

CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
January 25, 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 January 11, 2016, Regular Meeting and the January 14, 2016 Special Meeting were approved as distributed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

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

Tom Martin, 421 11th Street, Clarkston
Alice White, 742 13th Street, Clarkston
Sandy Fromdahl, 1759 6th Ave, Clarkston
Robert Huebner, 1203 Chestnut Street, Clarkston

B. From the Mayor:

Mayor Lawrence reminded council that they need to be recognized before they speak. She also suggested that reports be given for outside committees that councilmembers serve on.

C. From Staff:

PWD Martin addressed the concerns about the sign at Holy Family Church. He said the sign code does not address digital signage and suggested that Public Works Committee be assigned to review the sign code and that council might want to consider a moratorium on digital signs until the code can be updated. Mayor Lawrence said she spoke with a representative of the church and they are planning to take steps to work with the neighborhood.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: Councilmember Blackmon reported that committee has reviewed the bills. MOTION BY BEADLES/BLACKMON to approve the bills for the December 31, 2015 open period for \$591,647.24 and for January 25, 2016 for \$188,327.72. Motion carried. Beadles is the chair of Finance Committee.

Public Safety: Councilmember Beadles reported on the January 19 meeting. Chief Hastings discussed an ordinance that would give the Fire Chief authority to impose a temporary ban on fireworks in drought situations. The City is also working with Asotin County to adopt consistent regulations.

Committee recommends authorizing Chief Hastings to order a patrol vehicle.

Chief Hastings said the department will be ordering new service hand guns. A training outline was presented. The department will share some training with area law enforcement agencies. Chief Hastings discussed the STOP grant.

Chief Cooper discussed reserve firefighter hours and demonstrated a thermal imaging camera.

Councilmember Kolstad will also join the committee.

Public Works: Councilmember Nash reported on the January 20 meeting. Committee discussed

an alley encroachment issue that was first discussed in 2010.

Data review on the Walmart Costco traffic study will cost about \$800. Committee decided to use the International Property Maintenance Code rather than develop additional regulations for addressing substandard properties.

Committee feels that the beekeeping topic should be handled by Community Development.

Committee recommends appointing Elaine Goodner to Public Works.

A grant for Maple Street stormwater improvements has been submitted.

Admin Committee: Councilmember Blackmon reported that he is the committee chair. Meeting time will be unchanged.

Discussed the sign code and suggested that the entire code be reviewed to see what is obsolete and might need to be updated or revised. Admin Committee will take the lead.

Community Development: Committee met on January 19. Belinda Campbell was appointed chairperson. Changes to the agenda were discussed. Discussed possibility of doing video of committee meetings and council meetings. Discussed mobile food stands. Discussed possible improvements to Bridge and 6th Streets. Sidewalks and curbs are crumbling and some buildings are in need of improvement. Committee would like to see the entrances to Clarkston improved aesthetically. Discussed the possibility of hiring a grant writer/administrator. PWD Martin explained that Bridge Street and 6th Street are both state highways and the City has limited ability to make changes, although he has heard the state has identified funding to resurface Bridge Street.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Authorize Purchase of Patrol Vehicle

MOTION BY BEADLES/BEAUCHAMP authorizing Chief Hastings to purchase a patrol vehicle. Motion carried.

B. Proposed Purchase of Alley Right of Way

PWD Martin said this first came up in 2010, when the owners of the property at 628 4th Street wanted to sell the property that the alley has encroached on. Martin asked for permission to negotiate the purchase of the affected property at no more than the amount of the appraisal. MOTION BY NASH/BEAUCHAMP to authorize Martin to negotiate to purchase the property in question. Motion carried.

C. Appoint Elaine Goodner to Public Works Committee

MOTION BY NASH/PIERCE to appoint Elaine Goodner to Public Works Committee. Motion carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Nash congratulated the Clarkston basketball team on their season.

Nash said he attended a Health Department meeting. They have been working on updating regulations on septic systems.

Councilmember Kolstad reported on the PTBA. He said they had a good year with no accidents. He commended the staff on the work they are doing.

Consensus to add outside committee reports at the end of standing committee reports.

ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Vickie Storey, City Clerk

Monika Lawrence, Mayor

Total Fund Expenditures, 12/31/15	60663,64, 60715-17, 60790-60849, 960644	\$307,846.44
Total Fund Expenditures, 1/25/16	60766, 60850-96, dec2015 excise	\$57,317.92
Payroll, 12/31/15	60665-60713	\$283,800.80
Payroll, 1/15/16	60767-60789	\$188,327.72