

CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

August 27, 2012

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Baumberger	<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:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION BY BEADLES/NASH to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2012, Regular Meeting. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A. From the Public

Marshall Doak, Clarkston, introduced himself as the director of SWEDA and of RTPO. He said they will be updating their CEDS (Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy) document this year for purposes of economic development. It is updated every five years. It will include community meetings and consensus building to get input and help develop a direction and vision on how to develop the economy. Having this plan in place helps with obtaining grant funding for projects. The plan will be developed over the fall and winter. Doak asked if there are ways that SWEDA can assist the city and said they are available to assist in any way they can.

B. From the Mayor

C. From Staff

Chief Cooper informed the council of a recent incident where police and fire responded to a call from a woman who fell in her home. The door had to be forced open since she was not able to open it. The homeowner is looking for assistance to repair her door. Chief Cooper said he has given her some resources and also a claim for damages form, but told her that the city cannot make the repairs to her home.

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 August 27, 2012 of \$200,002.83. Motion carried.

Councilmember Provost reported that Finance Committee has reviewed the annual report for the year ending December 31, 2011 and expressed no concerns with the final report. Provost said the committee recommends the report be submitted.

Public Safety: Councilmember Beadles said committee met on August 21. Chief Hastings presented the proposed ordinance for medical marijuana collective garden regulations. Chief Hastings presented a report on the school resource officer. Beadles commented on how much the SRO does for the school. The Police Department has initiated a Twitter community alert program. The new patrol car has been delivered.

Chief Cooper reported the used ambulance has been delivered and checked out mechanically. A practice house has been offered to the fire department. It will be used for training, although it will not be

burned. The PUD has completed installation of five new fire hydrants.

Public Works Committee: No meeting.

Admin Committee: Councilmember Manchester reported the committee reviewed a letter sent by the City of Othello asking for support for changes to public disclosure laws that would offer cities some relief from those who wish to harass government through records requests. Manchester said committee wants legal review before taking action. City Attorney Grow said he has reviewed it and believes it is a good idea. MOTION BY MANCHESTER/PROVOST to send a letter of support for changes to public disclosure laws. Motion carried.

Community Development: No meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Joint Meeting with Asotin County

Mayor Warren said council needs to agree on a date for the joint meeting. The commissioners have suggested either September 5 or 6. MOTION BY NASH/BEADLES to set the joint meeting with the County on September 5. Motion carried; 5-1-1; Smith opposed, Baumberger abstained.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Ordinance No. 1505, Medical Cannabis Operations Registration – 1st Reading

Ordinance No 1505 was read by title. Chief Hastings said that last year the state passed new legislation that allowed collective gardens for growing medical marijuana that would allow up to 45 plants grown in a location. The City adopted a moratorium on establishing collective gardens, which is due to expire soon. After research, this ordinance was proposed. It will require any person or group who wants to operate a collective garden to obtain a registration. In order to obtain a registration, the applicant, among other requirements, would have to have proof that they have the approval of the federal drug enforcement agency. City Attorney Grow said there are many questions about how the state can legalize an operation that is against federal law. Part of the concern is that state and federal laws are in conflict and the city cannot give approval to an activity that is not allowed by federal law. This ordinance, which is modeled after a Pullman ordinance, seems to be the best way to protect the city.

B. Budget Amendment Request, Abatement

PWD Martin reported that this amendment would authorize expenditure of funds to abate the residence on 11th Street. MOTION BY PROVOST/BEADLES to authorize the \$6,800 expenditure to clean up the property. Martin said he had the owner sign a form acknowledging that the city is performing the clean-up and will be placing a lien on the property to try to recoup the expense. Motion carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Provost expressed appreciation to PWD Martin for the work he is performing to try and resolve the issues of the public safety project.

MEDIA QUESTIONS:

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Vickie Storey, City Clerk

Kathleen A. Warren, Mayor

Total Fund Expenditures 8/27/12	CK# 51625-29, 52-91	\$79,163.632
Total Payroll, 8/15/12	CK #51630-51651	\$120,839.20