

SURVEY COMMENTS

COMMENTS FROM ON-LINE SURVEY

Possible other uses could include private or city run S.T.E.M related education classes for local children and adults for continuing education or job re-training

Best use 1.City hall and affiliated uses 2. S.T.E.M related education classrooms

sell it stop trying to control the everything

I would like to see the city utilize the facility.

A private entity should own the building if there is interest in it.

Who will be paying the bill on this? The buildings should be inspected by a 3rd party to determine what expected costs could be before the City jumps into a money pit. The city has plenty of streets to work on before taking on another financial burden.

If the buildings go to private ownership there will be tax revenue, and no revenue if the city ends up with them.

I want to see the buildings be used and i DONT wanna see them tore down or like the run down buildings uptown thats filled with junk!

The city needs to get more businesses brought into Clarence. Grocery store, Dollar General, other retail stores. They need to lay off of and leave the citizens alone on several matters.

I thought the city already owned the school building. Personally, all of the Clarence kids should be going to school in Clarence...K-12... Not somewhere else. The Clarence school building is big enough to house them all

As my childhood home it would be sad for it to go.

Why not a gym with equipment run it like the ymca

I would like to change my answer on the playground equipment. I would like it kept in the city limits of Clarence.

Who had the plan for paying for all of this?

The city should have the option of getting it for better city facilities if necessary. I would be all for it.

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Could possibly contact with area colleges to offer evening classes in some of the rooms as well as technical/trade/apprenticeships; could open part of building as a shelter for domestic violence; could look at converting to a juvenile justice center close to BNJJC or the Justice Center in Columbia, MO. Could convert part of the building into a day program for elderly and people with developmental disabilities. Although the state is trying to do away with sheltered workshops, could convert this into a factory of sorts and give hourly wage positions to people with developmental disabilities that struggle to find competitive employment.

Possibly rent out to Moberly Area CC for classes.

I think city offices , library and police station in addition to a community center and gym for the community

If the buildings were not good enough to keep the school then this survey seems rather ridiculous. Is the school good enough to do things in - then it should be good enough to keep it open as a school... truth seems to be coming out

I think survey will stir up old feelings that had finally seemed to rest some

If thought out this is a great opportunity for Clarence to upgrade our community.

It would be great for the city to own the bldg and anything that lets the community use it is great!

Possibly expand historical museum into the space if possible. Have a place for a senior center/coffee/ exercise groups. Library. Internet cafe.

Clarence definitely needs a business incubator! Any new business that wants to open can't always afford to build a new building but there are none available that aren't falling down. Even a thrift store would be nice. Also, would it be possible in the new gymnasium to build a theatre similar to the Hawkins theatre? Is this something the Civic Club could contribute to? We need something in Clarence! Younger people are staying in other towns & building them up and keeping them going. We definitely need something to keep people here.

Is it possible for city officials or Civic Club members to talk to other towns and see what they do for their communities? For example, Bevier is really growing. Young people are staying & starting businesses. Look at Salisbury....so many businesses in a town of 1600. Businesses that are staying. Also, check into Dollar General or a Dollar Tree again. Don't give up!

It would be great to see this used as a community building, but who would pay for it and the upkeep?

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Thank you for letting the citizens of Clarence be heard!

THE CITY MUST CONTROL ITS USE OR IT WILL BECOME A DETRIMENT.

WE CANT JUST SIT BACK AND HOPE FORTHE BEST. WE MUST ACT AND PUSH FORWARD

The building should be used for the community, as well as any equipment. This town has no actual park or area for kids to play (that is sanitary), and needs one. Keep the school for the kids and for the community. Not for business purposes and DEFINITELY not as a correctional facility.

Hopefully Clarence will get these buildings and can utilize them for community purposes. EVERYONE needs to work together to make this successful!!!!

I think the buildings should be used for community development and betterment.

I would like to see the building used for low-income housing if the City doesn't buy it

Who will pay for this? Rate payers on utility bills?

I think the buildings should be used for low income housing allow pets not just special care animals for those who need them or want em. Could be a decent grocery store. Would be nice for something the town really needs something the other towns like macon or shelbina has so we don't have to travel so far even a mini mall would be good

Even when the school is turned into whatever is decided play ground should stay it's where the kids gather and the only good sized play ground in town don't take away the one thing the kids in town have for socialising and playing

All of the listed ideas are good and could all be done at the same time.

The city can't take care of what they already have and they have no rights to have anything to do with the school building and they've screwed up everything else in this town,

I'm pretty sure that you don't want to hear anything else about the city having there crocked minds in control of anything , Cindy needs to go she not honest

I enjoyed playing basketball on Wednesday evenings with a bunch of my friends and would love to keep doing it in the future.

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The building needs to be occupied daily. Do not rely on the citizens of Clarence to keep the building busy and occupied. Need to look outside the community for businesses to come use the building. Would love for the community to be able to use it but I don't think they'll keep it up and generate money to do so. Is Shelby co economic development helping with this at all?

Would like to see the building rented out for events.

A all-around community center is great idea. Clarence does not need a jail!

As an outsider, I have no stake in this decision but I pray you are able to utilize the building wisely and effectively. I hate seeing things become dilapidated waste.

I would just like to see it used for something positive

I think that the new part of the building be used for adult education classes, partner with some of the colleges and do night classes for adults, EMT classes could be held, or first responder classes. The Macon Square Dance Club cannot dance at the regular place due to covid, so they are always looking for a place to dance at. Family Gatherings and during the summer you could use the kitchen are to serve meals to the kids. But I think that the city needs to utilize those buildings. You could hold 3 on 3 basketball tournaments in the summer on the outside and inside courts. I think using those Library Facilites and the Police Department and the City Office moving in the new building would be a great idea. But please no jail or any kind of holding facility. That's what Shelbyville Jail is for. It could be used for Senior Citizens for quilting that they have done in the past. Senior Citizens facility for playing cards could happen during the day while the city office is open and then they could stay until they close. Craft shows, but don't just let it sit. Blood mobiles, I could go on and on.

Use it for the community of Clarence, don't just let it sit, but be smart about it and use it for the good of the people of Clarence.

I don't live in the city limits, but I am a property owner and a tax payer. I think the city should seriously try to aquire the playground and keep it where it is so the children have a place to play. They need the ball field, the basketball court and the playground equipment.

Movie theater bowling alley combo.thanks

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Live in Shelby County. Hate New school was built and I live in shelbina

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Don't let Dustin Schafer get it or you will be fighting a problem just like the buildings up town now.

Please use the building a recreation area for kids after school and on the weekends. Provide a positive alternative.

Use it as a community resource

It would be nice to see the buildings get used instead of deteriorate over time. City hall is good where it is, I like the idea of using the older part as a community building.

Open something in the building that will bring more business and income into Clarence. Multiple rooms and offices are available. Clarence needs something to bring back business and bring more employment to town

That school building is the heart of this town, we need it to keep us alive! I would rather see the city spend their money on taking care of the building rather than spending money on tearing it down or paying a lawyer to get it tore down in 10 years because someone that bought it stored, a bunch of stuff in it and it became ran down.

Craft shows, fairs in gym,

You should rent it out as a wedding venue, or have craft shows there

Just let Paul Hutcherson trash it up like he has done to the rest of the city of Clarence.

GED center local MACC/John Wood classes, Small business start up future library free city hall up for city business only.

It is a good idea to use the buildings for various enterprises. The city offices surely have outgrown their present facilities. The other suggestions on the survey were all needed in Clarence as so many buildings have been lost in the last few years. Because there are several factories that operate 24-7, there is a need for round the clock including weekends for child care, and especially when schools are closed, but parents are still working. Not much different than full time nursing home care. A store of donated, used clothing, "Momma's Closet" in one of the rooms would be a good addition, with someone to help with repairs to garments if needed. If you want to contact me: Lynda Proper 660-676-8961. Thanks

All good ideas.

Everyone should be able to voice their opinion no matter who they are!! Especially if they grew up here or went to the elementarys.

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Listen to everyones voice and don't argue with their opinion. It's their opinion for a reason.

It needs to be used for something, so it does not go to waste... I would like to see it used for a daycare facility, after school programs, open gym, and or small business

Those buildings should be used by the city. Too many assets to let go.

COMMENTS FROM PAPER SURVEYS

Let the school board take care of this problem. If the building was any good it would still be a school. Do not get stuck with a money pit that will be expensive to demolish.

Way too valuable property to use for storage. Tack a chance. We don't want to say "We should have done this."

Would need to know more information about the use as a jail before making my decision.

How about the possibility of Macon Vo-Tec Classes?

Open Gym could be a "part" of an organized over all use of the buildings.

We are hoping to see these buildings used for multiple uses - business type offices and other community uses.

It may be that some other business opportunity might be interested "after" the dangers of the COVID is passed. Some decision should take this into consideration & not be hastily made now.

Some type of use by the Veterans Adm might be possible.

If something could be done for the kids should the community center win the vote. i.e. arcade games, pool table, air hockey etc. At least ther would be an income.

Keep playground! Divide property. Don't buy buildings!

All options should be looked at.

You will need at least 2 full-time employees for main custodian, secretary/bookkeeper. I think the community ought to pass a property tax levy to help cover the cost.

Maybe MACC might be interested in using it for classes. Does this mean the older building too? That is a great gym floor.

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Maybe the MACC can use it for classes for around here.

Business incubator would need written guidelines.

Move "Clarence Historical Society" there.

Do not use jail facility in same building as children

I am not sure what to use it for. I think it should be used and kept up.

Possibly move Clarence Historical Society display to this bigger more climate controlled environment. The school library rooms would be perfect for this.

Approach colleges to have satellite classes in evenings or otherwise in the building.

Allow scouting / youth programs to meet int the building.

OPEN GYM with adult supervision only.

Building needs to not become an eyesore or a drag on the city's budget. But would be good asset otherwise.

Maybe keep the playground for the city and sell the buildings. There would be less maintenance.

Possibly rent rooms out for the antique shops, other businesses in the old high school building. MWW