

CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
September 12, 2016

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

STAFF:

Chief Cooper, Chief Hastings, PWD Martin, City Attorney Richardson, Clerk Storey

AGENDA CHANGES: Mayor Lawrence added an executive session for union negotiations.

APPROVAL OF: Minutes of the August 22, 2016, Regular Meeting were approved as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A. From the Public:

B. From Mayor:

Mayor Lawrence commented on the 9-11 procession.

Mayor Lawrence reported that we had our audit exit conference today. Estimated cost of the audit is about \$30,000.

Mayor Lawrence sent a letter to City of Lewiston, City of Asotin and Asotin County Fire District stating that the City is looking at options for fire and EMS services. She has also met with Lewiston City Manager Jim Bennett.

Mayor Lawrence attended a budget workshop in Leavenworth. She said that financial policies were discussed and the city might want to consider adopting a financial policy.

Staff has provided a draft of the Employee Handbook. It will be sent to WCIA for legal review prior to being adopted.

Mayor Lawrence suggested the next Public Works Committee be held at Beachview Park so committee can see the condition of the covered picnic areas and the deck at the skatepark, which are concerns.

Dept of Ecology has given an award to the WWTP for exemplary operations for the past year.

There is an MPO meeting concerning the Southway Bridge on September 14.

From Staff:

PWD Martin said that TD&H provided the review of the picnic shelter at Beachview Park at no charge to the City. They are recommending the shelter be taken down before the snow falls.

Clerk Storey reported on the results of the audit. The audit covered 2013, 2014 and 2015. The City received no findings. A management letter was issued with two items the city needs to improve on. One is asset inventory and the other is cost allocation. Storey commented that city staff does an excellent job and we have had clean audits for many years as a result.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance: Councilmember Beadles reported the bills were reviewed and approved for payment. Total expenditures for August 31, 2016 of \$1,433.19 and for September 12, 2016 of \$386,410.52. MOTION BY BEADLES/BLACKMON to approve the bills as read. Motion carried.

Public Safety: Councilmember Beadles reported on the September 6 meeting. Chief Hastings recapped the recent fires near the bike path. Committee discussed the use of drones by law enforcement and citizens. Chief Hastings reported on a new Supreme Court decision on panhandling which indicates that a city cannot prohibit panhandling.

The mutual aid agreement with City of Lewiston for police was presented and recommended for approval.

A list of surplus police vehicles as reviewed. Committee recommends they be surplus.

The Chief and PWD are investigating traffic safety issues at 12th & Highland.

Chief Cooper presented the automatic aid agreement with Lewiston Fire and Asotin County Fire District. Committee recommends approval.

The firefighter's response to extending the MOU was discussed.

Public Works: No meeting. Councilmember Pierce announced that Public Works Committee will change its meeting time to 2:00 on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday.

Admin Committee: Councilmember Blackmon reported on the September 12 meeting. Committee discussed the employee handbook.

Community Development: No meeting. Councilmember Campbell announced that committee will move their meeting date to the 1st & 3rd Thursday at 2:00.

Outside Organizations: Councilmember Murray said the Regional Stormwater committee met. They discussed the budget.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Resolution No. 2016-09, Surplus Printer

Resolution No. 2016-09 was read by title. MOTION BY BEAUCHAMP/CAMPBELL to approve Resolution No. 2016-09. Motion carried.

B. Resolution No. 2016-10, Surplus Police Vehicles

Resolution No. 2016-10 was read by title. MOTION BY BEADLES/KOLSTAD to approve Resolution No. 2016-10. Motion carried.

C. Mutual Aid Agreement with City of Lewiston Police

Chief Hastings explained that the existing mutual aid agreement has been in place for several years and needs to be updated. This updated agreement has been reviewed by legal counsel for both cities. MOTION BY BLACKMON/BEADLES to approve the mutual aid agreement. Motion carried.

D. Mutual and Automatic Aid Agreement for Fire with City of Lewiston

Chief Cooper said this is an enhancement to the current mutual aid agreement. This adds automatic aid to the agreement that would apply in certain conditions. MOTION BY KOLSTAD/BEAUCHAMP to approve the agreement. Motion carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Beadles said he attended the audit conference and thanked Clerk Storey and her staff for the years of excellent audits.

Councilmember Pierce commented on the firefighter's response to a requested extension of the MOU. The firefighter's asked council to authorize the hiring of an additional firefighter. No decision has been made on that request.

Councilmember Kolstad acknowledged the efforts of Chief Hastings and the officers who responded and apprehended the suspect who set the fires.

Councilmember Murray commented that the City has adopted the County's noxious weed regulations and we should review it in regard to puncture vine.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council adjourned to executive session at 7:32 p.m. for union negotiations. Anticipated length is 10 minutes with action anticipated as a result of the session. Council returned to open session at 7:42 p.m.

MOTION BY PIERCE/BLACKMON authorizing the mayor to sign the collective bargaining agreement with the firefighter's union. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Vickie Storey, City Clerk

Monika Lawrence, Mayor

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| Total Fund Expenditures, 8/31/16 | Ck #62329-30, 20160802-05, | \$1,433.19 |
| Total Fund Expenditures, 9/12/16 | Ck # 623371-62463 | \$105,748.55 |
| Payroll, 8/31/16 | Ck #62331-70 | \$280,661.97 |