

CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
May 9, 2016

ROLL CALL: Terry Beadles, Skate Pierce, Belinda Campbell, Kelly Blackmon, Monika Beauchamp, John Murray

Absent/Excused: Brian Kolstad on a motion by Blackmon/Pierce.

STAFF:

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

AGENDA CHANGES:

APPROVAL OF: Minutes of the April 25, 2016, Regular Meeting were approved as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A. From the Public:

Tom Martin, 421 11th Street, Clarkston.

Janet Marugg, 2618 Sunset Court, Clarkston.

Elaine Goodner, 1302 8th Street, Clarkston.

Ken Roberts, 728 14th Street.

B. From Mayor:

Mayor Lawrence reminded council that there is a Planning Short Course Training scheduled here on May 18.

Mayor Lawrence commented that committee assignments need to be completed for Councilmember Murray. Murray said he will volunteer for Admin/Intergovernmental and Stormwater. Councilmember Blackmon volunteered to serve on the LEOFF disability Board.

C. From Staff:

Councilmember Blackmon commented that permission from a landlord for beekeeping should be part of a rental agreement.

PWD Martin said that the City has been asked for a letter of support for a Safe Routes to School grant for Grantham Elementary. MOTION BY BEADLES/MURRAY to authorize the mayor to sign a letter of support for the Grantham sidewalk project. Motion carried.

Fire Captain Dan Sokoloski, read a statement regarding the future of the fire department. He asked several questions about staffing in the department and union negotiations.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance: Councilmember Beadles reported the bills were reviewed and approved for payment. Total expenditures for April 30, 2016 of \$873.70 and for May 9, 2016 of 402,187.31. MOTION BY BEADLES/PIERCE to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Public Safety: Councilmember Beadles reported on the May 3 meeting. Committee viewed the new patrol car. The Police Department will help with traffic control for the I Made the Grade event on June 18 and participate in a Habitat for Humanity fundraiser.

Chief Cooper is working on revisions to the fireworks ordinance. An ambulance is in need of major repair work to correct an oil leak. The exhaust removal system has been ordered. A shelter will be installed for the new brush truck.

Public Works: Councilmember Pierce reported on the May 3rd meeting. City representatives met with representatives from WSDOT to discuss Bridge Street improvements. We were told we need to lobby our legislators to get the project earmarked for funding. Sidewalk repairs will be the City's responsibility. We have a plan for redesigning the intersection around 2nd & Bridge. Funding options are being explored with the MPO. The Maple Street vacation ordinance is ready for the agenda. The alley right of way acquisition at 628 4th is proceeding.

PWD Martin is meeting with TD&H Engineering and the principal of Grantham Elementary
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regarding the Safe Routes to Schools grant.

The Avista Relight Project is being clarified.

Planning Commission is working on revisions to regulations regarding food trucks.

Murray asked what the result of the meeting with MPO was. PWD Martin said he contacted DOT and got some information on what would be needed for them to participate.

Admin Committee: Councilmember Blackmon said committee met this evening. A possible tax rate increase for casino gambling was discussed.

Community Development: Councilmember Campbell reported on the May 3rd meeting. Committee discussed the beekeeping ordinance. Councilmember Pierce mentioned the need to update the City's comprehensive plan. Committee will be reviewing the city's litter ordinance.

Outside Organizations:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Ordinance No. 1562, Repeal CMC 5.06, Medical Cannabis Operations – 2nd Reading for Action

Ordinance No. 1562 was read by title. MOTION BY PIERCE/CAMPBELL to approve Ordinance No. 1562. Motion carried, 5-1, Blackmon opposed.

B. Ordinance No. 1563, Beekeeping – 2nd Reading for Action

Ordinance No. 1563 was read by title. MOTION BY BEAUCHAMP/BLACKMON to approve Ordinance No. 1563. Councilmember Murray said he does not support beekeeping on residential lots. He said the minimum lot size is only 5,000 square feet and feels the proposed regulations would potentially create neighborhood conflict. Councilmember Beauchamp said she supports this ordinance due to the reduction of bees in recent times. Councilmember Pierce commented that if a person has an allergy to bees they should not have flowering plants or trees that would attract bees. Councilmember Beadles said he also supports this ordinance. Motion carried, 5-1, Murray opposed.

C. Ordinance No. 1564, Amending CMC 10.54 – 2nd Reading for Action

Ordinance No. 1564 was read by title. MOTION BY CAMPBELL/BLACKMON to approve Ordinance No. 1564. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Ordinance No. 1565, Vacating a Portion of Maple Street – 1st Reading

Ordinance No. 1565 was read by title. PWD Martin explained that he provided a map which diagrams the portion of the street to be vacated.

B. Grant Agreement with Transportation Improvement Board, Streetlights

MOTION BY BEADLES/BLACKMON authorizing Mayor Lawrence to sign the agreement with TIB for the Streetlight project. PWD Martin said he spoke with a representative from TIB about the replacement cost of lights. The language refers to replacement if a light is damaged in a vehicle accident or something similar. Motion carried.

C. Agreement with Avista for Streetlight Improvements

MOTION BY BEAUCHAMP/CAMPBELL authorizing Mayor Warren to sign the agreement with Avista for streetlight improvements. Motion carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Campbell said that the sanitation department does not often get recognized. She mentioned a situation at the cruise ship dock and how cooperative the staff is when they are called. Councilmember Pierce commented on the City's Comprehensive Plan and said while zoning is good, the City does not have a good plan for the future of the City. He proposed a council work session so

discussion on issues can include all members. Councilmember Murray suggested the Planning Commission be included in any planning meetings.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council went into Executive Session at 7:48 p.m. to discuss union negotiations. Anticipated length of session is 20 minutes and no decisions are anticipated as a result of the session. The session was extended for an additional 5 minutes at 8:08. The session was extended for an additional 10 minutes at 8:12. The session was extended for an additional 3 minutes at 8:22. Session was extended for an additional 5 minutes at 8:25. Council returned to open session at 8:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Vickie Storey, City Clerk

Monika Lawrence, Mayor

Total Fund Expenditures, 4/30/16	Ck #61518-19, 20160401-04	\$873.70
Total Fund Expenditures, 5/9/16	Ck #61520-22, 61568-61643	\$111,069.47
Payroll, 4/30/16	Ck #61523-67	\$291,117.84