

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING
OF THE TOWN OF CLARKSTON

October 1, 2019
7:00 P.M.

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

Attendance: Mayor N. Craig Hidalgo
Councilmembers: Elaine Goodey, Ryan Thompson,
Lloyd Bytheway, N. Sparks

Kristi Hidalgo, Town Clerk

Public Attendance: Ana Liquin, Jordan Liquin – CAPSA, Mylind Fawcett

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

Mayor Hidalgo addressed the minutes of the Clarkston Town Council Meeting held September 17, 2019. Councilmember N. Sparks motioned for the Clarkston Town Council to approve and adopt the minutes of September 17, 2019. Councilmember E. Goodey seconded the motion. All in favor “Aye”. Motion carried

2. NEW BUSINESS

CAPSA - Ana Liquin – Domestic Violence Awareness Month – Ana Liquin stated that CAPSA Stands for Citizens Against Physical and Sexual Abuse. CAPSA is a non-profit domestic violence, sexual abuse, and rape recovery center serving Cache, Rich, and Franklin Counties. They provide support services for women, men and children impacted by abuse. All of their services are free and confidential. Mrs. Liquin said that abuse is more encompassing than just physical abuse. There is also verbal, emotional, financial, sexual, and spiritual abuse. Mrs. Liquin stated that as an educator it is her role to raise awareness of what domestic violence is within youth and community members. Mrs. Liquin stated that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and so CAPSA wanted to reach out to the communities they serve and make sure they understand what resources are available through CAPSA. CAPSA provides personalized services to help people safely and permanently escape abuse. The following is a list of services they provide:

- 24-Hour Support Phone Line
- Emergency Shelter
- Support Network – Includes housing, economic aid, and legal assistance
- Protective Order Assistance and Civil Stalking Injunction
- Safety Planning
- Adult, Teen, and Children Therapy

- Educational and Support Groups
- Transitional Housing

Mrs. Liquin stated that CAPSA is dedicated to helping every single survivor no matter where they live. Mrs. Liquin reported the following statistics for the State of Utah:

- 1 in 7 men face domestic violence in Utah. That is more than the national average
- 1 in 3 women face domestic violence in Utah. That is more than the national average.
- Last year (2018) CAPSA sheltered 17 men, 144 women and 139 children.
- 86 protective orders were filed for victims of abuse.
- Provided therapy to 388 clients resulting in a total of 2,864 hours of free therapy

Mrs. Liquin declared that she believes that abuse is happening in Utah. Even though we may not visibly see it in our communities very often, it is still happening. Mrs. Liquin left CAPSA pamphlets and face book cards to distribute to citizens. Mrs. Liquin concluded that domestic violence doesn't distinguish between race, gender, rich or poor, young or old. It impacts everyone.

3. DEPARTMENTS

Quarterly Budget Review - The Council reviewed the FY -2020 Financial Statement for the 3 months ending September 30, 2019. Mayor Hidalgo asked the Council to review their department budgets and be aware of what has been spent by their departments. Mayor Hidalgo declared that overall the budget looked good. **See Attachment A**

Town Employee Christmas Party – The Council determined that the Town Employee Christmas Party would be held Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Clarkston Town Community Center. Councilmember E. Goodey is in charge of the party and will make all of the arrangements.

Councilmember R. Thompson – Youth Halloween Activities – The Youth Council will be sponsoring the following Halloween Activities:

- Clarkston Monster Run - Saturday, October 26, 2019, 6:00 p.m. Ages 6-11 will run 1 block, ages 12+ will run 1 mile. Hot chocolate and Apple Cider will be served.
- Clarkston Youth Halloween Movie – The Visit
Saturday, October 26, 2019 at 8:00 p.m. For all Youth ages 12-18
Clarkston Community Center
Drinks/Popcorn. Candy will be available for purchase
- Hotdog roast before the movie for Youth 12-18

Mayor Hidalgo asked Councilmember R. Thompson to make sure that the Youth Council does not build the fire for the hot dog roast on the blacktop or cement around the community center or the town square. Councilmember R. Thompson said he would make sure that doesn't happen.

Councilmember E. Goodey – Emergency Preparedness – Councilmember E. Goodey, reminded the Council that there is a FEMA class scheduled to be taught October 18-19, 2019 at the Smithfield Fire Department. It is on Recovery from Disaster: The Local Government Role. Councilmember E. Goodey stated that after reading about the class she wondered if there should be another committee formed to deal with recovery from a disaster and recommended that that committee be made up of professionals. Clarkston Town has a trained Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT) and other emergency preparedness measures in place but Councilmember E, Goodey believes that recovery from a disaster would necessitate people with more specialized knowledge and experience. Councilmember E. Goodey also wondered if the Councilmember that would be taking over Emergency Preparedness in January 2020 should be the one to attend the training. Mayor Hidalgo responded that his initial thought on the class was just to send a couple people to the class to get a basic understanding of what recovery from a disaster would entail and understand what the Cache County Emergency Management Team has to offer. Councilmember E. Goodey stated that she would try to find two or three people to attend the class. Mayor Hidalgo highly recommended Councilmember E. Goodey contact Will Lusk the Cache County Emergency Management Manager for insight on best emergency preparedness practices and training for Clarkston Town. The Council discussed and determined not to organize a Disaster Recovery Committee at this time. Mayor Hidalgo feels that the town should communicate with the Cache County Management Team and get recommendations from them on emergency preparedness and disaster recovery. Councilmember E. Goodey proposed that when she finishes serving her term on the Town Council, January 1, 2020, that Stacey Goodey take over Emergency Preparedness for Clarkston Town. Councilmember E. Goodey stated that Mrs. Goodey is a trained member of CERT and very qualified to take over. Emergency Preparedness could still be under a Councilmember's supervision. Mayor Hidalgo responded that he would not commit to that. Mayor Hidalgo believes that the Councilmember assigned to be over Emergency Preparedness should make that decision.

Councilmember L. Bytheway – Water Department – Bids on Updating Water Meter Reader System – Councilmember L. Bytheway reported that he contacted the town engineer Scott Archibald from Sunrise Engineering and asked him to put together three or four different options for purchasing a new water meter reader system and present them to the Council at the next Town Council Meeting to be held October 15, 2019. Councilmember L. Bytheway stated that Mr. Archibald told him that there are other companies besides Badger Meter Inc. that offer meter reader systems. Mr. Archibald recommended a company called Neptune. He likes this company because they have a much better customer service department than Badger Meter Inc. It has been Mr. Archibald's experience that when something goes bad Badger Meter Inc. wants to sell you a new product whereas Neptune will try to find a resolution to the problem.

Parks Department – Ricky Thompson Memorial Sign - Councilmember L. Bytheway informed the Council that the Ricky Thompson Memorial Sign was ready and would be mounted to a frame by the Clarkston 2nd Ward Young Men. Councilmember L. Bytheway stated that the Clarkston 2nd Ward Young Men's group volunteered to construct and install a frame for the memorial sign.

New Parks Director – Mayor Hidalgo informed the Council that they would need to be looking for a new Parks Director. Parks Director Christina Atkinson is willing to finish out this year and help train the new Parks Director. The job opening will be posted momentarily. The Council was sorry to hear this. Christina Atkinson has done a fantastic job with the park and will be missed.

Councilmember N. Sparks – September Warrant List – Councilmember N. Sparks presented the Warrant List for September 2019. Councilmember L. Bytheway motioned for the Clarkston Town Council to approve the Warrant List as read. Councilmember R. Thompson seconded the motion. All in favor “Aye”

LUDMA – Councilmember N. Sparks stated that she would like to put a notice in the October Newsletter that there is a five-year LUDMA position available, if anyone is interested.

4. RELEVANT BUSINESS

Next Meeting – The next Town Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday October 15, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

5. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember E. Goodey motioned that the Clarkston Town Council Meeting adjourn. Councilmember R. Thompson seconded the motion. All members present voted “Aye”. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Kristi Hidalgo
Clarkston Town Clerk

