

CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
January 9, 2017

ROLL CALL: Belinda Campbell, Skate Pierce, Terry Beadles, Brian Kolstad, Monika Beauchamp, Blackmon; John Murray was excused on a motion by Beauchamp, second by Kolstad.

STAFF:

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

AGENDA CHANGES: Councilmember Campbell added a letter from Community Development committee to New Business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the December 27, 2016, Regular Meeting were approved as corrected.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A. From the Public:

B. From Mayor:

Mayor Lawrence reported that Public Works and Police Guild members have signed the new Employee Handbook. The Fire employees have not and are meeting with the city to discuss areas of concern. Local 2299 firefighters have filed an unfair labor practice regarding the reduced staffing of the department.

Mayor Lawrence shared with council members a draft of a letter that will go to our legislators along with the Council's legislative agenda.

Mayor Lawrence recapped a report from SEWEDA on their activities for the prior year.

Mayor Lawrence clarified the notice in the Tribune of our meetings for this week. The meeting on January 10 will be a meeting to receive reports on the options for the fire department, not a regular council meeting.

From Staff:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance: Councilmember Beadles reported the bills were reviewed and approved for payment. Total expenditures for December 31, 2016 of \$1,971.40 and for January 9, 2017 of \$639,027.50. MOTION BY BEADLES/BLACKMON to approve the bills as read. Motion carried.

Public Safety: Councilmember Beadles reported on the January 3 meeting. Chief Hastings discussed needed repairs and upgrades that should be addressed at the gun range. The furnace needs replaced and the bullet curtain should be replaced. Chief Hastings is waiting for information from the State purchasing contract on new patrol vehicles. The "You Have Options" program is moving forward. Traffic calming and speed reader boards were discussed.

Chief Cooper presented a draft of information for the upcoming January 10 meeting on fire department organization. A proposed town hall meeting was discussed.

Dick Jones has applied for reappointment to the committee.

Public Works: No meeting.

Admin Committee: Councilmember Blackmon said committee met this evening and discussed a fee increase for business licenses. They would like an ordinance drafted for presentation to council.

Community Development: Councilmember Campbell reported on the January 4 meeting. Committee discussed the future of the Public Market with several citizens. The possibility of moving it to Vernon Park was discussed. Several issues would need to be addressed, such as parking, restrooms and

ability to access internet for an EBT machine for sales. Committee suggested funds for improvements to the park might come from lodging tax revenue.

The City was asked to send a letter commenting on the environmental impact statement regarding the Columbia River System Operations. The letter should ask pertinent questions and make suggestions for review regarding the Lower Snake River dams. A draft of the letter was provided.

Outside Organizations:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Committee Assignments

Committees were reassigned as follows:

<u>Public Safety</u>	<u>Public Works</u>	<u>Finance Committee</u>
Terry Beadles	Skate Pierce	Terry Beadles
Skate Pierce	Belinda Campbell	Brian Kolstad
Belinda Campbell	Monika Beauchamp	Kelly Blackmon
<u>Community Development</u>		<u>Admin/Intergov</u>
Brian Kolstad		Kelly Blackmon
Monika Beauchamp		John Murray
Skate Pierce		Brian Kolstad

Outside Committees

LEOFF Disability	Terry Beadles
Health District	Skate Pierce
Lodging Tax Advisory, County	Belinda Campbell
Lodging Tax Advisory, City	Belinda Campbell
EMS Council	Skate Pierce
Valley Vision	Monika Lawrence
PTBA	Brian Kolstad
SEWEDA	Belinda Campbell
MPO	Monika Lawrence
Volunteer Firefighter Board	Kelly Blackmon
Visit L-C Valley	Belinda Campbell
Stormwater	John Murray
Airport Commission	Tim Lynch

B. Appoint Mayor ProTem

MOTION BY KOLSTAD/BEAUCHAMP to appoint Councilmember Pierce. Motion carried.

C. Reappoint Dick Jones to Public Safety Committee

MOTION BY BEADLES/KOLSTAD to appoint Dick Jones to Public Safety. Motion carried.

D. Approve Contract with TD&H Engineering for Design of Grantham School Safety Project

PWD Martin explained that TD&H was chosen as a result of an RFQ. This agreement authorizes TD&H to move forward with the design phase of the project, which is funded by a grant. MOTION BY CAMPBELL/BEAUCHAMP to authorize the mayor to sign the agreement. Motion carried.

E. Appointment of Clerk/Treasurer

Mayor Lawrence announced that Clerk Storey will be retiring on February 10 after 24 years in the position. She said that Storey will be missed. She said a new Clerk/Treasurer has been selected. She gave

a short bio of the successful candidate and introduced Steve Austin, who is currently the records clerk in the police department. His first official day will be February 1.

F. Approval of Letter

Councilmember Campbell said she presented a letter to the Community Development Committee which asks questions and raises concerns about research on what happens to the dams. The letter is in response to the comment period on the Environment Impact Statement on the Columbia Snake River Operations and will go to the Army Corp of Engineers. Committee recommends the EIS comment letter be sent. MOTION BY BLACKMON/BEADLES to send the letter as presented. Councilmember Pierce said committee removed language that would commit the city to a position about whether the dams should be maintained or removed. Motion carried, 5-1, Kolstad opposed.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Beadles said he was glad to see Vernon Park discussed. He would also like to see a splash fountain installed at the park and named the Donna Engle Memorial Fountain in honor of Former Mayor Engle who served the city for about 20 years. Community will take that recommendation under advisement.

Councilmember Blackmon commended the City’s street department for maintenance during the recent snow storms.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council went into executive session at 7:41 for 15 minutes to discuss union negotiations. No decisions will be made as a result of the session.

Council returned to open session at 7:56 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Vickie Storey, City Clerk

Monika Lawrence, Mayor

Total Fund Expenditures, 12/31/16	Ck # 63077-80, 20161202, 04-08, 15-17	\$1,971.40
Total Fund Expenditures, 1/9/17	Ck #63120-77	\$336,839.79
Payroll, 12/31/16	Ck # 63081-63119	\$302,187.71