

CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
May 11, 2015

COUNCIL:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beadles | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nash |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provost | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Manchester |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kolstad | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Blackmon |

STAFF:

- Chief Hastings Chief Cooper Clerk Storey City Attorney Grow PWD Martin

AGENDA CHANGES: Mayor Warren announced that Larry Baumberger has resigned from the council and added the process for appointing new councilmember to New Business.

Councilmember Manchester added a proclamation for Older Americans Month to New Business. A correction should be made to the proclamation as to the number of older Americans in Clarkston.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION BY BEADLES/NASH to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2015, Regular Meeting and the April 30, 2015 Special Meeting. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A. From the Public: Jill Eckberg, 1126 5th Street, spoke on the Transportation Benefit District fees. She said when she went to license one of her vehicles it was not subject to the \$20 fee because the renewal date was prior to April 1. Two other vehicles she owns are subject to the fee. She said the licensing clerk couldn't tell her what the money was for and said many people are using addresses outside of the city to avoid the fee. She urged the council to educate the licensing clerks and ask them to encourage people to pay the fee.

Eckberg said the council should approve the lodging tax funds for the Wine Alliance.

Alice White, 742 13th Street, said last time she was at council she spoke about sidewalks and apologized to PWD Martin if it sounded like she thought he wasn't doing his job.

White said she and her husband would like to have a "hands across the bridge" event on Flag Day to raise awareness and show community support for our law enforcement agencies. She passed around some fliers for the event.

Sherri Greenup, 508 Sycamore, said "hands across the bridge" is also used for a recovery month event. She said people might be confused between the two events and suggested Alice might find a different title for her event.

Sherri said she also works for Aging and Long Term Care and is the person who brought the Older American Month proclamation to council. She hopes it brings awareness of the services available to the older citizens. Mayor Warren asked about the number of older Americans stated in the proclamation. The line will be changed to say the State of Washington instead of Clarkston.

B. From Mayor: Mayor Warren said a Councilmember Baumberger resigned last week and council will need to set a process for appointing a replacement who would serve until the November election.

C. From Staff: PWD Martin said that kudos were given to him at the last meeting for the entry project at the south end of town. He gave credit to the street crew for the improvements. Councilmember Manchester announced that he will be moving out of the city and will be resigning from the council in the next two to three months.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: Councilmember Provost reported the bills were reviewed and approved for payment. Total expenditures for April 30, 2015 of \$396.18 and for May 11, 2015 of \$1,009,957.05. MOTION BY

PROVOST/BEADLES to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Public Safety: Committee met May 5, 2015. Councilmember Beadles reported that eleven firefighters will be attending the Hammer training at Hanford. Chief Hastings discussed the EVOC training that will be conducted in Spokane. The new patrol vehicle has arrived. Inland Cellular will be running a “don’t text and drive” campaign. Signs to discourage panhandling have been installed.

Public Works: No meeting.

Admin Committee: Councilmember Manchester said committee met May 11. He said they reviewed the Older Americans proclamation. They are also reviewing an ordinance to set standards for public defenders.

Community Development: Committee met on May 5. Brad Styner of SEWEDA discussed a strategic planning meeting that will be held on May 12. Committee reviewed a letter regarding the annual “I Made the Grade” bicycle event to be held on June 13. Belinda Campbell discussed signs that promote bicycling in the valley.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Ordinance No. 1538, Zoning Map Amendment re: 1226 and 1234 Chestnut – 2nd Reading
Ordinance No. 1538 was read by title. MOTION BY NASH/BEADLES to adopt Ordinance No. 1538. Blackmon asked the reason for the change. PWD Martin said the owner is proposing a coffee shop. Motion carried.

B. Ordinance No. 1539, Franchise Agreement with PUD – 2nd Reading
Ordinance No. 1539 was read by title. MOTION BY NASH/BLACKMON to adopt Ordinance No. 1539. Nash asked if the only difference from the prior agreement is the term. Martin said it is. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. I Made the Grade Event Notice

Councilmember Beadles said this was just a courtesy notice of the event to be held on June 13.

B. Lodging Tax Funding Request – Lewis Clark Wine Alliance

Councilmember Beadles said the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee met to review the application and have recommended that the \$10,000 funding request be approved. Dana Arnett spoke about how her family planted grapes many years ago. She said a winery can purchase grapes from anywhere to make their wines, but with the development of an AVA, they would have to use local grapes. Wanda Keefer, Port Manager, said assistance from the city would be appreciated. Councilmember Blackmon asked Mrs. Arnett where her vineyard is. She said it is on the hillside off of 13th Street.

Councilmember Beadles said he is in favor of the project and knows that other areas have wine tours. He thinks this area could be incorporated. Councilmember Provost thanked them for bringing something positive to council.

MOTION BY BLACKMON/NASH to approve the funding request for lodging tax funds. Motion carried.

C. Process to Appoint Councilmember to fill Larry Baumberger’s Position

Mayor Warren said the council should set a timeline for accepting applications and interviewing. MOTION BY PROVOST/KOLSTAD to table discussion until the next meeting. Motion carried; 5-1, Nash opposed.

D. Proclamation – Older Americans Month

MOTION BY MANCHESTER/NASH to authorize the mayor to sign the proclamation, with a

change on line one to State of Washington instead of City of Clarkston. Motion carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Beadles commented on how nice the parks are looking.

Councilmember Blackmon said he noticed with all the law enforcement officers in the area for training recently, that people were driving slower and more carefully.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council adjourned to Executive Session to discuss litigation and union negotiations at 7:35 p.m. Anticipated length of session is 15 minutes. Action is expected as a result of the session on union contracts.

Council returned to open session at 7:51 p.m.

MOTION BY NASH/BLACKMON to approve the signing of bargaining agreements with Police and Police Support groups. Motion carried, 5-1, Provost opposed.

PWD Martin said he was asked if there is any information on what is involved in being a councilmember. Information will be added to the web site.

MEDIA QUESTIONS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Vickie Storey, City Clerk

Kathleen A. Warren, Mayor

Total Fund Expenditures, 4/30/15	Ck # 20150402, 3, 7-9	\$396.18
Total Fund Expenditures, 5/11/15	Ck # 59063, 65-139	\$732,936.97
Payroll, 4/30/15	Ck # 59012-62, 64	\$277,020.08

There is no recording of this meeting due to technical issues with the recording equipment.