

CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
September 26, 2016

ROLL CALL: Terry Beadles, Skate Pierce, Belinda Campbell, Monika Beauchamp, John Murray, Kelly Blackmon. Brian Kolstad ill. Kolstad excused by motion by Beauchamp/Beadles, carried.

STAFF:

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

AGENDA CHANGES: Mayor Lawrence added to New Business, item D Indian Heritage Month Proclamation.

APPROVAL OF: Minutes of the September 12, 2016, Regular Meeting were approved as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A. From the Public: Tom Martin commented about the young participants in the audience.

B. From Mayor:

Mayor Lawrence reminded Fire Fighters Local 2299, that as an employee, they are not to set policy for the City. When Council members asked Local 2299 on August 22nd to extend the MOU, they did vote no and asked the City to hire an 11th person. Hiring is under the purview of the Council who does have the authority to set policy and asked Chief Cooper to take that message back to his employees or she could do it in a memo. The contract has been signed with Local 2299 and that contract extends through 2018. She has an extra copy if any Council members would like to see it.

Mayor Lawrence reported that she has a letter from VFW about the Veteran's Day parade that will take place November 12th at 11:11 am in downtown Lewiston. The lineup will be on Snake River Avenue and she has parade forms.

Mayor Lawrence explained that Clerk Storey has prepared and sent out preliminary budgets and now would be the time to review and consider any changes that you may want to make. Campbell asked if any budget meetings had been set up. Mayor suggested waiting until the Clerk returns to set up budget meetings. Mayor Lawrence notified Council of the functions that have been occurring in Beachview Park by the High School and others without our knowledge and that we would be working to resolve the situation with cooperation and the proper submittals of the required insurance. A program will be developed that will be usable and help prevent any damage to our park.

Mayor Lawrence reported that a citizen at large is needed for the EMS Council. The next meeting is October 11th at 7:30 am. Chief Cooper explained what that position entails. Mayor Lawrence suggested people review the flier for the Mobile food bank that is on our door and stressed the need for volunteers for the program.

From Staff:

City Attorney Richardson answered some questions but an issue with the mic made them illegible.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance: Councilmember Beadles reported the bills were reviewed and approved for payment. Total expenditures for September 26th 2016. MOTION BY BEADLES/BEAUCHAMP to approve the bills as read. Motion carried.

Public Safety: Councilmember Beadles reported on the September 20th meeting. Chief Hastings reported that he will be meeting with Quality Behavioral Health to discuss the homeless population issues. Chief Hastings discussed combining the ½ time evidence position with the ½ time animal control officer.

They have been receiving training for dealing with victims of sexual crimes and have been working with the school district on bus safety. Chief Cooper discussed the cost of hiring an 11th person for the fire department and discussed the department reorganization. There was a meeting with local Chiefs and a future meeting is also planned.

Public Works: Councilmember Pierce reported that committee met at Beachview Park under the Rotary picnic shelter for an update on the progress for the replacement of the shelter by the Rotary and others. Much has been accomplished with material collection and some additional work anticipated with contractors and an Engineering firm. The shelter behind the restrooms was also reviewed and some upgrades can be accomplished in house with a roof replacement and some framing improvements. The skatepark deck is failing in the northwest corner of the facility and a repair will be investigated. A smaller shelter on the south end of the skatepark is in disrepair and removal and possible replacement is recommended. We have the ability to proceed and negotiate for recycling and a solid waste contract in the best interest of the City. We have the bids for the sewer lift station and the low bid was submitted by a company that has experience doing this work and we have the confidence they will do a good job for us.

Admin Committee: Councilmember Blackmon reported that the Mayor met with them to discuss the use permit for our parks.

Community Development: Councilmember Campbell reported that a lack of members was cause for little discussion.

Outside Organizations: Councilmember Campbell reported that the Lodging Tax Advisory committee met and the Lewis / Clark Visitors Bureau applied for a grant through the Lodging Tax Committee and the members gave their recommendation to the County Commissioners. Mayor Lawrence reported that she attended the Board of Health meeting that day and they did finally get permission from the state to have a WIC office here in Clarkston one day per month

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Bid Award for Sunrise Lift Station Project

(Non-functioning mic) Director Martin explained that we had gotten good bids with the low bid coming under the engineer's estimate at \$169,403.00 from Wellens Farwell Inc of Enterprise Oregon. The good bid was attributed to the fact that the contractor had just done a very similar project in College Place and knew just what was needed.
PIERCE/BLACKMON, motion carried.

B. Approve Contract with Wellens Farwell, Lift Station

BEADLES/BEAUCHAMP, motion carried.

C. Appointment to Planning Commission

Mayor appoints but Council approves. One applicant, Lee Flerchinger.
CAMPBELL/BLACKMON, motion carried.

D. Proclamation for National Indian Heritage Month

Mayor Lawrence received a letter from the Daughters of the American Revolution which she read aloud explaining the proclamation and honoring our Native Americans in the month of November.
BEAUCHAMP/BEADLES motion for Mayor to sign proclamation. Motion carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Beadles wanted to recognize his granddaughter that was in the crowd. Councilmember Campbell explained that she gets many calls and emails and wants to assure those that do call that the items are in fact discussed. A recent call approached the parking problem around the high school and some on the rude responses by those parking when asked to move. Discussion by legal staff, audience and Council followed. It is understood that the School Board is looking into the issue. (Discussion from audience not available from lack of mic use). Chief Hastings suggested Campbell have those parking callers contact him. Councilmember Campbell requested the status of the employee handbook. It should go to AWC by the end of October. Campbell invites everyone to Riverfest on Saturday. The Mayor and Campbell attended the Port of Portland dinner.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Vickie Storey, City Clerk

Monika Lawrence, Mayor

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