

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING
OF THE TOWN OF CLARKSTON

August 2, 2022
7:00 P.M.

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

Attendance: Mayor N. Craig Hidalgo

Councilmembers: Mylind Fawcett, Shaun Kurek
McCall Stephensen

Town Clerk: Kristi Hidalgo

Absent: Councilmember D. Smith

Public Attendance: There was no public attendance at this Meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hidalgo called the Clarkston Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Hidalgo 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 12, 2022. Councilmember M. Fawcett motioned for the Clarkston Town Council to approve and adopt the minutes of July 12, 2022. Councilmember S. Kurek seconded the motion. All in favor "Aye". Motion carried

2. BUSINESS

Executive Session - Legal Litigation Strategy- Mayor Hidalgo asked for a recommendation to go into an executive session to discuss a legal litigation case. Councilmember M. Fawcett made the motion to go into an Executive Session. Councilmember M. Stephensen seconded the motion. All in favor "Aye". Motion carried. At 7:04 p.m. the Mayor and Council entered into an Executive Session.

Mayor Hidalgo and the Council returned from Executive Session at 7:09 p.m. Mayor Hidalgo asked for a motion to return to the regular Town Council Meeting. Councilmember S. Kurek made a motion to return to the regular Town Council Meeting. Councilmember M. Stephensen seconded the motion. All in favor "Aye" Motion carried.

Amphitheater Use Requests - Mayor Hidalgo stated that the Town Clerk Kristi Hidalgo had received a couple requests for use of the amphitheater. One request was from Tyler Mecham for Clarkston 2nd Ward. He would like to have a Ward Fireside on August 30, 2022 at 7:00 pm. There would be approximately 100 people of all ages attending. He has invited a guest speaker to share his life conversion experience. The second request was from Brent Godfrey. He would like to use the amphitheater on August 20, 2022 for a Young Single Adult Stake Fireside. Approximately 200 people would be in attendance. They would arrive sometime between 5:00 and 7:00 pm. They will have a couple guest speakers and will bring their own speaker system. Mr. Godfrey also reserved the east

pavilion at the park for the group to have dinner. Councilmember S. Kurek motioned for the Council to approve the Amphitheater Use Requests and Councilmember M. Fawcett seconded the motion. All in favor "Aye". Motion carried

Verizon Wireless Tower/Lease – Mayor Hidalgo reported that Verizon is interested in constructing a tower in Clarkston. Mayor Hidalgo met with the Verizon Preliminary Planner and the following four areas were looked at as possible sites:

1. Town yard
2. Gravel pit
3. Cemetery
4. Town Square

Mayor Hidalgo stated that it was determined that the best site would be up at the town yard. Mayor Hidalgo provided Verizon with the Cache County ordinance on wireless towers because Clarkston doesn't have one. The town may need to adopt one. Mayor Hidalgo referenced the Land Lease Agreement proposed by Verizon. See Attachment A Mayor Hidalgo said that Verizon would pay Clarkston Town a monthly rental payment of approximately \$900 per month. Other cell service providers could also come in and utilize that tower and would pay a rental fee as well. Mayor Hidalgo said that he sees this as a good opportunity for the town to generate revenue to help pay for the new town hall. Mayor Hidalgo asked the Council to review the Land Lease Agreement and be prepared to discuss and make a decision at the next Town Council Meeting to be held on August 16, 2022.

Clarkston Town Prosecution Services – Mayor Hidalgo stated that the town pays the Cache County Attorneys Office an annual retainer fee of \$1,200 for Prosecution Services. Mayor Hidalgo said that in the five years he has been mayor he hasn't ever had to use them until now and he is frustrated with how difficult it has been to get them to engage and want to handle a prevailing case. Mayor Hidalgo reported that he had contacted Olson & Hoggan about providing Prosecution Services for Clarkston Town. Mayor Hidalgo referenced the Engagement Letter outlining the terms and conditions of the proposed engagement of the Firm. See Attachment B Mayor Hidalgo specified that they do not require a retainer fee. They only charge for services rendered. The Council discussed and determined to hire the Olson & Hoggan Law Firm to serve as Prosecutor for Clarkston Town. Councilmember S. Kurek made the motion. Councilmember M. Stephensen seconded the motion. All in favor "Aye". Motion carried. After the Cache County Attorney's Office has resolved the existing case Mayor Hidalgo will notify them that Clarkston Town no longer needs their services.

Garbage Collection – Mayor Hidalgo reported that Lewiston, Smithfield and Richmond Cities have pulled out of the consortium. There is a small waste management company that has been working behind the scenes getting individual mayors to sign up with them. Mayor Hidalgo stated that the Request for Proposal (RFP) had been sent out to interested waste management companies and bids should be September 9, 2022. Mayor Hidalgo clarified that Logan City will not provide dumpster service to anyone outside of Logan City limits.

Town Hall Project – Mayor Hidalgo reported that the engineering is almost complete. There are some new state code regulations that still need to be worked out on the plans. Utah State Code requires that there be two outside doors for each civic center room in the lower level and they are supposed to be on different walls. Putting a door on the north and south sides of the community center will not work with the snow and winter weather here in Clarkston. Mayor Hidalgo is trying to get the engineer and inspector to sign off on putting all of the doors on the east wall of the building. There would be two outside doors on the east wall of both civic center rooms. As soon as this is all worked out the town can apply for a building permit and get it out to bid. There was a discussion on stoves in the community center rooms. Stoves would add a significant amount of money to the cost of the building due to the ventilation system that would be required per Utah State Commercial Building Code. The Council discussed sending out a survey to determine how citizens feel about this amenity. Mayor Hidalgo stated that he would like to obtain public donations to help with funding the project. A name plaque of persons making donations would be mounted on the new building. In addition to public donations, Councilmember M. Stephensen proposed doing a fund raiser such as a Fall Harvest Festival to raise money for the town hall. Mayor Hidalgo thought that was a great idea. Councilmember M. Stephensen agreed to spearhead this effort.

Roads Department – Mayor Hidalgo reported that road repairs have been completed for this fiscal year however there were funds left over so he approved a black fog seal coat to be applied on the roads that were chip and sealed this year. Mayor Hidalgo said that he told Roads Supervisor David Hale to have the Cache County Road Department bid the seal coat into the cost of road repairs, in the future.

Councilmember M. Fawcett – Water Department – Councilmember M. Fawcett reported that the water situation is good and should be for the rest of the summer.

Councilmember M. Stephensen - July Warrant List – Councilmember M. Stephensen presented the Warrant List for July 2022. Councilmember S. Kurek motioned for the Clarkston Town Council to approve the Warrant List as read. Councilmember M. Fawcett seconded the motion. All in favor “Aye.” Motion carried

Councilmember S. Kurek – Cemetery Department – Councilmember S. Kurek reported that he had contacted another sprinkling system company and would be getting a second bid on the Cemetery sprinkling system.

Neighborhood Watch – Councilmember S. Kurek said that there have been a lot of semi-trucks going up the short divide road still. Mayor Hidalgo stated that the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) had approved and put in a work order for two short divide signs prohibiting 18 wheelers from using the Short Divide Road. The signs will be installed on SR 142. UDOT is also working with Google to get that route changed.

4. RELEVANT BUSINESS

Next Meeting – The next Town Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday August 16, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

5. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember M. Stephensen motioned that the Clarkston Town Council Meeting adjourn. Councilmember S. Kurek seconded the motion. All members present voted "Aye." Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Town Clerk