

CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
December 10, 2012

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

COUNCIL:

<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:

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

AGENDA CHANGES:

Councilmember Nash added a Stormwater report to committee reports.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION BY BEADLES/SMITH to approve the minutes of the November 26, 2012, Regular Meeting and the November 20 and November 29 budget Workshops. Baumberger requested a change to the minutes of the November 20 meeting regarding his comments during the stormwater budget discussion. Motion to approve the minutes as corrected carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A. From the Public

Bernie McCabe, 1330 10th Street, spoke regarding information that he had distributed to council in executive session in November. McCabe said there was either incompetency in the administration or there is a cover-up in regard to his complaint. McCabe said there was no certified mail sent during the time period in question. He said since this is a strong mayor form of government it is possible to override what the council wants done. McCabe said he thinks there has been a cover-up. He suggested the council adopt some rules that would create some oversight.

Dan Cease, 1122 6th Street, represents the Clarkston Community Garden. Cease gave an overview of the progress of the Garden in its first 3 years of operation. Cease said the Garden is a non-profit organization with currently 34 gardeners and plans to add 16 spaces. In the three years of operation the Garden has provided two tons of food to the food bank. The Garden moved to its new site this past year on WWCC property with a renewable five year lease. 2013 will be the fourth year of operation. Councilmember Nash asked if any of the schools are involved. Cease said that there are several schools involved.

B. From the Mayor

C. From Staff

PWD Martin reported that the Sixth Street project is finally complete with the removal of overhead lines by Avista. He requested that council officially accept the project. MOTION BY SMITH/NASH to accept the project as complete. Motion carried.

Clerk Storey announced that the next meeting will be on Wednesday, December 26, due to the Christmas holidays.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee:

Councilmember Provost reported all bills have been audited and approved. MOTION BY PROVOST/BEADLES to authorize payment of the bills, total expenditures for November 30, 2012 of

\$523.00 and December 10, 2012 of \$628,975.21. Motion carried.

Provost said that the committee also discussed formation of a Transportation Benefit District. Committee recommendation is to move forward with the formation since it is a lengthy process. Provost said the district would be authorized to levy a fee on vehicle license renewals. He said that a public hearing will be held prior to forming a TBD, but a public vote is not required. MOTION BY PROVOST/NASH to direct staff to begin preparing the documentation to create a Transportation Benefit District. Motion carried, 6-1, Smith opposed.

Public Safety: Councilmember Beadles said that Chief Hastings reviewed the changes resulting from Initiative 1502 dealing with marijuana. Lancer Casino wants to sponsor a motorcycle rally next year. Committee and staff are reviewing. Committee recommends that Dick Jones be appointed to serve again on Public Safety committee. Chief Cooper brought forward a past due EMS payment from a patient who is deceased. Committee is considering appropriate action.

Public Works: Councilmember Nash said committee met but does not have the minutes with him to make a report.

Admin Committee: Councilmember Manchester said committee met and reviewed several contracts that are on the agenda for approval. Committee had some concerns with the court appointing conflict public defenders. Chief Cooper said that the city has a contract for mutual aid with Clearwater Paper that automatically renews annually. Cooper also presented an agreement with Port of Wilma that did not get signed in 2012. It runs until 2014.

Community Development: No meeting.

Stormwater: Councilmember Nash said the committee discussed the requirements of Phase II Stormwater Regulations. More information will be provided as the committee determines what our requirements will be.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Ordinance No. 1507, Sewer/Stormwater Rates – 2nd Reading for Action

Ordinance No. 1507 was read by title. MOTION BY BEADLES/NASH to adopt Ordinance No. 1507. Motion carried, 5-2; Smith and Blackmon opposed

B. Ordinance No. 1508, Sanitation Rates - 2nd Reading for Action

Ordinance No. 1508 was read by title. MOTION BY BEADLES/NASH to adopt Ordinance No. 1508. Motion carried, 5-2; Smith and Blackmon opposed.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Matt Jensen, MPO Update

Jensen referred to a handout he distributed to the council. His purpose this evening is to give the council an update on the MPO's activities. He said the MPO has received \$153,000 in federal money to do regional transportation planning. Two projects will benefit from the funding. One is the ADA Transition Plan Inventory. The plan will assess the condition of handicap accessibility and ramps. The data will be used to apply for funds and create a work plan to prioritize where improvements need to be made. Another project is the North Clarkston Circulation Study. \$30,000 is allocated for the project. It will mainly address the congestion on Bridge and Fair Streets. The MPO will solicit public input during the study. Jensen included several projects that the MPO has accomplished since 2006. Jensen said the MPO represents Clarkston and Asotin County at the quarterly WSDOT meetings.

Councilmember Provost asked for details on the North Clarkston study. Jensen said WSDOT has discussed some traffic changes in that corridor and the MPO will incorporate that information. Jensen said the study is not meant to target the congestion at WalMart/Costco. PWD Martin said MPO is looking for suggestions on how to improve the funnel effect of Bridge, Fair and 2nd Street. Councilmember Nash

asked if the MPO gets federal funds for big projects. Jensen said the MPO is mainly to do studies and planning. The MPO does not do actual projects, but helps facilitate translating plans to projects.

B. 2013 Contract, The Wesley Group

MOTION BY MANCHESTER/SMITH to authorize the mayor to sign the contract with Wesley. Motion carried.

C. 2013 Contract, Donna Manchester, Victim Witness Coordinator

MOTION BY BEADLES/PROVOST to authorize the mayor to sign the contract. Manchester said since the contract involves his wife, he was not involved in the discussion and will not vote. Motion carried, 6-0-1; Manchester abstained.

D. 2013 Contract, Neil Cox, Public Defender

MOTION BY MANCHESTER/SMITH to authorize the mayor to sign the agreement. Councilmember Beadles expressed concern with the number of cases assigned to alternate public defenders and the related cost, although they realize it is not an issue the public defender has any control over. City Attorney Grow said that many times a conflict attorney is appointed because there is more than one defendant and they have to have separate attorneys. Motion carried.

E. 2013 Contract, James Grow, City Attorney

MOTION BY MANCHESTER/BEADLES to authorize the mayor to sign the contract. Motion carried.

F. Ordinance No. 1509, 2012 Budget Amendment – 1st Reading

Ordinance No. 1509 was read by title.

G. Ordinance No. 1510, 2013 Budget – 1st Reading

Ordinance No. 1510 was read by title.

H. Ordinance No. 1511, Building Permit Valuations and Fees – 1st Reading

Ordinance No. 1511 was read by title. Councilmember Provost pointed out that it has been five years since values and fees have been adjusted. PWD Martin said this will bring the city's rates to a more current value and make them comparable with other entities in the valley.

I. Resolution No. 2012-13, Land Use Fees

Resolution No. 2012-13 was read by title. MOTION BY BEADLES/NASH to approve Resolution No. 2012-13. Motion carried.

J. Contract with Port of Wilma for Emergency Services

MOTION BY BEADLES/NASH to authorize the contract. Motion carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Provost asked Chief Cooper to give a summary of the Christmas parade. Cooper said there were about 80 entries and the crowd was huge. Weather cooperated and everyone had a good time.

Councilmember Beadles thanked Jim Grow for his good work for the city.

Councilmember Blackmon suggested looking at a 2/10ths sales tax increase as an alternative to the license tab fee. He feels that would spread the funding to people who drive on the streets but don't necessarily live in Clarkston.

MEDIA QUESTIONS:

Brian Shinn said he agrees with the concept of spreading the funding to more than just the residents with a sales tax. He said that the County will be looking for city support to form a Public Facilities District to fund the aquatic center and it will also be supported by a sales tax if approved.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Vickie Storey, City Clerk

Kathleen A. Warren, Mayor

Total Fund Expenditures 11/30/12	CK #20121108	\$523.00
Total Fund Expenditures, 12/10/12	CK #52509-93, 20121201-03	\$357,652.71
Total Payroll, 11/30/12	CK #52448-52508	\$271,322.50