

CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
September 25, 2017

ROLL CALL: Belinda Campbell, Brian Kolstad, Kelly Blackmon, Skate Pierce, Terry Beadles. John Murray excused on motion by PIERCE/KOLSTAD.

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

AGENDA CHANGES: Add Discussion on Letter to Corps of Engineers to item C under New Business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the September 11, 2017 Regular Meeting were approved as distributed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A. From the Public: None

B. From Mayor: Mayor Lawrence reminded everyone of the council vacancy. Applications will be accepted until October 20th. The position will not be filled until after the election. Applications can be picked up from Clerk Austin or downloaded from the City website. Also, AWC will have training for elected officials on December 2, 2017. This training is mandatory for elected officials.

C. From Staff or Employees: PWD Poole advised there will be a building permit for Taco Bell at 5th and Bridge. He has received plans for the office building being built at Army Corps of Engineers, in addition to equipment storage building. Poole updated Council on the traffic revision at the Walmart/Costco Interchange. Poole provided Council with a handout regarding State funding for intersection upgrades in designated freight corridors. This funding of \$916,000 would supply designated intersections with new signals. It would also provide for telemetry at the 2nd and Bridge intersection. We should hear on the funding availability by spring 2018. Mayor Lawrence clarified that the current Bridge Street construction is a project by the State of Washington. Chief Cooper commented that National Fire Prevention Week will take place early in October. The Fire Department will be working with the local elementary schools. Every 2nd grader in Clarkston will visit the Fire Station. There will also be a poster design contest. Chief Cooper reminded everyone that fire alarm detectors that are 10 years or older should be replaced.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance: Councilmember Beadles reported the bills were reviewed and approved for payment. Total expenditures for the September 25, 2017 period of \$198,065.03. MOTION BY BEADLES/PIERCE to approve the bills as read. Councilmember Campbell thanked Clerk Austin for emailing a copy of the finance report.

Public Safety: Councilmember Campbell reported that Chief Hastings is looking for support in applying for the STOP renewal grant due on October 2nd. This grant will provide \$15,000 a year and allows for continued support of the victim advocacy position currently held by Dawn Berreth. This position helps victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking and dating violence. The Police Department will be undergoing a WCIA audit on October 12, 2017. Chief Hastings said it has been a while since they were audited and is looking forward to the one being performed this year as it provides his department with the opportunity to take stock of what issues may need to be addressed. Chief Hastings also spoke of a program where cities install parking meters in areas where panhandlers may be working the streets. Citizens are encouraged to feed the meters so that the money will be contributed to programs designed to help the homeless. The police department is encouraged to distribute pamphlets with information in regards to where homeless and down on their luck people may reach out for help. Chief Cooper informed us that it is not likely that the Clarkston Fire Department will be awarded SCBA grant money. Currently, we have 40 compressed air bottles with an end of life span of 15 years. Of the

40, Chief is looking to replace 22 at \$1100 each. He is hoping to purchase used ones with 3-5 years left that they can use until they are awarded grant money. Chief Cooper has other budget concerns regarding cashing out with retirement. The Chief also discussed retention of volunteers. He is looking at other fire departments to find out what they might be doing to retain their volunteers. Other discussion was around retroactive pay from Medicaid for GEMT – Ground Emergency Medical Transport. Also, he spoke of training that the Chief will be attending in October. Councilmember Blackmon asked for clarification on how the parking meters were utilized for donations. Chief Hastings spoke regarding the City of Spokane program that converted existing parking meters to receive donations, and then give the proceeds to charity.

Public Works: Councilmember Pierce reported that the traffic revision on 5th St, between Costco and Wal-Mart is functioning as planned. Traffic no longer backs up into the intersection at Fair St. The short barricade may be extended further North to discourage potentially dangerous driving maneuvers. The left turn restriction from the South East exit from Costco has been removed. We may need to have WSDOT fix the timing on the traffic lights at 2nd and Bridge and 5th and Bridge to prevent traffic from backing up toward Fair St during the busiest times of the year.

There were 2 zoning changes that need to be approved by ordinance on Bridge St. We will need to change the ordinance about overnight parking in the downtown parking lots to reflect the new ownership of the lots. The Sewage Treatment Plant has been leaking treated water. There were at least 3 leaks in the pipes. The problems will be rectified quickly. There is a FLAP grant meeting on the 21st at the MPO office. The Rotary club has contacted us about the Beachview Park Shelter. They have poles for the structure and a design provided by the Rotary club to repair the shelter. Plans must be submitted by October to Director Poole. Recycling RFP is nearly done. We have a Storm water improvement plan to build up storm water infrastructure between Maple and Elm around Arnold Park. There will also be an experimental section using porous concrete and asphalt to test their viability in future projects. Grantham Safe Routes to Schools plans are complete. Funding is now needed. Director Poole is looking for funding sources. The estimate is \$454,560.

Admin Committee: Councilmember Blackmon advised there was no meeting. Mayor Lawrence distributed a rough draft plan regarding the consolidation of committees.

Community Development: Councilmember Pierce advised there was no meeting.

Outside Organizations: Mayor Lawrence attended the Health District meeting today. It was a short meeting. There was a discussion held in executive session. Councilmember Kolstad attended the PTBA meeting. Public Transportation has improved in the area. There should be transportation numbers by end of year. Mayor Lawrence attended MPO, continuing with studies, nothing new to report. Reviewed duties of director. PWD Stormwater meeting, agreed to recommend increase in stormwater unit rate.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Ordinance 1582 – Amending Zoning Map – ZC 2017-01 (2nd Reading) PWD Poole gave background. Read by title.
MOTION BY BLACKMON/BEADLES to approve ordinance. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. STOP Grant Authorization to Apply (Public Safety) Chief Hastings presented the background of the STOP Grant and the current request. MOTION BY BEADLES/KOLSTAD to approve application.

B. Ordinance 1583 – Budget Amendment (1st Reading) Clerk/Treasurer Austin explained the budget amendment. Read by title. Vote will be after 2nd reading.

C. Discussion of Letter to Corps of Engineers Mayor Lawrence provided a copy of letter. PWD Poole spoke on the concern of the previous information presented regarding the equipment shed being within 200 feet of the shoreline. The Corps of Engineers (COE) advised the shoreline restriction was a Washington State law,

not a federal requirement. Poole advised that we have information that a new office building is also being built. When approached by the City, the COE advised that it did not need a City building permit because they are a federal department. Poole advised that there is a sewer buy in fee if the COE expects to connect the City sewer line. Mayor Lawrence explained that Clarkston is bound on two sides by a river, and are limited to what we can develop. However we cannot limit the COE because we have no jurisdiction. The City requested to review the plans so that we would be aware of the building construction, especially if there was a fire. The COE did not feel that they needed to conform to requirements of the City. Mayor Lawrence requested direction from Council on whether she should sign the letter. MOTION BY BEADLES/CAMPBELL for Mayor Lawrence to sign the Confluence Coalition letter on behalf of the City. Councilmember Pierce asked if this was just a courtesy letter for the next time that the COE plans development in the City. Councilmember Campbell advised that we have pictures of the new building and the expanded footprint. Mayor Lawrence advised that the COE has a large area of land, and it is not being used in the best interest of the community. Councilmember Beadles asked if there was a better site than the current expensive waterfront plan. He commented that they could sell the land and get another place to build. PWD Poole mentioned the possibility of a land swap. Councilmember Kolstad commented that we allowed storage facilities on the water front, so how can we now limit other uses. Motion carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Councilmember Beadles gave kudos to PWD Poole for jumping right into activity on current projects. He commented that he gets things done, like the Costco entrance. Councilmember Campbell would like to recognize the City of Clarkston Police Officer and the Asotin County Deputy that rescued the boaters on the river. It was suggested getting a plaque and having a presentation at a future meeting.

PRESS QUESTIONS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Steve Austin, City Clerk

Monika Lawrence, Mayor

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| Total Fund Expenditures, 9/25/17 | Ck # 64804-64856 | \$65,654.31 |
| Payroll, 9/20/11 | Ck # 64784-64801 | \$132,410.72 |