

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING
OF THE TOWN OF CLARKSTON

August 4, 2020
7:00 P.M.

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

Attendance: Mayor N. Craig Hidalgo
Councilmembers: Nichole Sparks, Mylind Fawcett,
Dan Smith, Jessica Buttars

Kristi Hidalgo, Town Clerk

Public Attendance: Mike Kelly, LeRoy Goodey

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 July 7, 2020. Councilmember M. Fawcett motioned for the Clarkston Town Council to approve and adopt the minutes of July 7, 2020. Councilmember D. Smith seconded the motion. All in favor "Aye". Motion carried

2. NEW BUSINESS

LeRoy Goodey – Historic Preservation Commission Report – LeRoy Goodey came before the Council to present the Semi-annual Clarkston Historic Preservation Committee Report.

See Attachment A

Mr. Goodey stated that he represented a group of very dedicated ladies that are trying to preserve Clarkston's history. Mr. Goodey said that the tithing granary project is pretty much complete. A new set of stairs have been added for access to the granary and a railing has been installed, making it safe for people now. Mr. Goodey informed the Council that the Historic Preservation Commission is in the process of trying to get a grant to purchase a lift for handicap access. Mr. Goodey reported that installing electricity in the granary is the next project. At this time, the over-head lighting is being provided by the Larry Thompson family. Mr. Goodey revealed that the Historic Preservation Commission are currently collecting histories from Clarkston Veterans and the museum, itself is beginning to house artifacts from members in the community who have been generous to donate items from their pioneer heritage. A Tithing Granary Open-House has tentatively been set for the month of September.

Resolution 20-09 - "A Resolution Implementing the National League of Cities and Towns Service Line Program" - Mayor Godfrey read the resolution and asked for a

motion to adopt Resolution 20-09. Councilmember N. Sparks motioned for the Council to approve and adopt Resolution 20-09. Councilmember J. Buttars seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Hidalgo	☒ Aye	☐ No	☐ Abstain	☐ Absent
Councilmember D. Smith	☐ Aye	☐ No	☒ Abstain	☐ Absent
Councilmember J. Buttars	☒ Aye	☐ No	☐ Abstain	☐ Absent
Councilmember M. Fawcett	☒ Aye	☐ No	☐ Abstain	☐ Absent
Councilmember N. Sparks	☒ Aye	☐ No	☐ Abstain	☐ Absent

3. DEPARTMENTS

Mayor Hidalgo - Green Waste Dumpster – Mayor Hidalgo reported that the Cache County Council did not approve any of the three green waste options presented to them by the Logan City Environmental Department. Mayor Hidalgo stated that Logan City agreed to temporarily place a green waste dumpster in Clarkston until the Cache County Council made a decision. Mayor Hidalgo said that he doesn't know if Logan City will remove their green waste dumpster or leave it for the rest of the summer. If it is removed the town will contact Tileo Perez and proceed with renting a green waste dumpster from him. The Council already approved a \$3.05 Green Waste Fee to be added to the monthly utility statements for the purpose of contracting with a private company to provide green waste service to the community. Mayor Hidalgo specified that the fee wouldn't be assessed until the dumpster is in place. Mayor Hidalgo stated that he did not know if the Cache County Council is working on a follow-up green waste proposal to present to the Logan City Environmental Department.

Councilmember N. Sparks - July Warrant List – Councilmember N. Sparks presented the Warrant List for July 2020. Councilmember M. Fawcett motioned for the Clarkston Town Council to approve the Warrant List as read. Councilmember N. Sparks seconded the motion.

LUDMA - Councilmember N. Sparks reported that the next LUDMA Meeting would be held Monday August 10, 2020 and Tayler Jensen the Cache Countywide Planner would be there to discuss Clarkston Town's Annexation Plan.

LUDMA Commissioner – Councilmember N. Sparks stated that there is a vacancy in the LUDMA Commission. Mike Harris resigned, due to conflicting work schedule.

Councilmember M. Fawcett – Water Department – Water Meter Reader Replacement Project – Councilmember M. Fawcett reported that he had not heard when Meterworks plans to begin the project. Mayor Hidalgo stated that the plan is to install all of the meters this year. Mayor Hidalgo does not want to divide the project up into two phases. He feels it is best to get it all done at once. The Town Clerk Kristi Hidalgo will contact Meterworks and find out when they plan to begin the project.

Public Hearing – The Council decided that a Public Hearing for the purpose of amending the Water Utility Fund Budget to include expenses for the Water Meter Replacement Project would be held August 18, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall. The regularly scheduled Town Council Meeting will be held immediately following the Public Hearing.

National Night Out Against Crime – The Council discussed whether or not to hold National Night Out Against Crime this year due to the Coronavirus Pandemic.

Councilmember M. Fawcett stated that there are some Covid-19 cases in Clarkston Town and his personal opinion is that the event should be cancelled. School will be starting and holding the event could trigger an outbreak. Councilmember J. Buttars stated that she doesn't think the situation is any different now than it was back in June.

Councilmember J. Buttars doesn't believe that it would be possible to social distance at such an event and was not in favor of holding it. Mayor Hidalgo agreed that social distancing at such a function would be difficult to enforce. Mayor Hidalgo confirmed that the Coronavirus is in Clarkston Town and reported that there are twelve known cases in town, at this time. Mayor Hidalgo stated that he would prefer to cancel National Night out against Crime this year. Councilmember N. Sparks stated that the Council should not put at risk members of the community in peril. Councilmember N. Sparks was not in favor of holding it. Councilmember D. Smith stated that the Coronavirus is not going away so we need to get on with our lives. Instead of focusing on what we can't do focus on what we can do and get on with our lives. Councilmember D. Smith was not in favor of cancelling National Night Out Against Crime. He feels that there is a safe way to still hold the event. Mayor Hidalgo asked the Council if they had any further discussion on this. There was no further discussion. Mayor Hidalgo called for a vote on cancelling this year's National Night Out Against Crime.

Vote:

Mayor Hidalgo	☒ Aye	☒ No	☐ Abstain	☐ Absent
Councilmember D. Smith	☐ Aye	☒ No	☐ Abstain	☐ Absent
Councilmember J. Buttars	☒ Aye	☐ No	☐ Abstain	☐ Absent
Councilmember M. Fawcett	☒ Aye	☐ No	☐ Abstain	☐ Absent
Councilmember N. Sparks	☒ Aye	☐ No	☐ Abstain	☐ Absent

Councilmember D. Smith – Road Department – Road Equipment – The Council is considering trading in the New Holland Tractor and attachments for a skid-steer.

Councilmember D. Smith handed out copies of price quotes. **See Attachment B**

The following are the price quotes and options:

1. Bobcat of Cache Valley

Option 1 – Track Skid-steer Loader –\$49,488

The Advantage of tracks is that it would not sink down very far in the grass at the cemetery. The disadvantage is that they are very slippery in the snow.

Option 2 – Wheeled Skid-steer Loader - \$40,841

These prices include the trade-in value of the tractor. (\$10,000)

Snow Blower and Mower Attachments – \$14,929

2. Century Equipment

Option 1 - Wheeled Skid-steer - \$49,273

Price includes the trade-in value of the tractor (\$10,000)

Snow Blower and Mower Attachments - \$13,791

Option 2 – Annual Municipal Lease - \$8,000

If the machine is purchased at the end of the lease Century Equipment will apply the lease payment towards the purchase of the skid-steer. The purchase price is \$49,273. Customers must purchase all attachments.

Councilmember D. Smith stated that selling the tractor outright on KSL would probably be better than trading it in. He believes instead of \$10,000 the town could get \$18,000 for the tractor. Councilmember N. Sparks wondered why the tractor needed to be replaced. Councilmember D. Smith stated that the snow blower is on the back of the tractor so drivers have to keep looking behind them when using it. The tractor is going in reverse all of the time. The snow blower is attached in front of the skid-steer making it more efficient to use and easier to see. Mayor Hidalgo stated that the tractor has a lot of hours on it and is old enough that it needs to be replaced and the mower attachment is completely worn out. Mayor Hidalgo asked Council to look over the price quotes and contact either him or Councilmember D. Smith with any questions or comments regarding them. Mayor Hidalgo and Councilmember D. Smith will review the Road Department Budget and determine the best option for the town.

Parks Department – Sprinkler System – Mayor Hidalgo reported that there were funds leftover in the FY 2020 Parks Department Budget and that part of those surplus funds are being used to add additional sprinkling system lines at the park and to automate the entire sprinkling system. Mayor Hidalgo informed the Council that no one has been willing to accept the Parks Director position because they don't want to manually water the town square. Mayor Hidalgo informed the Council that the rest of the FY 2020 Park Department surplus funds have been used to revamp the 76-er. The following upgrades have been done to the 76-er:

- Moved the fridge from the bottom level of the Community Center to the 76-er and bought a new fridge with a freezer for the bottom level of the Community Center
- Bought a small freezer for the 76-er
- Installed new LED lighting
- New speakers for the sound system
- New water heater
- New toilets in restrooms

Councilmember J. Buttars – Cemetery Department – Cemetery Expansion – Mayor Hidalgo reported that he had been in contact with Nathan Ricks the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Facilities Coordinator for our area and was told that the Church is putting a plan together to assist the town in removing the slag and bringing in clean dirt. Mayor Hidalgo stated that this probably won't take place until next spring. In

the meantime the Council decided to secure bids on going ahead with having 20 feet of slag removed from the parking lot, east of the cemetery and clean fill brought in.

4. RELEVANT BUSINESS

August Newsletter Items – Mayor Hidalgo stated that if the Council had any items that they wanted to have put in the August Newsletter to get them to the Town Clerk Kristi Hidalgo by August 10, 2020.

Next Meeting – The next meeting will be a Public Hearing and a Town Council Meeting and will be held Tuesday August 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comment

Mike Kelly – Mike Kelly stated that he was surprised to learn tonight that there have been Covid -19 cases in town. Mr. Kelly stated that he hadn't heard about it from anywhere else but here and wondered how he could get more information on cases in Clarkston. Mr. Kelly said that he doesn't see anyone in the town practicing social distancing or wearing masks. Mayor Hidalgo stated that Bear River Health Department has daily updates for the different counties but not for specific cities or towns. Mr. Kelly stated that there are ways to hold activities and still social distance. Mr. Kelly mentioned that before he moved to Clarkston he lived in Smithfield City and he received a notice that the Smithfield Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saint Ward Bishops were going to deliver ice cream to all the people in the city. They were also going to have a drive-in barbecue dinner.

Jerry McDowell – Jerry McDowell said that he was the son of Rick and Dottie West and that Rick died a couple months ago and he is taking care of his mom. Mr. McDowell stated that he got behind on his water bill and paid it about a month ago. Mr. McDowell said that he got a bill today, August 4th for \$113, it is not due until the 10th of August yet his water got shut off today. Mayor Hidalgo replied that he did not ever pay his water bill in full. Mayor Hidalgo told Mr. McDowell that to get water service turned back on the current full balance of the utility account and a reconnection fee of \$100 must be paid. Mayor Hidalgo stated that Mr. McDowell's water was shut off on June 26, 2020 and Mr. McDowell paid \$600 leaving a balance of \$55.30. Mayor Hidalgo stated that he allowed Mr. McDowell to sign a Partial Payment Agreement Contract that stated he would pay the remaining balance on or before 1:30 pm June 29, 2020. Failure to do so would result in his water being shut off again without further notice. Mr. McDowell failed to pay the remaining balance so his water was turned off again today, August 4th. Mr. McDowell argued that no one said anything to him about a contract and that he never signed any contract. The Town Clerk Kristi Hidalgo got the signed contract and gave it to Mayor Hidalgo. Mayor Hidalgo showed Mr. McDowell the contract and asked him if that was his signature on the contract. Mr. McDowell stated that it was. Mayor Hidalgo told Mr. McDowell that he needed to pay the remaining balance due and his water would get turned back on. Mr. McDowell paid the remaining balance to the Town Clerk Kristi Hidalgo. Mayor Hidalgo asked Councilmember M. Fawcett to contact Water Operator

Bryan Goodsell and have him turn Mr. McDowell's water back on. Mayor Hidalgo told Mr. McDowell that technically he should be paying another \$100 reconnection fee to get his water turned on but that he would waive it this one time.

5. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember N. Sparks 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 8:11 pm.

Kristi Hidalgo
Town Clerk

