

CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
May 11, 2020

ROLL CALL: Skate Pierce, Belinda Larsen, John Murray, Russ Evans, Pat Holman, Melyssa Andrews and Steven Ebert joined telephonically. Andrews excused from the last meeting on MOTION BY MURRAY/LARSEN. Motion carried

STAFF: Chief Hastings, Chief White, PWD Poole, Clerk Austin.

AGENDA CHANGES: Add Support letter on Variance for Safe Start Washington to Item A under New Business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the April 27, 2020 Regular Meeting were approved as corrected on MOTION BY HOLMAN/EBERT. Motion carried

COMMUNICATIONS:

A. From the Public: None

B. From the Mayor: Mayor Lawrence advised the deadline for completing the Census has been extended. She encouraged citizens to respond. Mayor Lawrence met with Department Heads and School District Officials regarding the graduation parade for Clarkston High School.

C. From Staff or Employees: Clerk Austin explained the Worker's Comp leave policy and the limitations of the CARES act for emergency medical leave. Chief Hastings provided information on the Clarkston High School Graduation Parade of Seniors.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance/Admin: Did not meet. Total expenditures for the May 11, 2020 period of \$903,387.15. MOTION BY MURRAY/ANDREWS to approve the bills as read. Motion Carried

Public Safety: Did not meet.

Public Works: Monika advised that the Committee met on May 5, 2020 via telephone. The minutes were included in the packet.

Outside Organizations: No reports

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: MOTION BY PIERCE/HOLMAN to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion Carried

- A. WSDOT Local Programs Right of Way Procedures**
- B. WSDOT Local Programs Waiver of Appraisal**
- C. WSDOT Local Programs Administrative Settlement Policy**
- D. Grantham Safe Routes to School Grant Application**
- E. Proclamation of May 2020 as Older Americans Month**

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Letter of Support for Asotin County Phase 2 Variance Request. Mayor Lawrence provided Council with the information. MOTION BY LARSEN/EBERT to approve a letter of support. Motion Carried

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Councilmember Murray asked if the City could forego charging sewer fees for non-essential businesses. Councilmember Larsen also asked about possibilities to help small business owners. Attorney Richardson advised that he would research the issue. Clerk Austin advised that the governor’s proclamation authorized utilities to waive late fees, but was adamant that charges for services would still be required. PWD Poole reminded Council that modification of rates, per the code, could only be completed once per year. Councilmember Evans asked if the Asotin County Republicans would be able to hold the annual July 4th Celebration in the park. Clerk Austin advised that gatherings over 50 persons were not allowed until Phase 4 of the Governor’s Safe Start plan. Attorney Richardson advised that the timeline for the phases will not be known for a while. Councilmember Andrews advised that the Children’s Miracle Network campaign for Walmart was advised by the Governor that it would not be possible until August or September. She commented that the City may want to find some incentive like waiving sewer fees for businesses to remain closed until allowed to open under the Safe Start plan. Councilmember Pierce advised it might cause problems to waive utility fees to some businesses, and charge others. He advised it needs to be all or nothing. Councilmember Holman asked if the City is issuing building permits. PWD Poole, advised that the City is issuing permits. He asked when the Graduation parade would be held? Chief Hastings advised June 6 around noon. Mayor Lawrence advised she would send out information as it becomes available.

PRESS QUESTIONS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:40PM.

Steve Austin, City Clerk

Monika Lawrence, Mayor

Total Fund Expenditures 5/11/20	Ck # 70495-70563	\$545,134.82
Payroll 5/5/20	Ck # 70466-70493	\$358,252.33