

CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
March 27, 2017

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

STAFF: Chief Hastings, Chief Cooper, PWD Martin, Clerk Austin, City Attorney Richardson

AGENDA CHANGES: Add Tom Ledgerwood/Clarkston Free Parking to Unfinished Business

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the March 13, 2017 Regular Meeting were approved as distributed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A. From the Public:

John Flerchinger, 2115 6th Ave #20

B. From Mayor: No comments.

C. From Staff or Employees: Chief Cooper spoke of challenges with a City ambulance. It has been into the shop with recurrent oil leaks. It is currently not in operation. Chief Cooper will continue to work for a resolution to this issue.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance: Councilmember Beadles reported the bills were reviewed and approved for payment. Total expenditures for the March 27, 2017 period of \$230,418.55. MOTION BY BEADLES/BLACKMON to approve the bills as read. Motion carried.

Public Safety: Councilmember Beadles reported on the March 21 meeting.

Chief Cooper reported that five volunteers will enter the emergency vehicle driving course for the final phase of earning their CFD pin. The City welcomes these five volunteers.

The records request that the fire union filed is close to being completed. Around 1500 pages are to be provided at a large cost to the city. The cost includes many man hours provided and use of city copiers, supplies, and loss of staff time.

The oil leak of the Ford ambulance with a 6.0 diesel engine seems unrepairable. A major oil leak since the last repair attempt has rendered the vehicle inoperable. The Chief has had many discussions with Joe Hall employees. There will be more discussion with Joe Hall Ford.

Chief Hastings reported that CPD has hired a records clerk. The new employee will begin duties early in April. The Animal Control Officer has been working in the records area.

The department is researching the use of Narcan for overdose incidents.

A citizen talked to the Chief about a daily protest. The CPD is concerned about the safety of everyone, thus the negative aspects of a protest action were discussed.

Public Works: Councilmember Pierce reported on the March 21 meeting.

Beachview Skate Park: Committee will explore to see if Community Development Block Grants can be used for parks. They will also see if Washington State Parks and Rec money is available. We have no ability to fund improvements or any costly upkeep. We need to find out if the School District is still interested in the north section of the park.

Bike Day banners: Discussion with Mike Tatko about using the Avista poles to hang banners. We need to find out if this is going to cost the city any money.

Sunrise Drive lift station work is postponed to April due to weather.

TBD plan: The TBD plan is at the top of PWD Martin's "To Do" list. It will be ready for April introduction to council and committee review. We need to modify our ordinance dealing with the TBD to be more inclusive.

Sanitation Recycling RFP is #2 on PWD Martin's "To Do" list. He will try to finish in the same time frame as the TBD plan.

Public Works Committee wants to find a way to work with the Valley Rental Association to make sure that tenants are fully informed of their rights.

There was a short discussion on a recent issue at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The leasing of Chestnut Beach from the Army Corps of Engineers will likely prove cost prohibitive.

Fleshman Way/Hwy 129 interchange construction will likely be performed at the same time as the improvements on Bridge Street near the Interstate Bridge. The County work will be performed during the day. The work in the city will be done at night.

Admin Committee: Did not meet

Community Development: Councilmember Beauchamp reported on the March 23 meeting.

No quorum was present. John Flerchinger was there with Councilmember Kolstad. There was a discussion about lifeguards at Chestnut Beach.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Clarkston Free Parking- Tom Ledgerwood, Treasurer. Mr. Ledgerwood discussed the parking lots on 6th Street and 7th Street and the proposed agreement submitted to the City. Currently, businesses pay \$20/month to use Clarkston Free Parking. CFP pays for taxes, stormwater, and maintenance. There was discussion of the calculation of rent if lots are off the tax roll. Deeding lots to city and leasing the lots would allow for cost savings. CFP would still pay the stormwater fee and amount of City tax, but would result in less tax because CFP would no longer pay the State or County tax. Council had questions regarding the renewal term restrictions. There was discussion regarding the lighting in the lots. CFP believes that Avista is contracted already to replace and repair the lights.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Lewis Clark Valley Chamber of Commerce: Refresh the Valley. Kristin Kemak spoke on the Refresh the Valley regarding partnership with Beautiful Downtown Lewiston to clean up the area. The Chamber would like to recruit help from Council and City. The area of improvement is at the Port location of the disembarking of the cruise boats. Volunteers will be planting drought resistant plants and cleaning the area the day before the first cruise comes in. They will also be hanging 28 flower baskets on 6th Street in Clarkston. The date of Refresh the Valley is April 8, Saturday from 8am-10am.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Lawrence called Executive Session at 7:40pm. It is expected to last about 20 minutes. A two minute extension was requested at 8:00pm. Council was back in session at 8:02pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 8:02p.m.

Steve Austin, City Clerk

Monika Lawrence, Mayor

Total Fund Expenditures, 3/13/17	Ck # 63581-63671	\$101,497.46
Payroll, 3/20/17	Ck # 63674-63691	\$128,921.09