

CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
July 8, 2013

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Warren, 7:00 P.M.

COUNCIL:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beadles	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nash
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provost	<input type="checkbox"/> Baumberger, absent
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Smith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Blackmon
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Manchester	

STAFF:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief Hastings	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief Cooper	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PWD Martin
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clerk Storey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Attorney Grow	

AGENDA CHANGES: Councilmember Manchester added to New Business consideration of an employee position reclassification.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION BY BEADLES/NASH to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2013, Regular Meeting. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A. From the Public

David Domolecny, 1430 Chestnut, said he has called the police department the past two nights regarding aerial fireworks in his neighborhood. He is opposed to the litter left behind and feels the noise is very annoying. He said he feels fireworks are dangerous to humans and to property and should be banned, not only in Clarkston but the entire country, except for professional displays, with a requirement that they clean up all debris after the display is finished.

Chief Hastings said there were fewer complaints this year than in the past. He informed Mr. that his residence is outside the city limits and his complaint would have been handled by the Sheriff's office. Chief Hastings said that Public Safety Committee has been discussing placing some limits on fireworks.

Chief Cooper agreed that fireworks are dangerous and can cause injury and property damage. The fire department responded to eight fires that were started by fireworks. None were serious this year. Cooper suggested the city consider limiting the period that fireworks can be used. He said he doesn't hear much support for a total ban on fireworks. He said he saw a lot of debris left from fireworks in the city.

Councilmember Nash he doesn't support a total ban but would like to see people clean up after themselves.

B. From the Mayor

C. From Staff

Clerk Storey distributed the second quarter financial report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee: Councilmember Provost reported all bills have been audited and approved. MOTION BY PROVOST/BEADLES to authorize payment of the bills, total expenditures for July 8, 2013 of \$337,112.82. Motion carried...

Public Safety: Councilmember Beadles reported that committee met on July 2. Chief Hastings shared maps the county has developed that show the restricted areas for growing, processing or selling marijuana based on I-502.

Committee discussed placing some limits on discharge of fireworks in the future. Suggested dates would be July 3 and 4 and December 31. Chief Cooper said the department will set up barricades to eliminate parking on Beachview and Adams to provide better fire access on the 4th.

There was some discussion of the dispatch contract. Committee is waiting for additional information before proposing an amendment.

Public Works: No meeting.

Admin Committee: Councilmember Manchester said committee met on July 8. Manchester said he met with Chief Cooper and the department secretary on June 26 to discuss reclassification of the secretary position. The reclassification request was made by Chief Cooper and Manchester said he gave Cooper permission to move forward.

Community Development: No meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS

A. Reclassification Request

MOTION BY MANCHESTER/NASH to approve the reclassification as requested. Councilmember Blackmon asked what justifies the reclassification. Chief Cooper said the addition of ambulance service has increased responsibilities of the position and the confidentiality to comply with HIPPA. Duties have increased in other areas also. Councilmember Provost reminded council that we are discussing a position description as opposed to an individual, so any person in that job would be required to perform the same duties. Councilmember Smith asked if there will be a change to hours. Cooper said it is a ¾ time position and he is not proposing to change that. Motion carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Beadles commented that the bargaining agreement with police and fire will require a 4.5% increase in 2014. He also commented that management has not had an increase in two years and the council should be making plans to address that.

Councilmember Beadles said that Public Safety Committee will continue to work on modifying the fireworks regulations.

Councilmember Blackmon said he would like to remind people that it is Independence Day and the signing of the Declaration of Independence that we celebrate on the 4th and he is grateful that we live in a county where we are fortunate enough to have freedom.

MEDIA QUESTIONS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Vickie Storey, City Clerk

Kathleen A. Warren, Mayor

Total Fund Expenditures, 7/8/13	CK #54102, 54160-54234	\$85,211.27
Total Payroll, 6/30/13	CK #54103-54159	\$251,901.55