

**CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**March 23, 2015**

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"/> Kolstad	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Blackmon
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Manchester	

STAFF:

Chief Hastings    Chief Cooper    Clerk Storey    City Attorney Grow    PWD Martin

**AGENDA CHANGES:**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** MOTION BY BEADLES/NASH to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2015, Regular Meeting. Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- A. From the Public:
- B. From Mayor:
- C. From Staff:

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Finance:** Councilmember Provost reported the bills were reviewed and approved for payment. Total expenditures for March 23, 2015 of \$215,572.04. MOTION BY PROVOST/BLACKMON to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Provost said committee discussed meeting times. Admin Committee will meet on Monday at 6:00 and Finance will meet at 6:15.

**Public Safety:** Committee met March 17. Committee approved sending proposed revisions to the jail contract to Asotin County for review. The City had received a signed copy from the County, but our attorney has some issues he wanted to see revised. The contract for patrol of the greenbelt is on the agenda. The police department won first place in the YWCA soup luncheon. Committee recommends having a meeting with the City of Asotin and the County Commissioners to discuss the court agreement. A request for approval to apply for a fire department grant is on the agenda.

**Public Works:** No meeting.

**Admin Committee:** Councilmember Manchester said committee met earlier today. There is nothing to report.

**Community Development:** No meeting.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**Public Hearing on the Proposed Stormwater Construction Permit Fees**

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:05 p.m.

PWD Martin explained that a review of the construction permit fees for stormwater have found that they are higher than needed to offset the cost of work involved. He said there is not as much involved with the medium sized projects, so the Interlocal is proposing that some fees be reduced.

There was no public comment, so the hearing was closed at 7:07.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **A. Michelle Peters, HCVB Report**

Michelle Peters gave a report on the activities of the Hells Canyon Visitor Bureau. She said the organization is now known as Visit Lewis Clark Valley. She said they are changing their logo and their marketing strategies to capitalize on all the tourist attractions of the valley. She provided copies of the 2015 Visitor Guide and a short DVD. According to the Dean Runyon report for 2013, destination spending in the valley is about \$30 million. The impact is broken down into categories such as lodging, food, entertainment, retail, etc. Peters said this is the first year that the legislature has required that organizations using the lodging tax funds file a report annually showing how the funds were used. Required information includes number of room nights, attendance at sponsored festivals. Peters explained that it is difficult to determine how many people came to the valley due to their marketing efforts. But there are some studies and formulas that are recognized in the industry that she uses. Peters said there are bills in the house and senate that will help support the tourism industry that are moving forward and look promising. Revenues are generated from the industry based on the type of business. She said the state cut tourism funding and this will help replace it. Peters said about 16,000 visitors go to Hells Canyon every year. She also said the cruise ship business will be increasing this year with more boats coming in.

### **B. Ordinance No. 1537, Budget Amendment – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Ordinance No. 1537 was read by title. Storey explained that most of the amendment is to update the beginning fund balances to actual.

### **C. Corp Patrol Agreement**

Chief Hastings explained that the agreement is basically the same as in previous years. The pay rates have been updated to match the current wages. The agreement authorizes 90 hours of patrol during the summer months. MOTION BY BEADLES/BLACKMON to approve the contract with the Corp. Motion carried.

### **D. Schedule Joint Meeting re: Court Contract**

Councilmember Beadles said the committee met with City Attorney Richardson and Asotin Mayor Bonfield and Asotin's attorney. There are some issues that they feel need to be discussed and clarified. MOTION BY BEADLES/MANCHESTER to schedule a joint meeting. Councilmember Nash asked who will represent Clarkston. Beadles said Richardson will. Motion carried.

### **E. Approval to Apply for Fire Safety Grant for Residential Smoke Detectors**

Chief Cooper said there is an opportunity to apply for a fire safety grant. It is a 95% grant. This grant would address safety issues in the community and provide smoke detectors with long life batteries to residences. He said the grant would be approximately \$40,000. Cooper said a 3-bedroom home would require 4 smoke detectors. The city's share of a \$40,000 grant would be about \$2,000. Councilmember asked if landlords are responsible for providing smoke detectors for rental units. Cooper said the landlord is responsible for smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. Councilmember Blackmon asked if there are citations for landlords who do not provide safety equipment. MOTION BY BEADLES/KOLSTAD to authorize Chief Cooper to apply for the fire safety grant. Motion carried.

### **F. Resolution No. 2015-05, Stormwater Construction Permit Fee Schedule**

MOTION BY NASH/MANCHESTER to approve Resolution No. 2015-05. Motion carried.

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Councilmember Kolstad said that House Bill 2136 appears to be moving forward through the legislature. He said that would generate 5.8% tax revenue for jurisdictions that allow retail marijuana establishments. He estimated that would generate approximately \$60,000 to \$100,000 in revenue for the City according to information he received from the state.

## **MEDIA QUESTIONS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

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Vickie Storey, City Clerk

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Kathleen A. Warren, Mayor

Total Fund Expenditures, 3/23/15	Ck #58750-58805, Feb2015Excise	\$85,469.61
Total Fund Expenditures, Payroll, 3/15/15	Ck #58729-58749	\$130,102.43