

CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
September 11, 2017

ROLL CALL: Belinda Campbell, John Murray, Brian Kolstad, Kelly Blackmon, Skate Pierce, Terry Beadles

STAFF: Chief Hastings, Chief Cooper, PWD Poole, Clerk Austin

AGENDA CHANGES: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the August 28, 2017 Regular Meeting were approved as distributed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A. From the Public: Melyssa Andrews – 721 11th Street
Alice White – 742 13th Street

B. From Mayor: Mayor Lawrence spoke concerning today being the anniversary of 9/11/2001. It is a day to remember, mourn and reflect. First responders were invited to attend tonight's council meeting to lead the flag salute. The Mayor announced the open council seat to fill the vacancy due to the resignation of Monika Beauchamp. All applications that were placed in the lobby have been taken. However, candidates can apply by going online or picking up an application in City Hall at the front desk. Applications must be turned in by October 20th at 5pm. November 13th is the date for scheduled interviews during the regular Council Meeting. The appointment will be made that night.

C. From Staff or Employees: PWD Poole reminded council of the ribbon cutting at the Fleshway Way project site on Thursday at 2pm. The roundabouts will open Friday morning.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance: Councilmember Beadles reported the bills were reviewed and approved for payment. Total expenditures for the September 11, 2017 period of \$435,620.15. Total expenditures for March-May End of Month periods of \$881.43. MOTION BY BEADLES/BLACKMON to approve the bills as read. Councilmember Pierce asked about the availability to review the bills before the meeting by the whole council. Clerk Austin advised of the procedure to prepare the bills for payment. Councilmember Campbell proposed a timeline for the process. Clerk Austin provided an example of the summary that could be scanned and emailed to the council before the meeting for review. Council agreed that this would be helpful in approving the expenditures at the meeting. Motion carried.

Public Safety: Councilmember Beadles reported that Chief Hastings advised that the summer "Youth Positive Ticket Program" was a success. The Police Department is working on the upcoming STOP grant. The grant funds the victim advocacy program. The Police Chief discussed the purchase of software to redact body camera footage. There was discussion of anti- OD drugs as administered by some law enforcement agencies. Our city is small; therefore our EMS personnel can handle any administration of anti OD requirements. The Quad Cities Drug Task force is a very effective agency which our city participates. Illegal drugs are an ongoing problem in our community. Chief Cooper provided information regarding Clarkston Fire Department participation in the 9/11 Progression Parade to honor the fallen first responders in the attacks on New York City. The department continues with the weed abatement issue to help alleviate yard fire hazards. The Chief continues to address the issue of volunteer retention.

Public Works: Councilmember Pierce reported that there was a discussion on grant application for WSDOT Freight Systems Plan that has advanced. Winning this grant would go a long ways toward fixing the 5-way intersection at Bridge Street and 2nd Street. The grant is for a total of \$916,000 with a 20% match of \$183,200.

Beachview Park Rotary shelter repair may combine the efforts of more than one local Rotary Club. The city has set aside \$7000 for demolition costs that could potentially be added to efforts from the Clarkston and Lewiston Early Bird Rotary clubs for rehabilitation of that shelter.

Admin Committee: Councilmember Blackmon advised there was no meeting.

Community Development: Councilmember Pierce advised there was no meeting. There was discussion of combining committees.

Outside Organizations: Regional Stormwater – Councilmember Murray deferred to PWD Poole for the report. PWD Poole advised that budget was reviewed at the meeting. It was recommended raising rates in 2019. Stormwater would have the same rate for 2018. There was discussion on the 6-8 year working plan. There will need to be a rate increase to keep up with our current maintenance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Clarkston Free Parking Agreement for Transfer of Lots

MOTION BY KOLSTAD/CAMPBELL to approve agreement. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Ordinance 1582 – Amending Zoning Map – ZC 2017-01 (1st Reading) Read by title. Vote

will be made next council meeting.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Councilmember Beadles mentioned the Clarkston School Bond. The community is in desperate need for new school. I hope community gets behind this for future generations. Councilmember Kolstad agreed with what Beadles said. Kolstad asked about heroin drug overdose situations. Chief Hastings was asked if there is any way for the patrol officers to have the antidote drugs, or is it cost prohibitive. Chief Hastings advised that currently the City has never had a Heroin OD. Chief Cooper pointed out problems with storage of the drug, and training to administer the drug correctly. Before we get into adding it we need to answer some questions. Kolstad commented that if there was a huge issue with Heroin in the valley it may change things. Hastings agreed, but added that if the City was a larger area like the County, it would be more likely to be needed due to response times. He added that we have seen increase in Heroin usage, but we are still assessing the problem. Kolstad asked if there was anything the Council could do to assist with the drug issue. Chief Hastings advised for the Council to continue to support efforts with the Task Force. Clarkston receives a lot of assistance from task force.

PRESS QUESTIONS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Steve Austin, City Clerk		Monika Lawrence, Mayor	
Total Fund Expenditures, 9/11/17	Ck # 64712-64780		\$123,786.63
Total Fund Expenditures, Mar-May EOM			\$881.43
Payroll, 9/5/11	Ck # 64670-64709		\$311,833.52