

CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
June 26, 2017

ROLL CALL: Skate Pierce, Terry Beadles, Belinda Campbell, John Murray. Kelly Blackmon & Monika Beauchamp. Brian Kolstad excused on a motion by PIERCE/BEADLES

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

AGENDA CHANGES:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the June 12, 2017 Regular Meeting were approved as distributed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A. From the Public:

Alice White – 742 13th Street
Holly Tietz – 414 7th Street
Russ Evans – 404 8th Street
Rose Bunch – 1845 Solar Hills Drive

B. From Mayor: Mayor Lawrence asked council if they wanted to reinstate questions from the press at the end of the council meeting. Consensus agreed, it will begin tonight. The Mayor advised that City Hall will be closed July 3 & 4.

C. From Staff or Employees: Chief Cooper discussed legal and illegal consumer fireworks. There has been a lot in the news about safe fireworks. Chief Cooper hopes that residents will practice safe use, have water ready, call 911 if needed, and clean up after their use. Fireworks can only be discharged July 3 until 11pm, July 4 until midnight, and July 5 until 11pm. The times are the same for the county. PWD Poole reported that as of the 5th of July, SR129 south to Asotin will be closed for 60 days. The detours will be in place and enforced. The road will be closed until after Labor Day. The expectation is that once the detours are set, they will not change unless the project has progressed quicker than planned. Detours should end and be able to open up SR 129 on Sep 9. The interchange with Fleshman Way/Bridge will be closed. Fleshman Way and bridge will remain open, but there will be no access to SR129 from there, and no access to Fleshman Way from SR 129

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance: Councilmember Beadles reported the bills were reviewed and approved for payment. Total expenditures for the June 26, 2017 period of \$252,313.75. MOTION BY BEADLES/BLACKMON to approve the bills as read. Motion carried.

Public Safety: Councilmember Beadles reported on the June 20 meeting: Chief Hastings discussed security training for local business firms and organizations. This training presents options for dealing with the encountering of potential dangerous situations in the workplace. The homeless population in our area was discussed. The police department helped with a bicycle rodeo for youth at Wal-Mart. Bicycle safety training was instructed by Officer Morbeck. The fire department inspected the bicycle helmets. The Chief commented about the work that Officer Morbeck does with the Valley Boys and Girls Club. The positive impact that the Boys and Girls club have on our youth was noted. The police department will be audited next week for Access Records Compliance. The Chief discussed some of the problems that occur at Chestnut Beach area. The police department participates with the EPIC drug take back program. The program allows proper disposal of unwanted prescription

drugs.

Chief Cooper discussed the use of fire engines for display as requested by groups. The replacement options for an upcoming retiring firefighter were presented. Testing will be conducted July 21st and July 22nd for firefighter applicants. Clearwater Paper fire dept. will provide a brush truck for our July 4th fire security operations.

Jared Lutes advised that CFD firefighters will participate in Operation Warm. They will provide coats for needy children.

Public Works: Councilmember Pierce reported on the June 20 Meeting.

We had a conversation with Michelle Bly of TD&H Engineering about an issue concerning the Grantham Elementary safe routes to schools grant. We will have to shuffle some money around, to pay for the initial consultation costs. But, we will have a shovel ready project with \$26,000 available to pay for construction once funds are acquired to finish the project.

We discussed the use of TBD funds to pay for our share of the Southway Bridge resurfacing project.

We will want to set aside \$200,000/year for the next 3 years to pay for our share of the costs.

FOG or Fats, Oils and Grease from local businesses are a problem for our waste water treatment plant. It is illegal for businesses to dispose of these oils into the community sewer system, and it is easy for our cameras to detect the origin of oils in the sewer. Public Works will begin inspections of local restaurants for grease traps and compliance.

All LED street lights that Avista was required to change have been changed. We were asked to notify Director Poole if we noticed a streetlight that wasn't LED, so it could be identified and added to the inventory.

Admin Committee: Did not meet.

Community Development: Councilmember Beauchamp reported on the June 22 meeting:

We discussed community development block grants. There might not be too many available. The plan would be for using the grants for sidewalk developments and safe routes to school through TAP funding. PWD Poole talked about Fish & Wildlife Grants and reclamation access grants that may be available if used for development near the river. Can be self-perpetuating, with interest payback if we chose to do that. We could get one grant and use that to help people with loans for property improvements.

We talked about possibly using the grants to build a bike path on the hillside that is by Highland.

We talked about the Skate Park briefly. We would need to start over instead of using the existing facility. PWD Poole advised that Lewiston was able to build their Skate Park for \$135,000, and our estimate to finish ours was \$350,000, so there is a big difference in the cost. The School won't necessarily build tennis court on the current Skate Park, but it is one of the options being explored

We talked about the recycling request for proposal. It will be available late June, and should be ready for consideration at the next council meeting.

We discussed the issue with TD&H and the Grantham project.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT

Transportation Benefit District Public Hearing began at 7:20 pm

Presentation by PWD Poole on need for changes in TBD ordinance, updating the original ordinance with language on City-owned rights of way, or infrastructure outside the boundaries of the City that have been identified. Councilmember Pierce asked if all the language would be in now for needed improvements to sidewalks, curbs, roads etc. PWD Poole advised that was correct.

Comments by public:

Alice White – 742 13th Street

Councilmembers: No comments

Public Hearing ended at 7:27pm

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Ordinance 1581 – Amending Transportation Benefit District (1st Reading)

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Councilmember Beadles commented on the schedule to have the entire city seal-coated. Lewiston is also working on a lot of work being done. Councilmember Blackmon commented on slurry mix that is used in Lewiston. PWD Poole spoke of the survey of streets that need to be seal-coated, overlaid and scrub surfaced as a triage measure. He advised that we are hoping to have bids come in for just budgeted funds, but we may have to use some TBD funds. Councilmember Pierce how much money would be needed for the projects. PWD Poole advised there was \$80,000 in budget for seal-coating, but we may have to move \$20,000 from maintenance budget and \$10,000 from patching materials for a total of \$110,000. This should provide funding for 14 streets for this year.

PRESS QUESTIONS: No questions from the press.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Executive session regarding Litigation began at 7:37pm for 20 minutes. No decisions were expected to be made. A 10 minute extension was announced at 7:57pm. Executive Session ended at 8:07pm

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 8:08p.m.

Steve Austin, City Clerk

Monika Lawrence, Mayor

Total Fund Expenditures, 6/26/17	Ck # 64256-64304	\$125,385.99
Payroll, 6/20/17	Ck # 64240-64255	\$126,927.76