

CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
November 12, 2013

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: Mayor Warren added litigation to the Executive Session.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION BY NASH/BLACKMON to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2013, Regular Meeting. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. **From the Public:** Bill Thomas, of Trendz, addressed the council regarding the moratorium that is on the agenda. He said he represents some interested parties in securing marijuana businesses. He said he is interested in opening a retail marijuana shop. Thomas said he is interested in the safety and welfare of the citizens. He said he sees the cannabis business as helping to generate revenue in more ways than just cannabis sales. He is concerned that if the city adopts a moratorium, investments in related businesses will all happen in other parts of the state. He thinks state licenses will not be issued until June or July.
- B. **From the Mayor:**
- C. **From Staff:** PWD Martin explained that the City received a drawing from the Kingdom Kids preschool expressing their appreciation for drainage improvements made as a part of the Bubble-up project.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: Councilmember Provost reported the bills were reviewed and approved for payment. MOTION BY PROVOST/BLACKMON to approve the bills for November 12, 2013, total expenditures of \$440,450.39. Motion carried.

Public Safety: Councilmember Beadles reported on the November 5 meeting. Beadles said that committee is recommending that the time allowed for fireworks to be discharged be reduced. Chief Cooper presented details for the purchase of a new fire engine. Committee recommends that a meeting be arranged to include Asotin County, City of Asotin and Asotin County Fire District to discuss dispatch. Two grant applications for the police department were reviewed.

Public Works: Councilmember Nash reported on the November 6 meeting. Nash reported that the city is applying for more grants for stormwater. The Interlocal agreement for stormwater is being revised. Nez Perce County is applying for a grant to help with resurfacing Southway Bridge. The City has hired Dave Weissenfels as our new building inspector. Nash reported that so far the WWTP improvement project has had very few change orders.

Admin Committee: Councilmember Manchester said committee met on November 12. Chief Cooper updated committee on the fire truck purchase and the hiring process for the replacement of a

firefighter. Committee discussed insurance options.

Community Development: No meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Revenue Sources including Property Tax Levy for 2014 Budget

Mayor Warren opened the hearing at 7:12 p.m. Clerk/Treasurer Storey presented the anticipated General Fund revenues for the 2014 budget. Storey said the council also needs to give direction on the property tax levy. The preliminary budget includes a 1% increase. Councilmember Beadles said he is in favor of the property tax increase.

Mayor Warren said council should consider a surcharge on vehicle licenses that would be dedicated to street projects. Councilmember Blackmon suggested the possibility of a sales tax that could be dedicated to streets also. Blackmon asked if law enforcement could monitor vehicle licenses to ensure that residents obtain a Washington license plate. Chief Hastings said it is difficult to enforce because of the transient nature of the city's residents with such a large percentage of rental properties.

Bill Thomas said some of his associates are considering starting a community projects fund.

Mayor Warren closed the hearing at 7:20 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS

A. DECA Proclamation

MOTION BY BEADLES/NASH to authorize the mayor to sign the proclamation. Motion carried.

B. Authorization to proceed with ordinance limiting fireworks

Councilmember Beadles said Public Safety committee is recommending that the city attorney prepare an ordinance to limit the discharge of fireworks to July 3 and 4 and December 31. MOTION BY BEADLES/PROVOST directing the city attorney to prepare an ordinance. Blackmon asked if the hours would be addressed. Chief Hastings said state law addresses the hours of discharge. Councilmember Provost asked if the police department would issue warnings prior to citations. Chief Hastings said they typically start with an education process before enforcement. Motion carried.

C. Authorization to proceed with purchase of Fire Engine

Chief Cooper said the fire department has been working several years toward the purchase of a new fire engine. The result is a recommendation to purchase a Pierce fire engine. The proposed engine is more ergonomically correct. Cooper asked the council to move forward with approval for the purchase. Cooper explained that the recognized replacement schedule is 20 years. After that age, the department can lose rating points which impacts homeowner's insurance rates. MOTION BY BEADLES/PROVOST to authorize the chief to move forward with the purchase. Councilmember Baumberger asked which financing option is being used. Chief Cooper said the LOCAL program has more favorable interest rates. MOTION BY BAUMBERGER/SMITH to amend the motion to include the financing with the LOCAL program. City Attorney Grow said he reviewed the contract and had some initial concerns about the warranty provisions, but further review indicates that there adequate provisions. Motion to amend carried. Motion to authorize purchase carried. MOTION BY BEADLES/BLACKMON to authorize the mayor to sign the contract. Motion carried.

D. Direction to set meeting for Dispatch Contract Negotiations

Councilmember Baumberger said the city is not inclined to meet with the county commissioners in executive session. He recapped the past two years of attempted negotiations with the county over dispatch. The mayor and staff began negotiations over concerns with the amount the city has been paying for dispatch services. The Public Safety committee does not feel a closed door discussion is the best approach, but any discussion should be held in the public eye and include all entities involved. Public Safety Committee requests that the mayor respond to the county commissioners and that staff continue negotiations regarding the contract. Mayor Warren said she has a letter prepared, which invites all parties

to meet at City Hall on November 21 at 6:00 in an open meeting. Baumberger said he would not be attending because staff had already been tasked with negotiating.

E. Authorize Traffic Safety Grant

Chief Hastings explained that the city is eligible for a traffic safety equipment grant. He plans to purchase a radar unit with back and front antenna to replace the oldest radar unit. He requested authorization to apply for the grant. MOTION BY BEADLES/NASH to apply for the Traffic Safety grant. Motion carried.

F. Authorize STOP Grant Application

Chief Hastings said the city has received this grant for the past eleven years. It pays for a victim witness advocate to work with domestic violence victims. MOTION BY BEADLES/SMITH to apply for the STOP grant. Motion carried.

G. Ordinance No. 1515, Moratorium on Recreational Marijuana Businesses, 1st Reading
Ordinance No. 1515 was read by title.

H. Contract for Victim/Witness Coordinator

Chief Hastings explained that this agreement is the contract with the victim witness coordinator. Donna Manchester, who has filled the position for several years, is no longer able to serve in this position. Hastings says he has two candidates for the position and will be offering the contract to one of them. The position is funded by the STOP grant. MOTION BY BEADLES/SMITH to approve the agreement. Motion carried.

I. Resolution No. 2013-07, Authorization to enter into agreement for Credit Card Services

Resolution No. 2013-07 was read by title. MOTION BY SMITH/BLACKMON to approve Resolution No. 2013-07. Motion carried.

J. Authorize Stormwater Grant Application

PWD Martin explained that this grant will provide \$120,000 in design funds, with no matching funds required. This will enable the city to have projects on the shelf and ready to go when construction funds become available. MOTION BY NASH/BEADLES to authorize acceptance of the grant and to proceed with Request for Qualifications for engineering. Motion carried.

K. Change Order Approval, Bubble-up Project

PWD Martin said the project has been proceeding well. There are three change orders for a total of \$12,035.34 that he is asking council to approve. MOTION BY BEADLES/BLACKMON to approve the change orders. Motion carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Nash said he was very happy to see Proposition 2 pass so the aquatic center will continue to operate.

Councilmember Provost asked someone to introduce the scouts in the audience. Justin King, 1225 Billups, said he is here with Troop 249 to visit a council meeting to earn merit badges in citizenship and community service. Provost also said he appreciates the students who attend.

Councilmember Beadles thanked the citizens for electing him to serve another four years. He also said he is honored to work with the city staff. He said most people don't realize the dedication of the staff.

MEDIA QUESTIONS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council went into executive session at 7:50 p.m. to discuss union negotiations and potential litigation. Anticipated length of session is 30 minutes and there will be no action as a result of the session.

Council returned to open session at 8:10.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Vickie Storey, City Clerk

Kathleen A. Warren, Mayor

Total Fund Expenditures, 11/12/13	CK #55056-55123	\$170,378.28
Total Payroll, 10/31/13	CK #54997-55055	\$270,072.11