

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

ROLL CALL: Terry Beadles, Skate Pierce, Belinda Campbell, Kelly Blackmon, Monika Beauchamp, John Murray; Brian Kolstad, unexcused absence.

STAFF:

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

**AGENDA CHANGES:**

**APPROVAL OF:** Minutes of the July 11, 2016, Regular Meeting were approved as presented.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**A. From the Public:**

Janet Marugg, 2618 Sunset Court.

Tom Martin, 421 11<sup>th</sup> Street.

Melyssa Andrews, 721 11<sup>th</sup> Street.

Anthony Amoss, 3313 4<sup>th</sup> St E, Lewiston.

**B. From Mayor:**

Mayor Lawrence reported that she and Councilmember Campbell assisted with the food distribution at the Lutheran church.

Mayor Lawrence thanked Chief Hastings and Chief Cooper for their work on the peaceful rally for Black Lives Matter on Friday. She commented on the cooperation between all the public safety agencies in the valley.

Mayor Lawrence reported that the City has received nine applications for fire chief. She is proceeding with a preliminary review of the applications.

Mayor Lawrence reported that our audit is nearing completion and the final report should be available in a few weeks.

**C. From Staff:**

City Attorney Richardson said that the PUD is doing some water line work in the vicinity of Albertsons, Costco and Motel Six. PWD Martin had requested that this work be completed during the night to minimize business and traffic disruption. Richardson said our code has a glitch that doesn't exempt utility work from the noise ordinance although there is an exemption for street maintenance. MOTION BY BLACKMON/PIERCE to grant a variance to allow the PUD to complete this work during night hours. Richardson suggested that council review the code and make changes for future work. Motion carried.

Richardson said there is a cost associated with updates to the municipal code. He suggested that when dealing with changes to a section of the code, it would be cost effective to look at making all potential changes to the section at one time.

Chief Cooper reported that the vehicle exhaust system is almost complete.

Councilmember Blackmon asked the status of an extension to an MOU with the firefighters union to continue the use of reserves. Chief Cooper said the MOU was extended.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance:** Councilmember Beadles reported the bills were reviewed and approved for payment. Total expenditures for July 25, 2016 of \$201,184.93. MOTION BY BEADLES/BEAUCHAMP to approve the bills. Motion carried.

**Public Safety:** Councilmember Beadles reported on the July 19 meeting. Committee recommends council approval of the agreement with Clarkston School District for the SRO.

Chief Cooper announced we were not successful on a grant application to replace SCBA's. Still

working on a resolution to the ambulance with an oil leak. The new vehicle exhaust system will be installed on July 22 and 23.

Chief Cooper discussed an upcoming Black Lives Matter demonstration.

Fire reserve work hours were discussed. Two reserves are leaving the department for full time employment.

The committee explored option for staffing at the fire department.

Councilmember Pierce reported that six options were presented at the meeting and Councilmember Beadles added two more options after the meeting. They are:

Maintaining the current system of 12 career firefighters with nothing changing.

Raising the sales tax by an additional 2/10% which would put us at the maximum allowable for optional sales tax.

Contract with the Fire District, but keep EMS.

Contract with the Fire District for fire protection, and get Asotin County to contract with us for EMS.

Contract with the Fire District for fire and with Lewiston for EMS.

Maintain our own fire and EMS with 10 career firefighters.

Develop a valley wide fire service.

Develop a valley wide EMS service.

Pierce said those are the options being discussed. There are some pros and cons to each. They have reached out to some of the various organizations and had discussion. He said Councilmember Kolstad had a couple of those conversations, but is not present to expound on them. He said if anyone has another idea to contact one of the members of the committee. He said the committee will get some rough numbers to present to council.

Mayor Lawrence said the committee will need direction from the council on how they want committee to proceed. Pierce said that some of the options will be fairly easy to estimate. Attorney Richardson said the council may want the committee to look more deeply into some of the options and report back before looking for direction. He said certain decisions by the council could invoke clauses in the union contract that would require the City to take fairly quick action and he wonders if the council would want additional information before taking that step. Pierce said the options that require contracting with other entities for all or a portion of the service would require more study. Richardson reminded council that the committee is just acting as a fact finder at this time.

Councilmember Blackmon asked if the sales increase would put the city at its limit for sales tax. Pierce said it would, so that would leave the City nowhere to go for additional revenue in the future.

**Public Works:** Councilmember Pierce reported on the July 19 meeting. Committee discussed recycling. PWD Martin got some suggestions from City of Moscow and some history on how they moved to single stream recycling.

Sewer user surveys have been sent to commercial users as required by Department of Ecology.

The City is working with the Port on possibly relocating the dumpsters at the boat dock to improve service and aesthetics.

The committee and Planning Commission are working on a draft ordinance for food vendors.

Discussed changing wording on the building permit application to ensure that only homeowners or contractors are granted permits to address issues with home flipping.

Committee discussed the possibility of moving the Farmer's Market to Vernon Park.

**Admin Committee:** Councilmember Murray reported on the July 25 meeting. Clerk Storey gave an update on proposals for a records management system.

**Community Development:** Councilmember Campbell reported on the July 19 meeting. Committee reviewed a final draft of the chicken ordinance. A couple of small changes were made. Four separate ordinances will be required to allow for chickens. They will be on the agenda.

Committee discussed incentives for people to clean up their property. Will ask PWD Martin about vacated properties and abandoned buildings during public works committee.

**Outside Organizations:** Mayor Lawrence reported on the Health District meeting. She said there is a possible satellite location for the WIC program. There was discussion of placing the agenda and minutes on the website.

Councilmember Campbell announced there is a Lodging Tax Advisory Committee meeting tentatively scheduled for August 11.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Ordinance No. 1568, Repealing Ordinance No. 115, Fowl Running at Large – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Ordinance No. 1568 was read by title.

**B. Ordinance No. 1569, Amending CMC 10.54, Animal Regulations – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Ordinance No. 1569 was read by title.

**C. Ordinance No. 1570, Establishing Regulations for Keeping of Chickens – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Ordinance No. 1570 was read by title.

**D. Ordinance No. 1571, Amending CMC 10.56, Nuisances – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Ordinance No. 1571 was read by title.

**E. Agreement with Clarkston School District, School Resource Officer**

Chief Hastings explained that this is essentially the same agreement the City has had with the School District for several years. The costs have been adjusted for the coming year, an increase of about \$3,000. MOTION BY BEADLES/MURRAY to approve the agreement with Clarkston School District for the SRO. Motion carried.

**F. Conflict Public Defender Agreement, Jane Richards**

Mayor Lawrence said there has been an addendum added to the agreement to require the attorney to report monthly case numbers. MOTION BY BEAUCHAMP/BEADLES to approve the agreement with Jane Richards for conflict public defender. Motion carried.

**G. Resolution No. 2016-06, 2017 EMS Levy**

MOTION BY BLACKMON/BEAUCHAMP to approve Resolution No. 2016-06. Motion carried.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Councilmember Beadles commented on moving the farmer's market to Vernon Park and expanding it to include arts and crafts.

Councilmember Pierce commented that Clarkston has the best police force and also thanked the fire department for standing by during the recent event.

Councilmember Murray asked if the City has a legislative agenda. Mayor Lawrence said the City does contact our legislators on various legislation that is being considered, but we do not have an adopted legislative agenda. She said there is also a regular phone call with the legislators during the session that the Chamber sponsors and she attends. Murray said he will work with Admin committee on a legislative agenda.

Councilmember Campbell commented that the demonstration was good and there was a lot of cooperation. She also commented that the food distribution was the most rewarding thing she has ever volunteered for.

Councilmember Blackmon said Officer Morbeck is a perfect fit for school resource officer.

Chief Hastings said National Night Out is on August 2<sup>nd</sup> at Beachview Park.

**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, 7/25/16	Ck #62070, 62094-62134, Excise-6/2016	\$65,811.19
Total Fund Expenditures,		
Payroll, 7/15/16	Ck #62071-93	\$135,373.74