

**CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**April 25, 2016**

ROLL CALL: Terry Beadles, Skate Pierce, Belinda Campbell, Brian Kolstad, Kelly Blackmon, Monika Beauchamp.

Absent/Excused:

STAFF:

Chief Cooper, Chief Hastings, PWD Martin, City Attorney Richardson, Clerk Storey

**AGENDA CHANGES:** Ordinance No. 1565 was removed from the agenda.

**APPROVAL OF:** Minutes of the April 11, 2016, Regular Meeting and the April 18 Workshop were approved as presented.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**A. From the Public:**

Rose Bunch, 1845 Solar Hills Drive.

Rob Dunn, 928 9<sup>th</sup> Street.

**B. From Mayor:** Mayor Lawrence reported she had an orientation meeting with our risk representative from the City's insurance provider. She said she attended a ground breaking at WWCC for the new Workforce in Business Center. She is going to participate on a task force on a proposed consolidation with the Lewiston transit system. Mayor Lawrence reported that the council attended a public officials training session sponsored by WCIA.

**C. From Staff:** PWD Martin reported that the City recently had an audit of our stormwater program by the Department of Ecology. There were two minor issues, but in all, the audit was very positive. Martin said the City will be meeting with representatives from Department of Transportation regarding what we see as needs for Bridge Street improvements.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance:** Councilmember Beadles reported the bills were reviewed and approved for payment. Total expenditures for April 25, 2016 of \$162,260.78. MOTION BY BEADLES/BLACKMON to approve the bills. Motion carried.

**Public Safety:** Councilmember Beadles reported on the April 19 meeting. Committee discussed a need for bicycle racks. CHS is willing to construct them. The police department will be installing a medication drop box. Chief Hastings is pursuing funding for a summer program to reward good behavior in young people.

Chief Cooper discussed the purchase of thermal imaging cameras. A draft of the fireworks ordinance should be ready for committee at the next meeting. The department is working on bid specs for the purchase of a new ambulance chassis.

**Public Works:** Councilmember Pierce reported that Dan Johnson spoke to the committee about how City of Lewiston moved to single stream recycling. The MPO policy board has been presented with the traffic issues at the WalMart – Costco entrance. The Avista project to change streetlights to LED will require the city to sign a grant agreement with the Transportation Improvement Board. Any improvements to the skate park will have to be done by a licensed contractor for risk related reasons.

**Admin Committee:** Councilmember Blackmon said committee met this evening. They discussed additional changes to the animal ordinance, and also revising other sections of the code that are outdated. They also discussed the City's website with Clerk Storey.

**Community Development:** Councilmember Campbell reported on the April 19 meeting. Committee reviewed the final draft of the beekeeping ordinance and recommended it be placed on the

agenda. Committee is discussing a new small animal ordinance. Peggy Shinn addressed the committee regarding litter control. Committee will feels we need better regulations. A draft ordinance was reviewed to repeal Ordinance No. 1505 and was recommended for the agenda.

Valley Vision sent a brochure regarding funding. Councilmember Pierce asked if the City has a comprehensive master plan. The existing plan is fairly old and will be reviewed.

**Outside Organizations:** Councilmember Pierce reported on the Health District meeting he attended on April 25. Budget issues were discussed. The Zika virus was discussed. He learned that Clarkston does not fluoridate their water because it has natural fluoride.

Pierce reported on the EMS council meeting. The City is looking for a citizen volunteer for the EMS council.

Councilmember Kolstad said he did not attend, but asked Commissioner Shinn to report. Shinn said they will be doing a free ride program for teens again this summer. Ridership is up. A task force is being formed to study possible consolidation of the Asotin County and Lewiston bus systems.

Councilmember Beauchamp said the MPO discussed the transit system also. There is a potential cost savings to consolidating. The traffic study at WalMart – Costco was discussed. More study is required before making a decision on what improvements to make.

Councilmember Campbell said she attended the Clearwater Economic Development meeting. They celebrated the formation of the AVA. It allows the winemakers to label their product as coming from the Lewis-Clark Valley.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **A. Ordinance No. 1562, Repeal CMC 5.06, Medical Cannabis Operations – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Ordinance No. 1562 was read by title. City Attorney Richardson explained that the City's regulations in 5.06 will no longer be consistent with new state law. Repealing this section will allow the City to fall under state regulations.

##### **B. Ordinance No. 1563, Beekeeping – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Ordinance No. 1563 was read by title.

##### **C. Ordinance No. 1564, Amending CMC 10.54 – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Ordinance No. 1564 was read by title.

#### **COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Councilmember Beadles commented that the City had an emergency plan several years ago and it might need to be updated.

Councilmember Kolstad commented that he lived in California when an earthquake struck and people were without power for several days. Kolstad said he is happy to see the beekeeping ordinance move forward.

Councilmember Blackmon commented that he is a ham radio operator and would like to see the city work on an emergency plan.

Councilmember Murray thanked people who worked on the beekeeping issue. He said he would like to see more public input on the issue.

Councilmember Pierce said the City is looking at matching our fireworks discharge regulations to the county's.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Council went into Executive Session at 7:33 p.m. to discuss union negotiations. Anticipated length of session is 15 minutes and no decisions are anticipated as a result of the session. Session was extended for 5 minutes at 7:50. Session was extended for an additional 5 minutes at 7:55. Council returned to open session at 8:00 p.m.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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Vickie Storey, City Clerk

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Monika Lawrence, Mayor

Total Fund Expenditures, 4/25/16	Ck #61445-46, MarExcise, 61470-61517	\$29,999.52
Total Fund Expenditures,		
Payroll, 4/15/16	Ck #61447-61469	\$132,261.26