

CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
February 23, 2015

COUNCIL:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beadles	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nash
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provost	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Baumberger
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kolstad	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Blackmon
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Manchester	

STAFF:

Chief Hastings Chief Cooper Clerk Storey City Attorney Grow PWD Martin

AGENDA CHANGES:

APPROVAL OF: MOTION BY BEADLES/PROVOST to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2015, Regular Meeting. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A. From the Public:

B. From Mayor: Mayor Warren said the City received a letter from Mr. & Mrs. Brown thanking the paramedics for their response which they credit with saving their daughter's life.

C. From Staff: PWD Martin reported that work has begun on the 13th Street project. Councilmember Provost asked about the financing. Martin said it is funded with federal dollars with a small match from the city.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: Councilmember Provost reported the bills were reviewed and approved for payment. Total expenditures for February 23, 2015 of \$819,229.49. MOTION BY PROVOST/BLACKMON to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Public Safety: Committee met February 17. Attending were Beadles, Jones, Braddock, Cooper, Hastings. The revised mutual aid agreement with Lewiston was reviewed. It is on agenda for approval. The fire department will be reviewed in the near future for classification rating. An ambulance has been out of service for repairs.

Chief Hastings presented the new Challenge Coins for police officers. They were designed by Commander Jim Smith and will be presented to officers who perform beyond the call of duty. Interviews are being conducted for the Commander position. Body cameras are being reviewed for purchase. Building security is being reviewed.

Public Works: No meeting.

Admin Committee: Councilmember Manchester said committee met earlier today. They reviewed the proposed Biosolids Agreement with Clearwater Composting. It is on agenda for approval.

Community Development: Committee met on February 17. In attendance were Kolstad, Lierman and Beadles. Kris Rathbun discussed a new art project. She is proposing murals for the restrooms building at Foster Park. She requested a paint allowance of \$150 for the project.

Belinda discussed the legislative conference calls that are held at the Port office twice a month.

Kolstad discussed SB5417 and SB5493. SB5417 is a proposal to share marijuana excise taxes with local entities. SB5493 covers products made with marijuana extracts. He said that the legislators are also addressing the medical vs. recreational marijuana issues.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Approval of Art Project for Foster Park

MOTION BY KOLSTAD/BEADLES to approve the art project for Foster Park. Beadles said the paint allowance can come from the park maintenance budget. Kolstad amended the motion to include the \$150 paint allowance and Beadles seconded. Motion carried.

B. Mutual Aid Agreement with City of Lewiston

MOTION BY BEADLES/NASH to approve the mutual aid agreement with City of Lewiston. Beadles commended Chief Cooper for his diligence in getting an agreement with Lewiston. Cooper gave credit also to Chief Myklebust. Motion carried.

C. Biosolids & Composting Agreement with Clearwater Composting

MOTION BY MANCHESTER/BEADLES to authorize the mayor to sign the agreement with Clearwater Composting. Beadles asked about the provision to process water. Martin said it would only be used if the leachate pond were overfull, then they would bring excess to the WWTP for processing. Motion carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Nash congratulated Clarkston High School for their successful season in wrestling and basketball. He also apologized for missing several committee meetings due to work.

Councilmember Kolstad said he had an email exchange with Lewiston Police Chief Orr about the problems Lewiston is seeing as a result of Washington’s legalization of marijuana. He would like to see the City participate in some education for the public on the difference in laws between the states.

Councilmember Blackmon said he feels it is up to the users to know the laws, not the city to educate them. Blackmon commented that news reports since marijuana legalization in Colorado and Washington law enforcement reports indicate that the influx of marijuana from Mexico has decreased by 28%. But now they are importing more heroin and cocaine into the states.

Councilmember Beadles commented that Nebraska and Oklahoma have lawsuits against Colorado because of people bringing marijuana into their states.

Kolstad said he thinks one of the roles of government is to educate people. He said Chief Orr has had qualified candidates who have not been eligible for employment because of marijuana use. He thinks a reminder of the consequences of marijuana use would be a good thing.

MEDIA QUESTIONS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Vickie Storey, City Clerk

Kathleen A. Warren, Mayor

Total Fund Expenditures, 2/24/15	Ck # 58557-58610, Excise-1/20/15	\$691,344.30
Payroll, 2/15/15	Ck #58536-58556	\$127,885.19