

**CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**August 8, 2016**

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

STAFF:

Chief Cooper, Chief Hastings, PWD Martin, Deputy City Attorney Schwartz, Clerk Storey

**AGENDA CHANGES:**

**APPROVAL OF:** Minutes of the July 25, 2016, Regular Meeting were approved as presented.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**A. From the Public:**

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

**B. From Mayor:**

Mayor Lawrence introduced Travis Schwartz, Deputy City Attorney.

Mayor Lawrence reported that we received notice from WCIA that our liability insurance will increase by about \$30,000 next year.

Mayor Lawrence announced that there is an opening on the Planning Commission.

Mayor Lawrence reported that she sent a letter to the applicants for the fire chief position because the council is researching options for the department. Chief Cooper has agreed to delay his retirement while the council works on a direction.

Mayor Lawrence said she is signing a letter that will go to the Corp of Engineers in support of the Waterfront Coalition.

**C. From Staff:**

Chief Cooper addressed the council regarding state mobilization for fires. He said he directed our fire department not to respond to a recent fire. Although some departments actually make money from responding, he doesn't feel that Clarkston has the resources to respond to out of area fires. He said it is not easy to recall staff and equipment if they are needed in our own community. Mayor Lawrence said she supports Chief Cooper's position. Councilmember Pierce asked if participating might be a tool for retention of volunteers. Chief Cooper said the department is always looking for ideas to raise retention.

PWD Martin reported that the four entities that own the Southway Bridge are looking at a process to facilitate running fiber across the bridge. An agreement is being drafted with CenturyLink.

Jared Lutes, 1225 Poplar, said that not responding to state mobilization is missing out on a huge moneymaker for the city. Lutes said we have four ambulances that many times sit at the station, we have an engine that sits at Clearwater Paper and a brush truck that we have never relied on. He commented that in the grant application used to purchase the brush truck we said it would be used for mutual aid requests and for state mobilizations. He said we are turning down free money for the city.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance:** Councilmember Beadles reported the bills were reviewed and approved for payment. Total expenditures for August 8, 2016 of \$461,845.77. MOTION BY BEADLES/KOLSTAD to approve the bills. Motion carried.

**Public Safety:** No meeting.

**Public Works:** Councilmember Pierce reported on the August 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Jill Eckberg had questions about the process for determining which alleys get paved. She also asked the City to do something about goat heads suggested a bounty on goat head plants.

Discussed changes to the noise ordinance (10.64.060) to allow an exception for utility work.

Discussion of the confluence area controlled by the Corp of Engineers. Possible recommendation for the mayor to sing a letter with other area organizations.

Discussed moving the farmer's market to Vernon Park. Need to research liability and other potential issues.

There will be a meeting regarding fiber cable across Southway Bridge.

The Sunrise sewer lift station plans are with Dept of Ecology for review.

Committee is planning a feasibility study for recycling.

**Admin Committee:** Councilmember Blackmon reported on the August 8 meeting. Committee discussed a legislative agenda and asked for suggestions from the council. Committee discussed the contract with Port of Wilma for fire protection in regard to whether the fees are adequate.

**Community Development:** Councilmember Campbell reported on the August 2 meeting. Committee heard a presentation from Valley Vision about their mission to bring new business to the valley. They are asking the City to consider funding in the next budget cycle.

**Outside Organizations:** No reports.

### **UNFINISHED 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. MOTION BY BEAUCHAMP/PIERCE to adopt Ordinance No. 1568. Councilmember Beadles wondered how many people want to have chickens next door and said the council should consider if they want to become a farm community. Motion carried, 6-1, Beadles opposed.

**B. Ordinance No. 1569, Amending CMC 10.54, Animal Regulations – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Ordinance No. 1569 was read by title. MOTION BY BEAUCHAMP/CAMPBELL to adopt Ordinance No. 1569. Beauchamp said raising four chickens is not like being on a farm with 15 or more chickens. She said it is educational for children to see where food comes from. Councilmember Murray said he is a proponent of allowing property owners to use their property as they see fit and he feels this fits that philosophy without being disruptive to neighboring properties. Motion carried, 6-1, Beadles opposed.

**C. Ordinance No. 1570, Establishing Regulations for Keeping of Chickens – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Ordinance No. 1570 was read by title. MOTION BY KOLSTAD/MURRAY to adopt Ordinance No. 1570. Councilmember Pierce said the intent was to write a reasonable ordinance that would allow a small number of chickens, but not a commercial venture. Councilmember Murray asked how the committee arrived at four chickens. Beauchamp said she would actually prefer six chickens. Pierce said they mirrored the Lewiston ordinance for properties under 10,000 square feet, which most of Clarkston properties are. Councilmember Blackmon said four or six chickens is not enough to feed a family and he believes that twelve is better. He also wants to allow roosters that would be fitted with a "no-crow" collar. Beadles asked how we know a renter has permission from the property owner to have chickens. Beauchamp said she originally wanted to allow eight chickens. Campbell said she is opposed to roosters. She said is opposed to twelve chickens, that 4 – 6 is enough. Pierce commented that we need to consider animal control issues also. Blackmon asked Chief Hastings how many chicken complaints we get. He said there was one big case last year that went to court and they occasionally have other calls about chickens.

MOTION BY KOLSTAD/BEAUCHAMP to amend Ordinance No. 1570 to allow six chickens instead of four. Motion carried, 5-2, Beadles and Blackmon opposed.

MOTION BY BLACKMON/KOLSTAD to amend to allow twelve chickens. Councilmember Beauchamp pointed out that an increased number of chickens would require a larger coop and run. Councilmember Kolstad suggested we keep it at a smaller number for a period of time and see how it works. Motion failed 1-6, Blackmon in favor.

Amended motion carried, 5-2, Beadles and Blackmon opposed.

**D. Ordinance No. 1571, Amending CMC 10.56, Nuisances – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Ordinance No. 1571 was read by title. MOTION BY KOLSTAD/CAMPBELL to adopt Ordinance No. 1571. Councilmember Pierce said this amendment will deal with foul odor from all animals, not just chickens. Councilmember Blackmon asked who determines what constitutes a foul odor. Discussion ensued about some of the language in this and in Ordinance No. 1570. Attorney Schwartz had some concerns that the language is not clear and was asked to review and make a recommendation for changes that he feels are appropriate. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Resolution No. 2016-07, Asset Inventory Policy**

Resolution No. 2016-07 was read by title. MOTION BY BEADLES/KOLSTAD to approve Resolution No. 2016-07. Motion carried.

**B. Ordinance No. 1572, Shoreline Management Plan – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Ordinance No. 1572 was read by title. Don Brigham said this is an amendment to update the Shoreline Master Program as required by the state. He said this is a regional plan which is unique within the state. Brigham said the Planning Commission has reviewed the plan and recommend its adoption. Once all jurisdictions have adopted this it will be sent to Department of Ecology for review and comment.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Councilmember Beadles suggested if restrooms are built in Vernon Park we should consider adding a fountain for kids to play in.

Councilmember Beauchamp said Public Works committee discussed goatheads and agrees that they are a big problem and would like to see something done about them. Councilmember Pierce asked if they are considered a noxious weed. PWD Martin said the City deals with them now on a complaint basis.

Councilmember Beauchamp said she would like to explore responding to state mobilization.

Councilmember Beadles commented that he didn't appreciate an employee undermining his boss.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Vickie Storey, City Clerk

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Monika Lawrence, Mayor

Total Fund Expenditures, 8/8/16	Ck #62135-36, 62182-62263	\$177,675.20
Total Fund Expenditures,		
Payroll, 7/31/16	Ck #62137-81	\$284,170.57