

**CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**January 11, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Lawrence.

**COUNCIL:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beadles	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nash	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Campbell
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pierce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kolstad	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Blackmon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beauchamp	

**STAFF:**

Chief Hastings    Chief Cooper    Clerk Storey    City Attorney Richardson    PWD Martin

**AGENDA CHANGES:**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes of the December 28, 2015, Regular Meeting are approved as corrected. The minutes of the January 6, 2016 Special Meeting were approved as distributed.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Mayor Lawrence explained the rules for public comment. She welcomed comments, asked everyone to be civil and refrain from personal attacks.

**A. From the Public:** The following persons addressed the council:

Tom Martin, 421 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Clarkston  
Steve Porter, 928 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Clarkston  
Carina Kaman, 411 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Clarkston  
Gayla Filler, 928 Beachview Blvd., Clarkston  
Taylor Bond, 1301 Sycamore, Clarkston

**B. From the Mayor:**

Mayor Lawrence said she has directed the clerk to record only the name and address of those making public comment.

Mayor Lawrence thanked Mayor Warren for her many years of service to the city and for including Mayor-elect Lawrence in the transition. Lawrence said the people spoke with their votes and change will come, but there is a process to be followed in order to make change. She appreciates the comments and encouraged the public to continue to speak.

Mayor Lawrence asked that the council be present and active in the committees they serve on, since a lot of the work is done there and items for the agenda should be vetted through committee before appearing on the agenda.

Mayor Lawrence explained the purpose of executive sessions and the reasons for holding a special meeting last week for an executive session.

Mayor Lawrence said she plans to be at City Hall between the hours of 8:30 and noon each day or can be available by appointment. She thanked the public for putting their confidence in her.

**C. From Staff:**

PWD Martin gave a brief explanation of the UV treatment system at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. He asked council to authorize the mayor to sign a service agreement with Hach Company for annual service for the equipment that controls the UVAS system for \$1,059. Councilmember Beadles said Finance Committee reviewed the request and recommend approval. MOTION BY BEADLES/KOLSTAD to authorize the mayor to sign the agreement with Hach Company after legal review. Councilmember Beauchamp said she would prefer to have the actual contract in hand for review before taking action. Motion carried.

Councilmember Blackmon asked if the building is ADA compliant. PWD Martin said it is his understanding that the building is compliant, but one issue is the lack of power doors. He is gathering information on the cost to add those doors and will bring that information to council.

Martin said in discussing traffic revisions at the Walmart/Costco entrances, concerns were raised about the impact on the east exit from Costco. He said the MPO will do traffic counts and Keller Associates, who did the North Clarkston traffic study, would assess the new counts for under \$1,000.

City Attorney Richardson reported that the jail contract has been resolved and will be presented to the council at the next meeting for final approval.

Richardson explained that the City has received several public records requests that are very time consuming. One is to review five years of files and provide everything that is responsive. Richardson spoke with Admin Committee about hiring additional help. MOTION BY BLACKMON/BEADLES to authorize hiring a part-time temporary employee to search for documents and make copies to fulfill the records request. Councilmember Kolstad asked if there is an estimate of the cost. Richardson said not at this time, but he anticipates about 20 hours per week at \$10.00 per hour. Motion carried.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Finance:** Councilmember Blackmon reported that committee has reviewed the bills. MOTION BY BEADLES/BLACKMON to approve the bills for December 31, 2015 for \$435.20 and for January 11, 2016 for \$299,501.16. Motion carried.

**Public Safety:** Councilmember Beadles reported on the January 5 meeting. Committee recommends Alice White as a citizen at large representative to Public Safety.

Chief Hastings discussed the jail contract. He will review with the mayor and city attorney.

Chief Cooper discussed department values and mission statement and a vehicle mileage report. Chief Cooper requested authorization to apply for two grants, which are on the agenda. Cooper is seeking attorney advice on a possible sole source purchase of equipment. Chief Cooper explained the offline reporting system. Committee discussed health insurance for Reserve firefighters.

**Public Works:** Councilmember Nash reported on the January 6 meeting. Committee discussed licensing of rental properties, sidewalk repair code, Grantham School sidewalk project, the Rotary pavilion at Beachview Park, traffic calming on Riverview, and Clarkston Free Parking. Discussed beekeeping. There will be an information seminar on January 16 at City Hall. Discussed the Walmart / Costco entrance traffic. Committee recommends appointing Alice White as a citizen representative.

**Admin Committee:** Councilmember Nash reported there was discussion about the contracts for lodging tax funding for Visit LC Valley and the Rotary bicycle event which are on the agenda. Also discussed public records requests with City Attorney Richardson.

**Community Development:** Committee met on January 5. Discussion on Citizen Appreciation Awards. Ordinances presented at the last committee meeting will be sent for attorney review. Committee directed that an ordinance be prepared to repeal the marijuana ban.

Committee would like to clarify how ordinances are brought before council. They recommend that suggested ordinances be brought to council and then assigned to a committee.

Councilmember Beauchamp said it would be nice to see more public attendance at committee meetings. She also suggested council meetings be televised or put on U-tube.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **A. Committee Assignments**

Mayor Lawrence said that a description of the council standing committees is included in the agenda packet. She encouraged citizens to consider applying to serve on a committee. She also announced that committee meetings days and times may change as they organize. Committee assignments are as follows:

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Public Safety

Beadles  
Pierce  
Blackmon

Public Works

Nash  
Beauchamp  
Campbell

Finance

Beadles  
Blackmon  
Kolstad

Community Development

Campbell  
Beauchamp  
Pierce

Admin/Intergov

Nash  
Blackmon  
Kolstad

Community Organizations: Mayor Lawrence asked council to make reports available of the activities of the committees they serve on. Assignments are as follows:

Health District - Nash	Lodging Tax Advisory – Campbell	County Lodging – Campbell
Visit LC Valley – Campbell	EMS – Pierce	Valley Vision – Kolstad
PTBA – Kolstad	MPO – Beauchamp	BVFF – Blackmon
Stormwater – Nash	SEWEDA - Beauchamp	

**B. Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem**

Nash nominated Councilmember Campbell. Blackmon nominated Beadles. Councilmember Campbell was appointed with five votes.

**C. Contract for Tourism Services, Visit LC Valley**

Councilmember Beadles said this is the standard agreement for tourism services. MOTION BY BEADLES/CAMPBELL to approve the contract as proposed. Motion carried.

**D. Contract for Tourism Services, Clarkston Rotary Club**

Councilmember Beadles explained the Rotary Club uses these funds to advertise the annual Rivers to Ridges bicycle event. MOTION BY BEADLES/CAMPBELL to approve the agreement with Rotary. Motion carried.

**E. Appointment of Alice White to Public Works Committee**

MOTION BY NASH/BEADLES to appoint Alice White to Public Works committee. Motion carried, 6-1, Kolstad opposed.

**F. Appointment of Alice White to Public Safety Committee**

MOTION BY BEADLES/BLACKMON to appoint Alice White to Public Safety Committee. Motion carried.

**G. Authorize Grant Application for SCBA's and Air Bottles, Fire Dept**

Chief Cooper said he has been working with the three other fire agencies in Asotin County on this grant application for SCBA's and bottles. The application is due this Friday. He asked council to authorize the application. MOTION BY BEADLES/KOLSTAD to authorize the grant application. Councilmember Campbell asked the cost. Chief Cooper said the City's share of the match is \$20,000. Motion carried.

**H. Authorize Grant Application for Power Saws and Infrared Camera**

Chief Cooper said the grant application is actually is for a master stream monitor and power saws, not infrared cameras. Councilmember Beauchamp asked why the application changed from thermal imaging cameras. Cooper explained the budget currently includes a thermal imaging camera, so he feels this is a better use of the grant. Campbell asked the cost of the grant. Cooper said the maximum amount of the grant is \$25,000 with a 5% match. MOTION BY BEAUCHAMP/BLACKMON to authorize the grant application for a master stream monitor and power saws. Motion carried.

**I. Ordinance No. 1556, Zoning Text Amendment, 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Ordinance No. 1556 was read by title.

**J. Ordinance No. 1557, Repealing Ban on Recreational Marijuana Businesses, 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Ordinance No. 1557 was read by title. Councilmember Blackmon asked if the ordinance includes repealing the ordinance on medical marijuana. Mayor Lawrence replied that the new medical marijuana rules don't go into effect until July, but it can be addressed in committee. Councilmember Campbell asked it to go to Community Development. Attorney Richardson said a draft of the ordinance is underway. PWD Martin reminded council that medical marijuana has been addressed in the new zoning amendment.

Mayor Lawrence stated that in order to expedite action on these two ordinances she is willing to call a special meeting in three days for the second reading and action on Ordinance No. 1556 and Ordinance No. 1557 if the council desires.

Kolstad and Beauchamp said they have some issues with Ordinance No. 1557 as presented. Richardson said if Kolstad wants to amend the ordinance, it can be done after the second reading according to city code. Richardson said under RCW this ordinance would be subject to referendum, therefore would not go into effect until 30 days after adoption.

Councilmember Beauchamp said she contacted MRSC and does not agree that it is subject to referendum. There was discussion between councilmembers and Richardson on whether the ordinance is subject to referendum.

A special meeting scheduled for 8:00, January 14, 2016.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Councilmember Beadles commented on a letter in the opinion page of the paper that he found offensive. He explained that there was a decision to provide funding to the Wine Alliance to expand tourism. Beadles said it is too bad that hatred seems to have entered into this issue.

Councilmember Pierce responded to a comment from Ms. Bond that the daycare at WWCC is regulated by the state and gave her information on how to contact them.

Councilmember Kolstad agreed with Beadles that hate mail is not necessary. He commented that he appreciates that the audience has attended faithfully through this issue and hopes they continue to come when this issue is resolved.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: Negotiations & Litigation**

Mayor Lawrence announced council will go into executive session to discuss labor negotiations and litigation at 8:31 for 15 minutes. No action will be taken.

Council returned to open session at 8:46 p.m.

**ADJOURN:**

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

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Vickie Storey, City Clerk

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Monika Lawrence, Mayor

Total Fund Expenditures, 12/31/15	201503-09	\$435.20
Total Fund Expenditures, 1/11/16	60714, 60718-65	\$299,501.16
Payroll,		