

**CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**July 13, 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   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> White   |  |

STAFF:

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

**AGENDA CHANGES:**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

MOTION BY BEADLES/NASH to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2015, Regular Meeting. Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**A. From the Public:** Motion by Beadles/Provost to limit discussion on marijuana to 15 minutes per side with a 3 minute limit per person. Motion carried; 5-2; Nash and Kolstad opposed. No one chose to speak on this topic.

Tom Martin, 421 11<sup>th</sup> Street, said he wanted to talk about the values being taught to our youth today. He said the city council is disrespecting veterans and saying your vote doesn't count. He said this council seem to think they know what is best for the voters. He spoke about his time in the military and said the way the council is running the city is an embarrassment to the veterans who fought for this country's freedom. He said Councilmember Beadles chose someone to fill the empty council seat who would parrot his opinions. Mayor Warren informed Mr. Martin that his three minutes were up, but he continued to speak.

Colleen Squires, 20<sup>th</sup> Ave, apologized to the mayor and asked the council to find a way to make revenue for the city.

Tom Martin said there are three ways to get him to shut up. Stop their blackmail actions. He stated that Councilmember Beadles said he would not lift the ban until the lawsuit is dropped. Beadles said he was misquoted, that he said he could not discuss it while the lawsuit is ongoing. Mayor Warren told Mr. Martin that he was speaking about marijuana and the time allotted for that topic was over. She asked him to take his seat. There was a verbal disagreement with Mayor Warren insisting Mr. Martin sit down and quit speaking and Mr. Martin refusing and continuing to speak.

Sandy Fromdahl, 1759 6<sup>th</sup> Ave, said she works with people with disabilities trying to help them find jobs. She compared the council to the closed door rejection she gets when trying to find jobs for her clients.

**B. From Mayor:** Mayor Warren announced that the Asotin County Republican party will host a candidate forum on July 23 at 7:00 at City Hall. She said all candidates will be invited.

**C. From Staff:** PWD Martin said the City of Lewiston has requested a joint meeting to discuss the future of Southway Bridge. Lewiston suggested that all elected officials from the four jurisdictions attend along with staff. Martin suggested that the Public Works Director and a member of Finance Committee and Public Works Committee attend. Asotin County Commissioner Shinn said only one commissioner will be attending. Councilmember Provost commented that the city representatives will bring back any information to the full council.

Mr. Martin began speaking again although he was told the time for public comment was over. He was asked by the mayor to stop interrupting the meeting, but continued to speak. MOTION BY BLACKMON/WHITE to call a short recess until disruptive audience members are under control. Councilmember Kolstad calmed Mr. Martin. The motion and second were withdrawn.

Chief Cooper announced that the City has received a federal grant to purchase a utility truck for fighting fire. Councilmember Blackmon asked about fire calls on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Cooper said the 4<sup>th</sup> was very busy with fire calls and we had backup from other jurisdictions. He said he will come back to council at a later date to discuss future regulations on fireworks. He said discussion would include a way to suspend use of fireworks under certain conditions and possibly ban aerial fireworks.

Chief Hastings said the police department had only one complaint prior to July 3. Several complaints were received on July 5<sup>th</sup>. Most violators who were contacted said they were not aware of the new time constraints and the officers concentrated on education. Hastings said he believes the fire chief should have authority to ban fireworks when conditions warrant it. Hastings said they department is seeing more people non-residents coming here to shoot fireworks because aerial fireworks are banned in Lewiston. He also said the county is discussing possible changes in the County and thinks the City should consider making our rules consistent. Commissioner Shinn said they will be having a town hall meeting in August to discuss fireworks and invited council to attend.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Finance:** Councilmember Provost reported the bills were reviewed and approved for payment. Total expenditures for June 30, 2015 of \$343.08 and July 13, 2015 of \$795,721.25. MOTION BY PROVOST/MANCHESTER to approve the bills. Motion carried.

**Public Safety:** No meeting.

**Public Works:** No meeting. Committee will meet at 3:30 Wednesday.

**Admin Committee:** Councilmember Manchester said committee met July 7 to discuss a reclassification request. Committee met July 13 and discussed a proposed Code of Ethics. Committee recommended the ethics policy be placed on the next agenda.

**Community Development:** No meeting.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

#### **A. Ordinance No. 1542, Budget Amendment – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading for Action**

Ordinance No. 1542 was read by title. MOTION BY NASH/BEADLES to approve Ordinance No. 1542. Councilmember Kolstad asked if the items addressed in the amendment have already been purchased. Clerk Storey responded that in some cases expenditures are made prior to the actual amendment being adopted, but the changes have been authorized by council in prior actions. Kolstad pointed out that the RCW says an amendment must be adopted before funds are expended. Motion carried; 6-1, Kolstad opposed.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **A. Authorize Purchase of Software Update for Utilities and Business License**

Clerk Storey explained that the City purchased and has been using updated software for payroll and financials for several years. But we are still using older, non-compatible software for utilities and business licenses. This proposal would update those programs and make all the major software programs compatible and from the same vendor. Total cost for the upgrade and installation is \$15,400, with a large portion being for utilities and the cost shared between sewer, sanitation and stormwater. Storey said part of the upgrade will include the ability to take payments on-line and to do paperless billing. MOTION BY BEADLES/PROVOST to authorize purchase of the new software as presented. Councilmember Nash asked if the software purchase was put out for bid. Storey said it was several years ago when we first started changing to the new software. Motion carried.

### **COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:**

Councilmember Nash suggested that Admin Committee look at recognizing citizens who make improvements and contributions to the community. Beadles suggested that businesses be included. Councilmember Kolstad nominated Canna4Life and Greenfield Company for their activities. Motion by

Nash/Beadles to refer to Admin Committee. Motion carried.

Councilmember Beadles complimented the fire department for the job they did over the 4<sup>th</sup> and cooperation with other agencies.

Councilmember Kolstad said he appreciates the people in the audience who have been attending the meetings. He said this is what democracy in our country is all about. Nash agreed.

Councilmember White said a lot of people think they know her and that they know what is in her mind. She said she doesn't believe she was put on the council to further anyone's agenda. She said she has an open mind and will do the best she can for the city while she is on the council. Beadles added that he and White have not talked in years.

**MEDIA QUESTIONS:** Mayor Warren reminded the media that this segment is allow to the media to clarify an item on the agenda. It is not a time for interviewing the council. She asked that the media reserve interviews for after the media has adjourned.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Council went into Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss pending litigation. Anticipated length of session is 10 minutes. Action may be taken after the session. Mayor Warren announced that there will be a Transportation Benefit District Board meeting following this council meeting.

Council returned to open session at 7:58 p.m.

Motion by Beadles/Blackmon to give Clerk Storey authority to make decisions regarding the mediation on the Skyline claim. Motion carried; 6-1, Kolstad opposed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

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Vickie Storey, City Clerk

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Kathleen A. Warren, Mayor

Total Fund Expenditures, 6/30/15	Ck # 20150602, 3,5,6, 968438	\$343.08
Total Fund Expenditures, 7/13/15	Ck #59440-45, 59494-59588	\$506,660.62
Payroll, 6/30/15	Ck # 59446-93	\$289,060.63