

CLARKSTONCITY COUNCIL MINUTES
May 14, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Warren, 7:00 P.M.

COUNCIL:

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

STAFF:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief Cooper | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief Hastings |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PWD Martin | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clerk Storey |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Attorney Grow | |

AGENDA CHANGES:

Councilmember Beadles added a proclamation for Older Americans month to New Business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION BY BEADLES/BLACKMON to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2012 Regular Meeting and the May 8, 2012 Special Meeting. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Public Hearing on the Proposed Annexation of Property owned by Tri State Memorial Hospital

Mayor Warren opened the Public Hearing at 7:02 p.m. PWD Martin explained that Tri State Hospital has requested annexation of two parcels of property that are part of the hospital campus. One parcel is part of the Evergreen Estates and the other is along Highland and is surrounded by city property. There was no public comment and the hearing was closed at 7:05.

MOTION BY SMITH/MANCHESTER to direct staff to prepare an ordinance to complete the annexation. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A. From the Public

Brian Shinn, 945 4th Street, said the Asotin County Commissioners are having another town hall meeting at Walla Walla Community College on Monday, May 21 at 6:30.

B. From the Mayor

C. From Staff

PWD Martin said he received confirmation today that the Dept. of Ecology has approved the City's grant application for installation of drywells. The amount of the grant is about \$150,000.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee:

Councilmember Provost reported that all bills have been audited and approved. MOTION BY PROVOST/BEADLES to authorize payment of the bills, total expenditures for April 30, 2012 of \$8,651.85 and May 14, 2012 of \$534,484.35. Motion carried.

Public Safety:

Councilmember Beadles reported committee met on May 1. Chief Hastings presented the contract with the Corp for greenbelt patrol. An Interlocal agreement for the drug task force has been delayed. Emergency vehicle driver training will be held in Spokane. WCIA will be reimbursing a portion of the cost. There will be a budget presentation at the next EMS Regional Task Force Meeting.

Public Works Committee:

Councilmember Nash reported that Grantham School is applying for a Safe Routes to Schools grant. It will need to be added to our 6 Year Transportation Plan. The TIP will be on the next agenda. Bids were opened for the WWTP upgrade project. This is on the agenda for discussion.

Admin Committee:

Councilmember Provost reported that the city has a request to hold payment of a retiring police officer's cash out so he can take advantage of a new VEBA plan that is pending. Set up of the VEBA is pending settlement of the police contract. Placing the cash out in the VEBA saves tax dollars for both the employee and the city. Committee recommendation is to agree to hold the cash out payment as requested as long as it meets with VEBA and IRS rules.

Community Development: No meeting

Asotin County PTBA:

Councilmember Baumberger said that Kim Gates has reported that the PTBA is in the black. A kid's ride for free program is going to be instituted for the summer. Kids will be able to ride the bus for free all summer.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Corp Patrol Contract

Chief Hastings reported that the Corp contract is basically the same as past years. The Corp provides up to 100 hours of reimbursement for patrol of the bike path. MOTION BY BEADLES/NASH to approve the contract with the Corp for patrol. Motion carried.

B. Bid Results – Waste Water Treat Plant Upgrade Project

PWD Martin said he had hoped to recommend bid award to Contractors Northwest at this meeting. However, they discovered an error in their bid of about \$450,000 and withdrew their bid.

Martin said six bids were received. The lowest bid did not bid on any of the alternates and were eliminated due to non-responsive bid. The next low bid was CNI, who withdrew. The third low bid is about \$1.8 million over our budget.

Martin said both he and Tim Simpson of the PUD are not in favor of slashing the project to try to come in within budget. Department of Ecology also feels the design as it is now meets the needs of the plant and they are not in favor of cutting the project down. There are some items that could be removed, but most are things that would probably need to be done anyway in the next few years.

Clerk Storey presented some budget figures estimating how much we would need to obtain in additional financing to accept the current low bid and move the project forward. There is a possibility of a DOE construction loan of about \$1.3 million which would leave a need of about \$600,000. That money could be taken from reserves and fund balance. The additional DOE loan would equate to about \$2.00 per month.

MOTION BY SMITH/NASH to apply for a DOE construction loan. Councilmember Provost asked if we are making concessions to the apparent low bidder. Martin explained that we are not making concessions. We would accept their bid as made. It would be the city's task to find enough money to pay for the project.

Beadles asked how risky it is to use the reserve funds. Martin said we continue to find line repairs that need to be done and he would not want to deplete the reserves. Councilmember Baumberger said it appears most of the \$600,000 needed if the city receives a DOE loan would be to cover the contingency and all of it may not be needed. Storey said she figured the contingency at 5%, which is industry standard according to the engineers, although the engineers said they would be comfortable with 2 ½ to 3%.

Motion carried.

C. Proclamation – Older Americans Month

Motion by BEADLES/SMITH to authorize the proclamation for Older Americans Month in May. Clerk Storey read the proclamation. Motion carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Beadles said he would like to see the 13th Street city limits line be straightened up with annexation.

MEDIA QUESTIONS:

Kerri Sandaine asked where Apollo is based. PWD Martin said they are based in the Tri Cities.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Union Negotiations

Council went into executive session at 7:37 p.m. to discuss union negotiations. Anticipated length of the session is 10 minutes. Council announced the session will be extended for 15 minutes for a litigation report.

Some action is anticipated as a result of the session. Council returned to open session at 8:13 p.m.

MOTION BY BEADLES/SMITH to approve the contract with the Police Guild as presented. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Vickie Storey, City Clerk

Kathleen A. Warren, Mayor

Total Fund Expenditures, 4/30/12	CK#50740& JV's	\$8,651.85
Total Fund Expenditures, 5/14/12	CK#50795, 50860-50951	\$285,616.70
Total Payroll, 4/30/12	CK # 50796-50859	\$118,861.51