

CLARKSTONCITY COUNCIL MINUTES
May 29, 2012

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

COUNCIL:

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

STAFF:

<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 Manchester added Port of Clarkston letter of support request to New Business.
Mayor Warren added an Executive Session to discuss potential litigation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION BY NASH/MANCHESTER to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2012 Regular Meeting. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A. From the Public

B. From the Mayor

Mayor Warren announced that Captain Jack Kime passed away last week, May 23. Kime has been a volunteer firefighter for 29 years. Mayor Warren extended condolences to his family.

Mayor Warren commented that the city often received requests for topics to be added to the agenda at the last minute. She reminded people that all agenda items must pass through a committee before being added to the agenda. To avoid delays, plan ahead.

C. From Staff

PWD Martin said that at the last council meeting he addressed council regarding the WWTP project.. He is looking for guidance from council on how they wish to proceed with the project. Project specs give us 60 days from bid opening to award. Martin said financing for the additional funds needed to award to the current low bidder will not be in place by then. The choices for this project are to reject all bids; rebid the project with no changes to the plans and specs (remembering that the two low bidders who withdrew cannot bid again); or have the engineers redesign the project to bring estimated costs down. A redesign would have to be approved by Dept. of Ecology and they are not very receptive to that plan. However, Keller has identified about \$1.5 million in changes that could be made. Removing components from the project could cause those items to need to be done at a later date and at a higher cost.

Awarding bid to the current low responsive bid now and securing funding before the end of the project is the other option. We have identified three potential funding sources. Those choices include applying for a DOE construction loan although the application period is not until October and the offer list doesn't come out until February of 2013 .We could also issue another set of bonds or research the option of a bank loan. Martin reported that the city was recently approached by Wells Fargo Bank regarding municipal loans. Nash asked if bid can be awarded now without all the funding in place and then apply for a loan from DOE. Martin said that is one option and would get the project started while we secure additional funds. Martin then asked if the project goes forward as designed and bid, does council want to add enough funding to also do Alternate #1, which is replacing the blowers. Nash said his preference would be to do the project as designed. Blackmon agreed that is does not make sense to scale

the project back, only to have to address more repairs in the next few years. That would add about \$290,000 to the base project. Martin said the project will take up to two years to complete, so there is time to seek funding. Nash said he doesn't think bids would come back any lower if we rebid.

MOTION BY NASH/ BLACKMON to accept the current low bid and seek additional funding from Department of Ecology in October. Blackmon asked what happens if we don't get DOE funding. Storey explained that the lowest cost for funding would be the DOE loan with an interest rate of 2.6% but we would not know if we were funded until February. If we wait and don't get the DOE loan then we would have to go to the bond market or a bank. There is no way to know what rates might be at that time.

Councilmember Baumberger said he believes that is what got the Asotin County Commissioners in trouble, approving a project without funding in place. Motion failed 2-2, Nash and Blackmon in favor and Baumberger and Manchester opposed.

MOTION BY BAUMBERGER/NASH to rebid the project with no changes to the scope and secure financing prior to rebidding the project. Motion carried.

Baumberger said he is not concerned with where the funding comes from, just that funding be in place prior to bid.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee:

Councilmember Manchester reported that committee met with Wanda Keefer to discuss the requested letter of support. All bills have been audited and approved. MOTION BY MANCHESTER/BLACKMON to authorize payment of the bills, total expenditures for May 29, 2012 of \$147,132.13. Motion carried.

Public Safety:

Councilmember Baumberger read the minutes from the May 15 meeting. Committee recommended a budget amendment to the Rescue One Fund to purchase medical equipment.

The School Resource Officer agreement with the school district is being prepared for approval.

Public Works Committee:

Councilmember Nash reported that the WWTP project has been discussed. Staffing in the sanitation department was discussed. The department is short staffed due to injuries. Special event rules for parks were discussed, especially the use of bouncy houses.

Admin Committee:

No meeting.

Community Development:

No meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Budget Amendment for Rescue One Fund

Councilmember Baumberger read the memo prepared by Chief Cooper. Cooper is asking for a budget amendment to purchase a video laryngoscope and an IV pump. MOTION BY BAUMBERGER/NASH to approve the request for a budget amendment of \$5,000. Motion carried.

B. Port of Clarkston Request for Letter of Support

Wanda Keefer said that the Port recently became aware of the grant opportunity to assist with planning for telecommunications infrastructure. Keefer said the Port is interested in providing more than just the Phase I that is currently in the works. MOTION BY MANCHESTER/NASH to approve the letter of support. Motion carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

MEDIA QUESTIONS:

MOTION BY BAUMBERGER/ to recess for 15 minutes to wait for Attorney Richardson to arrive for executive session. Motion carried. Council recessed at 7:25 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Litigation

Council went into executive session at 7:40 p.m. to discuss potential litigation.

Council returned to open session at 8:08 p.m. No action was taken as a result of the session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Vickie Storey, City Clerk

Kathleen A. Warren, Mayor

Total Fund Expenditures, 5/29/12	CK# 50952, 50976-51018	\$30,033.13
Total Payroll, 5/15/12	CK #50953-74	\$117,099.00