

**CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**March 28, 2016**

ROLL CALL: Terry Beadles, George Nash, Skate Pierce, Belinda Campbell, Brian Kolstad, Kelly Blackmon.

Absent/Excused: Monika Beauchamp (excused on a motion by Beadles/Pierce)

STAFF:

Chief Cooper  Clerk Storey  City Attorney Richardson  PWD Martin

**AGENDA CHANGES:**

**APPROVAL OF:** Minutes of the March 14, 2016, Regular Meeting were approved as presented.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**A. From the Public:**

Peggy Shinn, 945 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

**B. From Mayor:** Mayor Lawrence announced that WCIA will be providing council training on April 18.

Mayor Lawrence said she attended the Confluence Waterfront meeting last week. The focus of the meeting was around City of Asotin's desire to reclaim some of the waterfront that the Corp of Engineers now owns.

Mayor Lawrence thanked Councilmember Nash for his service to the council and the city. She presented a certificate of appreciation to Nash.

**C. From Staff:** PWD Martin reported that he recently received a notice from WSDOT about a new program seeking comments about what improvements the city would like to see DOT do in the City.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance:** Councilmember Beadles reported the bills were reviewed and approved for payment. Total expenditures for the March 28, 2016 of \$177,221.64. MOTION BY BEADLES/BLACKMON to approve the bills. Motion carried.

**Public Safety:** Councilmember Beadles reported on the March 15 meeting. Chief Cooper discussed the hours worked by reserve firefighters. Chief Cooper is working with the city attorney on single source purchase of the vehicle exhaust system. The brush truck is being assembled.

Chief Hastings discussed pending legislation on the use of body cameras. Chief Hastings discussed the use of traffic calming street improvements.

Committee is recommending that the city add July 5<sup>th</sup> to the days fireworks are legal to discharge.

**Public Works:** Councilmember Pierce reported on the March 15 meeting. Dan Prasil talked with the committee about making improvements to the skate park.

Committee discussed budgeting funds from TBD tax revenue for sidewalk improvements.

PWD Martin is working with Asotin County on an Interlocal agreement to use their Small Works Roster.

The city is still in negotiations the alley right of way at 628 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Admin Committee:** Councilmember Blackmon committee met on March 28. There were no items for discussion.

**Community Development:** Committee met on March 15. Councilmember Campbell said members of the community attended to see about progress on the beekeeping issue.

Tom Ledgerwood and Rick Wasem discussed a proposal to deed the Clarkston Free Parking lots to the city.

Campbell presented a Community Appreciation certificate to Colleen Squires.

**Outside Organizations:** Councilmember Nash reported on the Health District meeting on March 28. He urged someone from council to volunteer as his replacement on the board. Councilmember Pierce volunteered to serve.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A. Ordinance No. 1561, Ambulance User Fee Increase – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading for Action**

Ordinance No. 1561 was read by title. MOTION BY BLACKMON/KOLSTAD to adopt Ordinance No. 1561. Motion carried.

**B. Ordinance No. 1560, Amend Zoning Matrix – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading for Action**

Ordinance No. 1560 was read by title. MOTION BY BEADLES/PIERCE to adopt Ordinance No. 1560. PWD Martin explained that one land use was left out of the matrix on a previous amendment. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Michelle Peters, Tourism Report**

Michelle Peters, President of Visit Lewis-Clark Valley, gave a presentation on tourism in the valley. She said they are working with some of the cruise companies to get people into the downtown areas while they are in port. She said the cruise and motor coach tours are increasing. We are seeing an increase in international tourists, especially from Germany and Australia. Peters talked about some of the places that she advertises. She said that visitor dollars spent in the valley last year are estimated at \$32 million.

**B. Clarkston Free Parking, Proposal to Deed Parking Lots to City**

Tom Ledgerwood, secretary of Clarkston Free Parking, addressed the council about the organization called Clarkston Free Parking. The organization owns several parking lots and the members (downtown businesses) pay monthly dues to maintain the property. Ledgerwood said most of the money goes to taxes and stormwater fees. They propose to deed the property to the City and then lease them back for the amount the city would lose in property tax and the cost of stormwater fees. Currently that expense would be about \$2,300, leaving about \$3,000 to maintain the lots. Clarkston Free Parking would carry liability insurance on the property.

Councilmember Nash said it would be good to be able to have a small pocket park with public restrooms. Ledgerwood said he thinks that would be possible.

Ledgerwood said if the council is interested in proceeding, the Clarkston Free Parking board would need to meet and vote. Councilmember Beadles asked if there is a possibility the city could sell the property at some future date. Ledgerwood said it is not the intent to give them to the city so they can sell the property.

Community Development Committee will be the lead for the agreement.

**C. Resolution No. 2016-02, Supporting Funding for Municipal Research & Services Center**

Resolution No. 2016-02 was read by title. MOTION BY BEADLES/KOLSTAD authorizing Mayor Lawrence to sign the resolution. Mayor Lawrence said she plans to send this resolution to our legislators and to MRSC. Motion carried.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Mayor Lawrence reported the city has received four applications for Nash's council position. The applicants are Sheila McDougall, Melyssa Andrews, Richard Hayward II and Lee Flerchinger.

Councilmember Nash thanked the City, staff and mayor and council for the experience of serving on council.

Councilmember Beadles said he appreciates having the opportunity of working with Nash.

Councilmember Campbell thanked Colleen Squires for her contributions to the community.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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Vickie Storey, City Clerk

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Monika Lawrence, Mayor

Total Fund Expenditures, 3/28/16	Ck #61272-61320, Feb2016Excise	\$42,513.28
Total Fund Expenditures,		
Payroll, 3/15/16	Ck #61250-61271	\$134,708.36