Helicopter will be there that night.

Green Waste – Mayor Hidalgo reports that Logan City will soon be implementing green waste charges.

Water Department – Water Tank Levels - Mayor Hidalgo stated that the town is now using more water than is coming in but the water tank replenishes during the night. Currently there are no water restrictions in place.

Cemetery – Sprinkling System Project – Mayor Hidalgo reported that the Cemetery Sprinkling System Project has been completed. The next step is to mark the grave sites.

Councilmember D. Smith – Roads Department – Develop a Five-Year Plan – Councilmember D. Smith proposed that the GIS Road Map be used to determine which roads are repaired each year. The map could be laminated and marked up to show which roads have been done and which roads are in utmost need of repair regardless of when they were previously done.

Cemetery Road - Mayor Hidalgo reported that he had put some extra money in the budget to asphalt a road in the new section of the cemetery and around the green shed. Councilmember D. Smith will secure a couple of bids on the project.

Road Seal Around Fire Station – Mayor Hidalgo stated that the parking lot around the fire station has never been sealed and would like to get that asphalt sealed. Mayor Hidalgo said that he already has a bid to do it but thinks it may be best to wait to seal the parking lot until the new Municipal Building and Community Center Project is done.

Councilmember M. Stephensen – July Warrant List – Councilmember M. Stephensen presented the Warrant List for July 2023. Councilmember D. Smith motioned for the Clarkston Town Council to approve the Warrant List as read. Councilmember M. Stephensen seconded the motion. All in favor “Aye.” Motion carried

Citizen Advisory Committee – Councilmember M. Stephensen reported that the next Citizen Advisory Committee meeting would be held August 4, 2023 at 5:00 pm. They will be discussing pickleball court options. They have received one bid on the project. The bid was for 4 pickle ball courts and 1 basketball court. They are seeking additional bids on the project.

Youth Council – Retreat - Councilmember M. Stephensen stated that the Youth Council would be having a Youth Council Retreat on Saturday August 5, 2023 to kick off the new year.

Youth Council Mayor Position - Councilmember M. Stephensen reported that the Youth Council will be having an election to choose a new youth council mayor. Councilmember M. Stephensen said that the youth interested in running for the Youth Council Mayor position would be coming before the Council to discuss why they want to be the mayor.

4. RELEVANT BUSINESS

Next Meeting – The next Town Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday September 5, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

Public Comment –

June Glick – June Glick presented an opportunity for the Town Council to partner with Eric Dowdle to paint a picture of Clarkston Town and turn it into a puzzle that can be sold to the public. Eric Dowdle is the founder and master painter at Dowdle Fold Art Studios in Lindon, Utah. For over 30 years he has been painting towns and turning them into puzzles. For the past thirteen years, however he has embarked on a project to celebrate America's 250th birthday in 2026 by painting towns in each of the states. He has committed the first year of this celebration to Utah. Mrs. Glick explained that Clarkston Town would pay for the 32-by-4- foot puzzle and would be given an exclusive right to sell the jigsaw puzzle at the town hall and profit financially from it. Mrs. Glick wondered if this was something the Town Council would be interested in. She feels that it would be really neat to have our own puzzle of Clarkston Town. Mrs. Glick said that she has all of the contact information about this opportunity. Mayor Hidalgo asked Mrs. Glick to give the information to the Town Clerk Kristi Hidalgo and she will forward it on to Annette Summers who is the Clarkston Town Historian. Mayor Hidalgo said that he ask Mrs. Summers to check into this and get specific details of what the city would have to do or pay and provide her thoughts and feedback to the Council.

5. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember M. Stephensen motioned that the Clarkston Town Council Meeting adjourn. Councilmember D. Smith seconded the motion. All members present voted "Aye." Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Kristi Hidalgo
Town Clerk

